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Board appoints Adam Sedar as CFO

The Board of Directors has appointed Adam C. Sedar, the Association’s Controller, to be WPA’s new Chief Financial Officer. Staff Accountant Adam Swintosky was named Controller. Mr. Sedar fills a vacancy created when the Association’s former CFO, Diane M. Torma, was appointed President/CEO. Mr. Sedar joined the Home Office staff in May 2017 as an accounting manager. Less than two years later, he was named Assistant Treasurer, acquiring the title of Controller when the Association adopted its current corporate governance policy. Prior to his employment with WPA, he worked for BNY Mellon as a lead analyst. He is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA. “I am excited about the new challenges this role will bring,” he said. He also offered “a special thank you to Diane Torma for all her lessons and guidance over the years. I look forward to continuing to work together as we both transition into our new roles.”



Adam C. Sedar

Mr. Swintosky was hired by WPA in November 2018, shortly after his graduation from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. During his time with WPA, he has gained experience in various aspects of the accounting department and assisted in the preparation of financial statements for WPA.

We congratulate both Adams and wish them continued success.

Ohio seeks noms for fraternal award

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance (OFA) is accepting nominations for its 2024 Fraternalist of the Year award. Any member of a fraternal society in the OFA, like WPA, who lives in Ohio is eligible to be nominated for this award.

For more information and a nomination form, please contact John Lovasz at 412-231-2979, ext. 135 or jlovasz@wpalife.org.

All nominations must be postmarked or emailed to the Fraternalist of the Year Committee chairperson by Aug. 31, 2024.

The winner will be invited to attend the annual meeting of the Ohio Fraternal Alliance to be held in October.

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

The annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will be held Monday, September 9, 2024, in conjunction with the September meeting of the WPA Board of Directors. All donations made between now and then will be read and acknowledged during this annual meeting. Please make your donations by completing the form below and making your check payable to “WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.” On behalf of our young members who will benefit from your generosity, we thank you.

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My incredible 50-year journey

As of June 4th, I have officially retired. That date not only marks the 50th anniversary of my employment at William Penn Association but also brings to an end 28 years serving as your President/CEO. It is a humbling realization that fills me with great pride. These years have been my incredible journey, filled with challenges, triumphs and, most importantly, working for you, our WPA members.

For me, leading William Penn Association has never been about accolades or personal gain. It has always been about my unwavering commitment to securing the financial well-being of every member. Over the years, there have been tough decisions to make. Every decision I have made, every strategy implemented, has been with your needs and futures in mind. There were times when the path forward was difficult, demanding clear-headed leadership over emotional reactions and my own personal feelings. Through it all, my dedication to serving in the best interests of WPA members has remained constant. As I reflect on my incredible 50-year journey, a deep sense of appreciation comes over me.

When I first joined WPA, I knew I was entering a special place. Kindness and empathy were the foundation of our business. I have worked alongside some of the most dedicated and compassionate staff members imaginable. While faces have come and gone, the spirit of WPA has always endured. A big thank you to each of you. Thank you for your hard work, for your dedication, and for making these years so incredibly rewarding. May your lives be filled with happiness and the unwavering pursuit of your dreams.

Looking back, I am filled with immense gratitude for the trust placed in me. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes and built a legacy of security for generations of WPA families. With that said, I would be remiss if I did not mention the people (some who have passed) who through the years most influenced me and my values: Elmer Charles, Ernest Bendzsuk, Al Stelkovics, Rev. and Mrs. Imre Kovacs, Jr., Gus Nagy, Lou and Ethel Fodor, Donna Griffin, Dave and Judy Chakey, Anne Marie Schmidt, Al Vargo, Ralph Manning and Andy McNelis.

Lastly, I need to thank my son Steve, who for 23 years has worked alongside me and today is your William Penn Association COO. I am such a proud dad. Thank you for this truly special time, filled with shared experiences and mutual learning. It has been an honor, a privilege and a dad's dream to have worked with you. I will miss our daily talks most of all. Steve, these years together have been our journey.

Thank you to my wife, Dianne. Fulfilling my dream would not have been possible without you. Through every milestone reached, your belief in us never wavered. "A man is at his best when he is with the one he loves." I have always tried to be my best because of you. Dianne and Steve, our journey continues, and I cannot wait to see where it leads us.

To all WPA members, thank you for your support. Thank you for the countless memories. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Thank you for your friendship, for your trust and for being the heart and soul of William Penn Association. I wish all William Penn Association members good health and happy times, and may your journeys be long.

With heartfelt appreciation,



George S. Charles, Jr.
Retired WPA President/CEO

Should you buy travel insurance?

How to protect your vacation—and yourself—from unplanned disaster

From
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Institute

A vacation travel break can be revitalizing and can open you up to new experiences. It can also be expensive—and just because you're off from work doesn't mean the universe cooperates. A whole variety of unforeseen circumstances can squash travel plans with little notice—which often means leaving you on the hook for financial and other losses.

Fortunately, the right insurance can help protect against these losses. Before you book your trip, check if the credit card you plan to use offers any travel insurance or assistance that might be useful to you, then consider the coverages below.

What kind of travel insurance do I need?

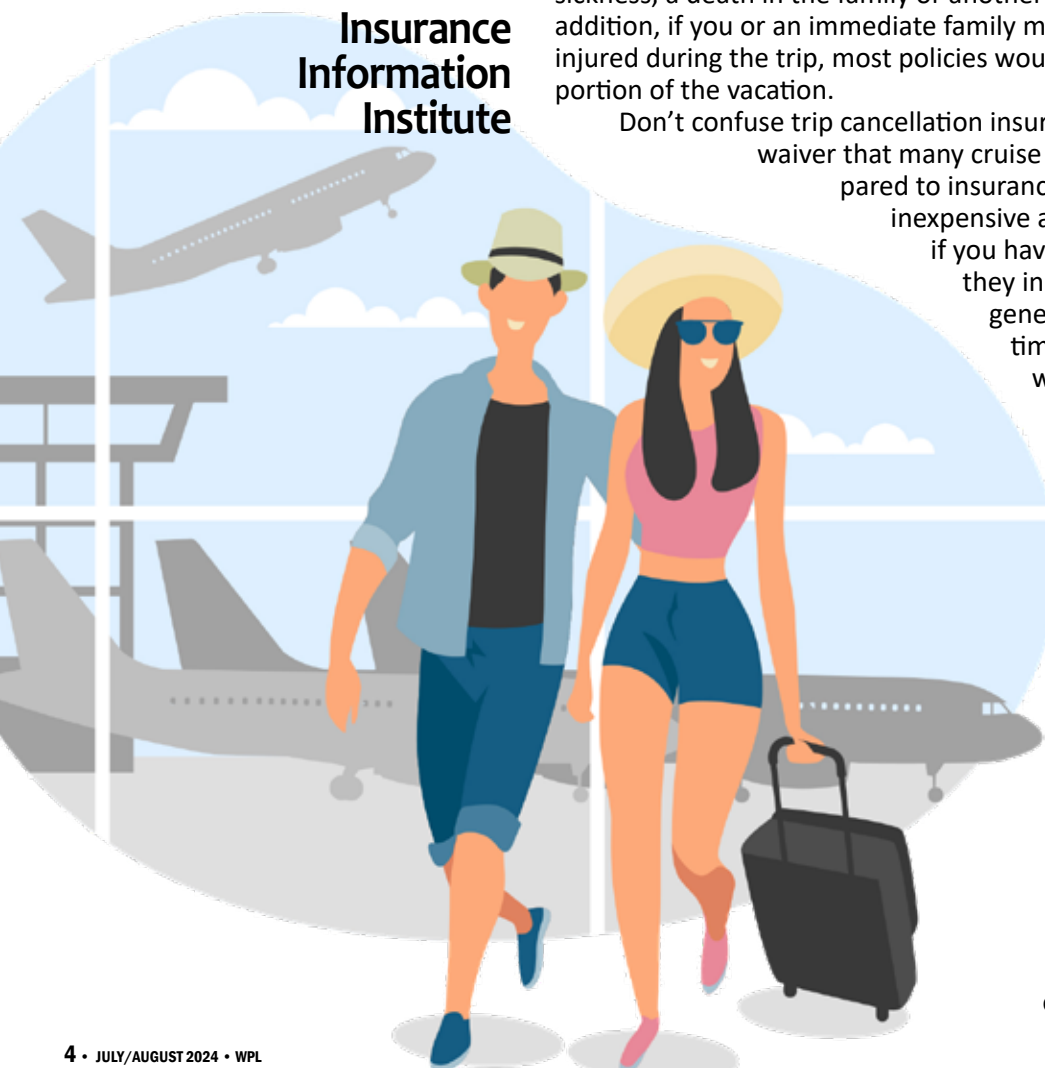
There are four major types of travel insurance and, generally, you can purchase packages that offer these with a combination of other travel coverage options.

Choose your travel insurance based on what makes sense for your trip and your own finances. If you've been saving for that \$15,000 tour of Italy as your vacation of a lifetime, you may not want to take a chance that a family illness will cost you your deposit.

- **Trip cancellation insurance** -- reimburses you when certain circumstances prevent you from taking your trip, such as if your cruise line or tour operator goes out of business or if you have to cancel the trip due to sickness, a death in the family or another calamity listed in the policy. In addition, if you or an immediate family member becomes seriously ill or is injured during the trip, most policies would reimburse you for the unused portion of the vacation.

Don't confuse trip cancellation insurance with the cancellation waiver that many cruise and tour operators offer. Compared to insurance, waivers might seem relatively inexpensive and they do provide coverage if you have to cancel the trip. However, they include many restrictions, they generally must be purchased at the time the trip is booked, and they will usually not cover you immediately before departure (the time period during which most people cancel) or after the trip has begun. Most importantly, because waivers are not insurance, they are not regulated by state insurance departments. If your tour or cruise operator gets into financial difficulty, you may not be able to collect on the waiver.

- **Baggage insurance or personal effects coverage** -- provides coverage if your personal belongings are lost, stolen or damaged during the trip. Before purchasing this type of coverage, find out how much





insurance the airline or trip operator provides for your belongings. Also, check your homeowners or renters policy, which will usually provide coverage for off-premises theft, such as stolen luggage.

If you are traveling with expensive electronic equipment, jewelry or sporting gear, it might be more cost-effective to purchase a floater or endorsement to your homeowners or renters policy that covers these items. This would provide full coverage against loss of the item, anywhere in the world, as well as at home.

Some insurers also offer baggage delay insurance, which would cover items you need to purchase to hold you over in case your luggage is significantly delayed.

• **Emergency medical assistance** -- covers expenses related to medical crises, which can be very costly. Emergency medical assistance covers situations like: being airlifted off a mountain after a skiing or hiking accident; a prolonged period stay in a foreign hospital; or needing to be flown home due to a serious illness or injury.

Before purchasing this type of coverage, check with your own health insurance carrier to find out

what type of coverage you have when traveling at home or abroad and what the limitations are.

Depending on where you're traveling, consider getting enough insurance to cover a flight home or to a country with first-rate medical care.

• **Accidental death** -- provides coverage in the event you or a family member dies during a trip. Depending on your life insurance plan or other financial provisions for your loved ones, this may be duplicate insurance.

Are there other types of travel insurance I should consider?

There are many other types of travel insurance, you can even get coverage for lost travel loyalty plan points. Depending on your destination and circumstances, you may want to consider the available coverages for:

- Missed connection.
- Travel delay.
- Emergency evacuation.
- 24-hour traveler assistance.
- Collision/damage coverage for rented cars.



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Grilling & smoking 101

Even though we are past the 4th of July, the unofficial height of the summer, there is still plenty of great weather to enjoy grilling and smoking in the backyard. In this article, let me share with you ways you can improve how you grill and smoke to enjoy great food outside your kitchen. The easy part is cooking the food; the hard part is the preparation that goes into preparing the items you wish to enjoy.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with some great chefs who shared many ways to enjoy cooking outdoors. So, before we get into the kitchen and start the process of preparation, let's define some basic terms.

Grilling is defined as a dry heat cooking method in which foods are cooked by heat radiating from a source found below the cooking surface. The heat source can be created by electricity, gas, charcoal or wood.

Broiling is just the opposite where the heat source is above the cooking surface.

The important item to remember is YOU control the heat. For juicier food, using a low heat source and a longer cooking time will produce great results. If the heat is too strong, your food will cook too fast and dry out. So low and slow is the way to go. Logically, isn't the point of grilling to enjoy the day with family and friends outside in the great weather?

I have used both gas and charcoal grills with no preference for either. If your grill has a lid or cover, you can use it to keep heat totally around the food as it cooks giving you a constant temperature. Remember, "the dog wags the tail; the tail doesn't wag the dog." You control the heat source as the chef.

Smoking is a method of preserving and cooking food by exposing it to smoke, which can be cold or hot. Smokers can use a variety of heat sources: wood, wood pellets, charcoal, electricity or gas. The source of the smoke is either hardwood--in the form of splits, chunks or chips--or wood pellets.

Pellets usually made from compressed wood sawdust and are uniform in size. They are fed into a hopper attached to the cooking chamber of the grill and provide the heat source and smokey flavor. When using a pellet smoker, you have choices for the flavor of the pellets from mild (cherry or alder), to medium (peach), to strong (oak, hickory or mesquite).

Like pellets, cooking wood comes in many varieties. It can be in the form of splits, blocks, chips, or shavings. You can use a single type wood or a combination of different woods to provide smoke which will flavor and cook your food. This is a natural way. You could just buy liquid smoke to add smoke flavor, but the results would taste too artificial. Natural smoke is the way to go.

A good recipe when you're smoking will always suggest what type of smoke flavor you should use for best results and taste.

Once you decide on the food and the method of preparation, the last thing to do is *mise en place*, that is, get all the ingredients together, then start preparing your meal. This process includes portioning, seasoning and precooking methods. Decide how many people you will be feeding then portion the food accordingly.

Before cooking your food, season it which allows you to impart extra flavor. Never season ice cold food right out of the refrigerator, let it come up to room temperature.

After preparing your food, get your grill and smoker ready and have all the utensils ready then enjoy cooking so you don't have to stop the



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process.

Allow enough time to be the chef and have fun with your family or friends, enjoy a cold beverage and relax because you already did the hard work.

When serving your guests, enjoy the compliments as well as the meal.

I have included only two recipes in this article as I am sure you have many of your own favorites: a BBQ Spice Rub, which can be used before grilling or smoking; and my favorite item to enjoy, BBQ Beans.

Have a great rest of the summer, get out of the kitchen and enjoy grilling or smoking in the great outdoors!



BBQ Spice Rub

- ½ cup paprika, sweet or smoked
- ¼ cup Kosher salt
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup chili powder
- 3 tablespoons black pepper
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon cayenne

Mix the spices together in a bowl. Generously sprinkle over meat before grilling or smoking. Store leftover rub in an airtight container.

BBQ Beans

- 4 strips bacon
- 3 medium onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 16-ounce can kidney beans
- 16-ounce can pork & beans
- 16-ounce can black beans
- 16-ounce can pinto beans
- ½ cup cider vinegar
- 1½ cups ketchup
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Drain and rinse all the beans. Pre-heat the oven to 350°F.

Fry the bacon strips until crispy, then remove and let dry on a paper towel. Brown the onions and garlic in the bacon drippings.

In a large bowl, mix all the beans together, then add the onions, garlic and pan drippings. Mix well. Pour into greased casserole dish, then crumble bacon on top and bake 45 minutes.

Serve hot or cold.



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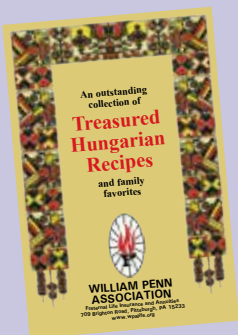
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Yummy Tumblin' Tumbleweeds

Howdy, Pardners! How has your summer been drifting along? Hope you're having fun, despite all the really hot weather many of us have had to deal with. If where you live is like where we live, then you have an idea of what it's like in a desert--hot and dry...well, except for a really heavy rain shower or thunderstorm every now and then! And, if you're like us, you've been spending most of your time in a pool and inside where there's air conditioning.

Speaking of deserts...have you ever watched an old Western movie, the ones with cowboys riding along as the hot, dusty wind blows tumbleweeds across the Texas plains? We were watching one the other day, and that got us to thinking of one of our favorite treats--**Texas Tumbleweeds**. They're sweet, crunchy and easy to make. A perfect little way to spend some time indoors and out of the heat!

What you need:

- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 can (9 ounces) potato sticks

What you do:

- In a large microwave-safe bowl, melt the butterscotch chips in the microwave.
- When melted, stir in the peanut butter until smooth.
- Gently stir in the potato sticks--and we do mean gently so you don't break the sticks.
- Using a tablespoon, scoop the mixture to make rounded balls and place on a baking sheet lined with waxed paper.
- Place in a refrigerator for 15-20 minutes until hardened.
- Share with your friends!

Some helpful tips:

- For a slightly different treat, use chocolate chips instead of butterscotch and use Nutella instead of peanut butter.
- Don't have potato sticks? You can use crushed potato chips instead.

Thanks to www.tasteofhome.com for this fun idea!



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What's Happening

A LISTING OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 24** Golf Outing & Dinner Fundraiser, Hungarian Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH. Information: hungarianculturalgarden.org
- 27** Branch 226 bacon roast, Free Hungarian Reformed Church, McKeesport, PA. Information: 412.566.7191. Deadline is July 20.
- 28** Annual Branch 132 Summer Picnic, O'Brien Center, South Bend, IN. Information: john.e.burus@honeywell.com

August

- 07** Branch 800 Annual Picnic, 6:00 PM, Highland Park, Altoona, PA. Information & reservations: 814.943.7471. Deadline is Aug. 2.
- 11** WPA Branch 89 - Steel Valley Annual Golf Outing, Grandview G.C., Braddock, PA. Information: 412.398.2078
- 25** One World Day & Rubik's Cube Challenge, Hungarian Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH. Information: hungarianculturalgarden.org

September

- 01** American Hungarian Friends of Scouting Hungarian Festival German Central Park, Parma, OH. Information: csbkelnok@gmail.com
- 08** Gulyás Fest, American Czechoslovakian Club, Dayton, OH. 1:00-4:00 PM. Information: Magyarclubofdayton@gmail.com
- 15** Branch 296 bacon roast, Harrison Hills Park, Natrona Heights, PA. 12:00-4:00 PM. Information: 724.274.5318. RSVP by Sept. 8
- 20-21** Polacek Family Johnstown Slavic Festival, Johnstown, PA. Information: www.jaha.org/events/johnstown-slavic-festival/
- 22** Branch 336/Verhovay Home Assn. Golf Outing, Manada Golf Course, Harrisburg, PA. Information: 717.564.9833
- 27** Branch 249 Adults Night Out, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, Dayton, OH, 4:00-6:00 PM. Information: amschmidt@msn.com

November

- 17** U. of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House, Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh. Information: nationalityrooms@pitt.edu

Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

By Alexis Yuhás Kozak

Greetings from Johnstown, PA. We hope your summer is going well. This season always flies by.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Jennifer Petruska



Sunderwirth. Jenny (pictured left) fought a courageous battle with cancer. Jennifer was the daughter of Steve and Vera Petruska whom were

very instrumental in growing and maintaining Branch 8 for years.

Our members Joe and Debra Oliver were very busy in May and June. They hosted parties for their grandchildren graduating from high school and college. If you know Deb, you know she cooked her heart out, just like any good Hungarian.

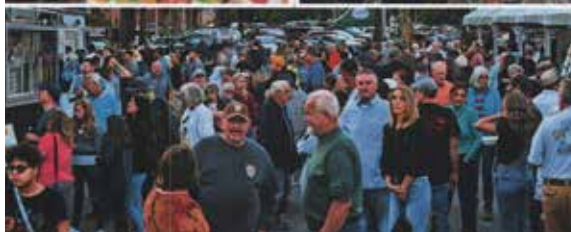
Congratulations to all grads!

Before we know it the Slavic Festival will be here once more. The 9th Annual Fest will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. Please mark your calendar and join us for great music, food and fun. Be prepared for a great European experience, featuring food from all over eastern Europe. Nothing but ethnic food is allowed. All music is also eastern European. As a special treat, 30 college musical students from Europe will be performing both days.

WPA Branch 8 will have a booth again this year with some Hungarian treats. Please, do yourself a favor and be part of this great event.

A few months ago, I promised you a special summer picnic to make up for the miscommunication concerning last year's Christmas party.

So, be ready to party Sunday, Aug. 4. Good food, drinks and live



Scenes from last year's Johnstown Slavic Festival. Members of Branch 8 will be among those welcoming visitors to this year's festival on Sept. 21 and 22.

music. Most of all great camaraderie and fellowship! For details and to reserve your spot please call David Kozak 814-242-1111. Hope you can attend.

Please contact me if you would like anything published in our next issue. For any insurance or annuity needs, please feel free to call me at 814-242-0000.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

Summer greetings to our members and friends. Think cool thoughts.

The Cleveland Hungarian community is keeping busy with a variety of summer activities.

The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio held its Buckeye Road Reunion Picnic on June 23 at the Hiram picnic grounds. The morning was hot and humid, but by early afternoon,

it got cooler before the rains and high winds arrived after 3:00 p.m. Despite the rain, guests enjoyed the music, delicious Hungarian food and the chance to reunite with friends from the Buckeye Road area.

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden held its annual Liszt Concert on the same day in the Upper Garden. This outdoor concert included a baby grand piano, musicians and a vocalist. A big thank you goes to Vera Holczer-Warquet of the Aurora School of Music and her faculty and students who performed. The program included selected pieces of Franz Liszt, Zoltán Kódály, Béla

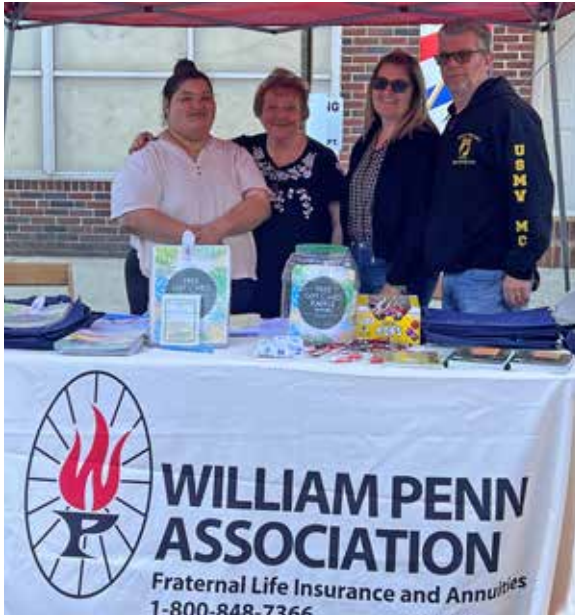
Bartók and others.

A rededication of the Székely kapú (gate), which was originally donated by the Verhovay Fraternal Insurance Association in 1938, and the replacement of the Hungarian folk figures on the gates' benches, are welcome signs of the progress taking place in the garden's maintenance.

In the next issue, I will share with you details of the Hungarian Heritage Night hosted by the Lake County Captains baseball team on June 28.

I'll also have more on The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden golf fundraiser for the restoration of the garden fountain, which took place July 24 at the Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, OH.

Remember to support and encourage our students as they pursue their education and career goals. They have opportunities available to them which would not be possible without your support and the support of family mem-



Welcoming visitors to the WPA information booth at the Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, NJ, June 1 were (l-r) Branch 28 member Chrissy Kobasic, WPA Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak, WPA Sales Coordinator Barbi Tew and her husband James, along with Branch 28 member Mary Foor (not pictured.)

calls, visits and the opportunity to hear from family and friends. Do not 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 27 Toledo, OH

By Paula Bodnar

Here we are already into July. Seems like the year is flying by so fast. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Remember to stay hydrated with all the excessive heat we are having.

If anyone has any questions about a policy or our branch, contact me, at 419-460-7214.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Hoping all our readers have been having a wonderful summer.

It was such an enjoyable experience to once again be a part of the Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, NJ. This year's festival featured a variety of foods and had many new vendors offering attendees a chance to purchase Hungarian items and pastries.

Many WPA members stopped by our booth to visit and talk about WPA. Several scholarship recipients stopped by to say thank you for offering such a nice program. It was a pleasure to spend the day with Sales Coordinator Barbi Tew, her husband Jim, and Branch 28 members Mary Foor and Chrissy Kobasic.

The festival enjoyed beautiful weather, allowing everyone to stay longer and attend the twilight concert featuring the very talented Bernadett Nyári, violin virtuoso, at the American Hungarian Foundation's courtyard.

This festival is always held the

bers purchasing WPA life insurance and annuities.

If your child will be growing out of their WPA juvenile insurance plan, encourage them to sign up for their adult coverage. Have them contact your local WPA sales representative who will assist you in selecting the best policies to fill their needs. Remember, being a life benefit member of WPA is required to qualify for a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Branch 14 meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (at the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). All Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the branch meetings.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of 2024 is as follows: Sept. 4; Oct. 2; Nov. 6; and Dec. 4.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 7, when we'll host the Branch 14 Christmas party at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor OH. Time to be announced.

Please call Branch President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch Secretary/Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012

with questions regarding the scheduled meeting dates listed above.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. May our friends, family and WPA members who are no longer among us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our fellow members who might be feeling under the weather or dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and our WPA members, who are celebrating a July/August birthday and/or anniversary.

Keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. It is SO good to have contact and catch up on how everyone is doing. Call, write, email or text; plan a visit, if you can. It makes a difference.

It is equally important to remember family and friends who are in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and extended care facilities. Call ahead to check where visits may or may not be possible. Everyone loves to receive cards, notes, telephone



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 and getting remarried are all life changes that affect your responsibilities. Do the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes?

If you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your WPA certificates—either primary or secondary beneficiaries—contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office at 412-231-2979.

first Saturday in June, so mark your calendar for 2025.

Congratulations to all of this year's WPA scholarship recipients. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors. It's with your continued support and generous donations these scholarships can be awarded.

Branch 28 participated in WPA's Join Hands Day program by donating funds to Youngstown Cityscape to purchase flowers which they plant around the downtown area.

We congratulate the two newly appointed WPA officers, President/CEO Diane Torma and Chief Financial Officer Adam Sedar, and send a big thank you to recently retired President/CEO George S. Charles, Jr. for his many years of dedication and leadership to the WPA.

Congratulations to Jordan Schauer who graduated *summa cum laude* from Midway University with a BA in psychology and BS in criminal justice. She also received the prestigious Midway Woman's Award presented to the top female student in both academic and athletic achievements. Her proud parents are Randy and Carol Schauer, and her grandparents are Frank and Maria Schauer.

Congratulations also to Aubrey Panigall, who recently won a gold medal for her artwork at the National Scholastic Art Competition, in New York City, which is the highest honor that a student can earn in this competition. Aubrey also was awarded the American Vision Medal. Her very proud parents are Brian and Kristin Panigall, and her



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grandmother is Marlene Panigall.

So saddened to learn the Saturday Hungarian Radio Program on WKTL has been discontinued. The hosts have decided to retire. The program has been on the air for over 40 years. Thanks to all the past hosts for their many years of bringing Hungarian music into our homes. We especially thank Terry Check and his family, Elizabeth Cib-



**Next
Deadline:
August 23**



Branch 44 member Sophia Confer helped deliver food donations to Haven of Portage County (OH) (pictured above) as well as pet food to the People Care Pet Pantry in Ravenna, OH.

ulas, and Frank and Maria Schauer.

Get well wishes go out to everyone not feeling up to par, especially Terry Check, Pat Purton, John Tollas, Tanky Hagg, Caroline Lanzara and Rev. Stefan Torok.

Sincere sympathy to all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently.

Safe travels during these summer days of fun.

For information on life insurance or annuities, please call Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-540-3327.

Branch 44 Akron, OH

By Elizabeth Darago

Congratulations to all WPA scholarship recipients. What a great start toward your successful futures.

Summer has sprung with a vengeance in Ohio--days upon days of humid, high-90's days. Maybe we could save some of that warmth for December?

Even with the heat, it's half way to the holidays, and we have the

branch family holiday party booked! Plan on partying on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 :00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral Buffet (same location as last year's party). Also, luckily, we've also been able to get Elek the Elf again for the party. More information on our party in the next issue.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer activities and holidays.

Have any news? Contact a Branch 44 officer.

Need life insurance or annuities? Call Alan Sabo at 330-482-9994.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

**By Mark S. Maskarinec
and Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec**

Greetings from Branch 89 and the Munhall-Homestead Area. We hope you are enjoying this long hot summer. We also hope you had a very enjoyable Fourth of July celebration.

The counts are in and we have tallied the results of our first annual Branch 89/Al Vargo Charity Golf Outing. It was record setting in every way. We had our largest showing yet, and we generated more income with our various skill games, 50-50 raffle and Chinese auction. Change is never easy, but it's much more palatable when everybody pulls together and everything falls into place.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the family of Al Vargo for golfing in the event (especially Sharon with a broken elbow) and for their constant support and encouragement. Special thanks go to Al's brother Bob and his family for being a golf hole sponsor.

Al would have been so proud and pleased with the turnout and the support we received in his name for a cause near and dear to him. As Karen Vargo Walker said, "We can't wait for next year when we have a full year to plan."

Just imagine all we will be able to come up with for the outing next year with everyone coming together to make this event such a huge success.

We thank WPA's new President/CEO Diane Torma and her husband John and Vice Chair of the Board Joyce Nicholson for not only coming to the outing and volunteering but supporting the event.

Now, while we are still reveling in the success of this event, we prepare for our second outing.

Our second charity golf outing is coming up fast. It will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Grand View Golf Club in Braddock, PA.

Speaking of change, we are again rebranding this outing to be more of a community event. Proceeds will not only help our church but will also go to local ministries and more importantly to the Munhall VFD Truck Fund. Volunteer fire fighters hold a special place for me. They volunteer to put their lives on the line every time they answer a call. They train for circumstances that would send most of us running in the opposite direction.

For this golf outing, we were handing out flyers at a local street fair when we had a couple of sightings of note. First, we stopped by the booth of our local representative, Matt Gergely (who happens to be Hungarian and a huge supporter of Hungarians) and we discovered that his brother Mark, our previous representative, would always bring a proclamation to the floor of the house in acknowledgment of Hungarian Day. Imagine that. Talk about a small world.

Then, we walked a bit further and had a chance encounter with Judit Ganchuk from the Home

Office who took one of our brochures and told us, "I will scan this in and post it on my Facebook page." Thank you, Judit!

Branch 89 would like to congratulate Jaiden Jones and Marco Kubancsek on their recent graduation from high school. Jaiden is the granddaughter of Tim and Kim Toth, and Marco is the son of Branch 89 member Marcus Kubancsek and grandson of Linda Kubancsek. Good luck in your future endeavors.

Branch 89 also congratulates branch member Matthew "Pika-chu" Toth on his wedding to Alexis Vargo on Aug. 17. Pictures will be in the next issue. We wish Matt and Alexis all the best as they embark on their life together.

Branch 89 continues to send get well wishes to Bishop Kolomon K. Ludwig and Joe Hanchak. Joe unfortunately recently entered



Among the members and guests participating in the Al Vargo Memorial Golf Outing June 1 were Al's daughters and members of their families.

hospice care and we hope that his health will return soon.

Branch 89 was extremely saddened to learn of the passing of Betty Vargo, wife of the late Al Vargo.

Al and Betty played a very important role in the life of Branch 89 and especially with Lisa's family, namely her late parents, Elmer

and Ruth Toth. The four were inseparable at events. Where you saw Betty, there was Ruth, especially when the wives of the Board of Directors would be staying in Pittsburgh. Betty would be one to organize all the ladies to get together to spend time together while their husbands met.

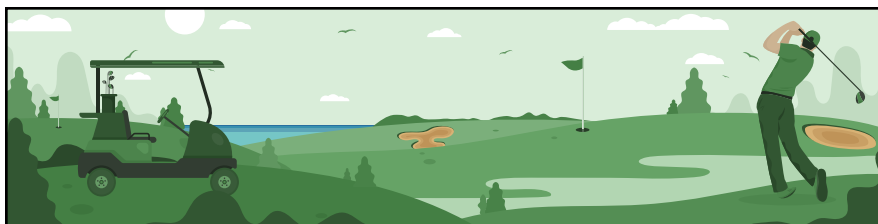
Betty and Al were also members of The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and continued to support our church even after they moved back to Maryland.

Branch 89 extends its heartfelt sympathy to the "Vargo Girls"-- Karen, Diane and Sharon--and their families on the loss of Betty. No one was more of a family person than Betty. She was a very proud mother and grandmother. While your loss is extreme, we take solace in knowing that Betty is no longer suffering, and that she is rejoined with Al and Ruth and Elmer. We are sure they are doing something together or going somewhere pain free.

God bless you, Betty, and may God be with the Vargo family during this difficult time.

Branch 89 asks for everyone to stop and appreciate the moment. Life is too short. Call somebody you haven't heard from or ask someone if they need help. Do something nice for someone and you'll feel all the better for it.

Have a great rest of the summer.



Open to all members and friends of WPA!

Steel Valley Community Charities Hungarian Reformed Church Golf Outing in association with

WPA Branch 89 Homestead, PA

**Sunday, August 11, 2024
Grand View Golf Club • Braddock, PA**

**For more information about golfing in the outing,
hole sponsorships, donating & volunteering,
contact Lisa or Mark at 412-398-2078**

*Proceeds to benefit The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, PA
Munhall Area Volunteer Fire Companies & Eighth Avenue & Greater Love Ministries*



WPA Vice Chair Debbie Lewis (left) and her husband Rick present a donation to a representative from Stowe Mission in Columbus, OH. The donation was part of Branch 129's participation in Join Hands Day.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hello from Columbus, OH! Summer is in full swing here with temperatures in the 80s and 90s on most days. Hope everyone had a great 4th of July filled with family and friends, picnics and fireworks. Hope everyone also has a great Labor Day which falls on Sept. 2 this year.

Most schools and universities will be starting back in August. Please watch your speed in school zones when the children are going to school and coming home. The best of luck to all students this school year, from preschool all the way through college.

Congratulations to all the college students who received one of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants. If you or any of your family members have benefited from these grants, please pay it forward with a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

As always, remember to keep in touch with family and friends that you haven't seen or talked to in a while with a call, visit or a card. We don't always know what someone is going through in their everyday lives. It might just brighten their day as well as yours.

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. Remember them by the good times you shared with them and keep them and their family 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 132 South Bend, IN

By John E. Burus

The trees are full of leaves, the grass is green, the flowers are popping, and the garden for fresh vegetables is coming along. The best time of the year! Hoping everyone enjoyed a happy 4th of July!

The next South Bend Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend at 5:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will choose the date for the annual Christmas party which more than likely will be Dec. 8.

Our 14th annual summer picnic will be held July 28, at the O'Brien Center, 321 E. Walter St., South Bend, at the outdoor pavilion from

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For reservations please call 574-256-5281 and leave your headcount on the answering machine. The branch will provide the main dishes, plates, utensils, napkins, water and soda. Please bring a dish or dessert to share as in the past. Hope to see all our members!

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in July and August! Happy belated wedding anniversary to Cathy and Jay Trunzo.

We send warm wishes to members Goldie Szarka, Shirley Marcinko, former Branch President Malvene Heyz, former Branch Vice President Janet Sparico, June Coyne and Les Petras.

We pray for the family and friends of Russell G. Jones, Eileen J. Malazich, William S. Peters and Bernard W. Ralph, who have passed away. May they find peace.

We are fortunate enough to be able to give back to our community. The Home Office makes this easy by sponsoring Join Hands Day.

We finished our branch's Join Hands Day project for the local human service nonprofit, Auberle (Ward Home). The staff focus on five areas with clients: workforce development, housing, young adult services, foster care, and behavioral health.

Auberle asked that we help with their dental kit program for clients who transition out of foster care. The branch purchased individually wrapped toothbrushes and other items to put into see-through travel bags.

We appreciate the help and support from branch members and friends, thank you, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors Joyce E. Nicholson for your donated bags! Thanks to Jay and Cathy for opening up their home to us so we

For their Join Hands Day project, the members of Branch 226 assembled and donated dental kits to be used by children transitioning out of foster care.



could put the kits together on one of the nicest evenings we've had all summer.

By the time you read this, our bacon roast on July 27 will be a wonderful memory (we hope!). Stay tuned for photos!

Our branch's general meetings are held quarterly every March, June, September, and December. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6:00 p.m. in a smaller location, Chick-fil-a restaurant in the Waterfront complex, 15 minutes from McKeesport.

What is that saying? Variety is the spice of life. No, wait: The only thing that is constant is change.

I know this is early, but we have a change of date for our branch's Christmas party. Invitations will go out this fall for our party to be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport. We will announce for which program we are collecting in the next issue. Last year, we made a donation of hats, gloves and scarves, thanks to the generous nature of our "party people" to McKeesport's Head Start program.

The Paris Olympics should spread peace through sports, talent and dedication - let's hope they do just that! We'll be cheering for the American and Hungarian athletes the whole time!

Have you updated your beneficiaries on your life insurance or annuity? Does your spouse have

coverage with us? Do your children have coverage with us? Our life insurance follows you through any and all career changes you make. 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? Text message the branch at 412-566-7191 or find our private Facebook Group online. If you're on Facebook, we'd love to have you join our group. Make sure to 'like' the main William Penn Association page on Facebook, too!

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, we survived the heat dome of June, and we are trying to figure out a way to pay the electric bill for the AC. Donations are most

appreciated! Not really on the donations, but it was really hot.

Dayton celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Air Show with 75,000 people and each day over 100 people were treated for heat exhaustion. But, it's really cool when the Blue Angels fly right over your house since we live four miles from the airport.

The 4th of July was lots of fun with parades, picnics and breathtaking fireworks. What a great way to celebrate the birth of our nation.

We enjoyed a fun afternoon June 9 at the Magyar Club of Dayton's bacon fry at Hills and Dale Park. Eighty people came to enjoy greasy bread, covered dishes, desserts and friendship as they celebrated Hungarian culture.

Along with planting flowers for Join Hands Day at Queen of Martyrs Church, Branch 249 donated money to help with the renovation of McAuley Hall where we hold our branch meetings.

Not much going on for July. August is for getting ready for school, the end of vacation time and the start of football season. I hope your local high school does well, and when it comes to collegiate teams I really think the Buckeyes may win it all! But, if they don't, it will still be a good year as long as they beat "that team up north."

And this is the year for the Browns. If I keep saying it, sooner or later it will happen. Super Bowl



Branch 249 planted flowers at Queen of Martyrs Church for its Join Hands Day project. Helping were (l-r) Mark Schmidt, Anne Marie Schmidt, and Doris and Larry Schwietzman.



For their Join Hands Day project, members of Branch 296 gathered to create and fill snack bags for families served by the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.

here we come!

August and September mark the start of parades, carnivals and festivals around here. Locally, we celebrate state and county fairs, mums, sauerkraut, pickles, airplanes, sweet corn, sausage, potatoes, pumpkins, wine, beer, trains, fire trucks, custom cars, Studebakers, Trans Ams, food trucks, Jeeps, pork, chicken, berries, mac & cheese, chicken wings, the moon, hot air balloons, Annie Oakley, burgers, pineapples, the Blues, green tomatoes, art, bacon, British cars, baby boomers, BBQ, hot peppers, orchids, tacos, wool, and well....you get the idea. We celebrate EVERYTHING.

Remember the Magyar Club Gulyás Fest on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Czech Club.

Adding to the above list is the 3rd Annual Branch 249 Adults Night Out at the Hollywood Raceway and Casino on Friday, Sept. 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Skybox Lounge. We will have a buffet dinner while watching the horses race. We will also have \$10 free play on the slots, and we always have at least one big winner. This is free to local branch members 21 and older. This is fun for couples, so get Grandma to watch the kids, or better yet, get a sitter and bring Grandma. You know they love the slots! We are limited to 25 people

so make your plans early.

There'll be more for September and October and that will be in the next article. But don't forget the annual children's Christmas party at Scene 75 on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Note the time change and be sure to mark this on your calendar.

We congratulate George S. Charles Jr. on his well-deserved retirement after 50 years of dedicated service to WPA, the last 28 years as President/CEO. His leadership and knowledge have allowed WPA to become THE Hungarian fraternal insurance company in America. Pete: we wish you and Dianne the best in your next big life adventure.

I see continued good fortune at WPA with the appointment of Diane Torma as new President/CEO. Diane has great experience at WPA with 27 years as Chief Financial Officer, and she will continue to bring WPA future success.

Happy birthday to you July and August babies. Me in July, a young at heart 70. Now, if I could convince the rest of my body of that. Son-in-law Greg is in August, so celebrate like you're 21 again.

Happy anniversary to the summer love birds. Nothing like getting married when it's 90 out and you are in a long gown or tux. But, those are quickly shed later in the evening; if you catch my drift.

Condolences to everyone who has had a loved one or friend pass recently. May their memory for you be as bright and warm as the summer sun.

If you have any news, ideas, or questions, contact me at am-schmidt@msn.com or 937-938-0198, or Anne Marie at 937-308-4670. We'd love to hear from you.

Sun's out, fun's out. Get out there, summer will soon be over, and if you miss it it's your own fault!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

In the last issue's branch news, I urged everyone to venture outdoors to get their dose of the sunshine vitamin. Please do not blame me for delivering the heat dome that's covered much of the country. Obviously, I am not a meteorologist, and am incapable of controlling the weather, and am admitting that I spent as much time as possible indoors in the air conditioning! Between the excessive heat and terrible storms, June was just brutal.

Here are several "save the dates" reminders:

- Branch 296 Bacon Roast, Sunday, Sept. 15, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at a new location--Harrison Hills Park, Yakoan Pavilion, in Natrona Heights. Look for our directional signs showing you the way to Yakoan. All are welcome, and there is no charge -- but please contact me at: 724-274-5318 by Sept. 8 so we'll know how many to expect. Cold beverages will be on hand (no alcohol is permitted), along with hot dogs, kolbasz, the bacon for roasting, plus all the fixings. Just bring a shareable food (I'm bringing my homemade baked beans) and a good appetite! Parking is conveniently close to the pavilion, the area is level, and--hooray!--there are no stairs to climb to the restrooms. I have

a strong feeling that we will be playing corn hole this year, too! A fun playground, hiking trails and a scenic overlook are located in Harrison Hills Park, as well. We hope that you'll join us.

- Family Christmas Party, Sunday, Nov. 24, starting at noon at the Springdale VFW. We will keep you posted on this event, as well.

Despite the renovation work happening at the Tarentum Eat'n Park Restaurant during our branch Join Hands Day project, our creative and industrious crew was able to produce dozens of terrific snack bags. Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House was the recipient of our handiwork, and we are satisfied that many families will enjoy the healthy snacks and cheerfully decorated bags.

This project is definitely a favorite of ours, and we look forward to it each year. After completing our project, we enjoyed some tasty appetizers compliments of the manager.

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our Branch President, Diane Torma, who was appointed by the WPA Board as WPA's President/CEO. Diane has been a WPA mainstay and corporate officer, and we are confident in her leadership abilities in her new role for the Association.

Congratulations and wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to George S. "Pete" Charles



Branch 296 member and WPA scholarship recipient David Bonifield is entering his sophomore year at Robert Morris University where he plays the bass drum in the Colonial Fife and Drum Marching Band.

Jr. Thank you for your guidance, Pete, and your years of dedication to the Association, always keeping our members' best interests in the forefront. We wish you and Dianne relaxation and many enjoyable years together.

Throughout July and August, we're recognizing all of our 296-ers who entered this world, including: Lily Borland and her little brother Riker, along with their cousin Cadance; my daughter Leanne Lovasz; Georgene Pastura, and our Branch Treasurer, Toni Kosheba. May each of you have a happy and fulfilling year!

Also, happy anniversary to all who were joined in marriage during these summer months.

Get well wishes to all who are recovering, with positive thoughts



Congratulations to Branch 296 member Jeffrey Holmes and his bride Chelsea Pacek who wed June 29. Jeffrey is the son of WPA Chief Administrative Officer Cassandra Holmes.

and prayers along your way to good health.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost a loved one recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Our next branch meeting is on Sept. 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Tarentum's Eat'n Park.

Contact me at 724-274-5318 or makelly367@verizon.net with any suggestions or news that you'd like for me to share with our readers.

Noreen Fritz, who often attends our meetings, is available to you for your life insurance and annuity questions or needs. You may reach Noreen at 412-821-1837 or email her at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

Stay hydrated and be mindful of not overdoing it in the heat.



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You're Invited

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

BACON ROAST

Sunday, Sept. 15, 12:00 PM • Harrison Hills Park
5200 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA
For more information, call Mary Ann at 724-274-5318



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As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign, members of Branch 590 Cape Coral, FL donated a variety of snacks to Streetside Showers Florida, which provides showers, hygiene care and other necessities to people in need.

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

What happened to our summer? It will be gone before we realize it. It's almost time for back-to-school shopping already? It's been a hot summer, but I have to admit I much prefer the warm days over the cold January days.

Labor Day is considered the unofficial end of summer. Do something fun and exciting with your time. Spend it with family and friends. You've earned it! Labor Day recognizes and honors the work and contribution of laborers in the development and achievements of the United States.

For most WPA branches, the summer season is the best time to play golf. Both WPA Branch 336 Harrisburg PA and Branch 89 Homestead, PA have typically sponsored or co-sponsored two extremely successful and very fun golf outings annually. I have attended these periodically over the past few years and encourage others who enjoy golf, and also like the competition and camaraderie of the sport, to attend these WPA-related events.

Branch 89 held a memorial golf

outing on June 1 for former National President Al Vargo. The proceeds of the event were shared by the WPFA Scholarship Foundation in memory of Al Vargo and The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead.

These branches are involved in two upcoming golf outings. Branch 89 has an outing scheduled for Aug. 11, and Branch 336 has one planned for Sept. 22. If you miss playing golf with fraternal friends, plan your schedule around one of these fun-filled events.

If you are unable to attend, you can send a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation at the WPA Home Office. It's tax-deductible and helps our members achieve their educational goals.

This issue's interesting fact is about Charles Simonyi, a Hungarian-born computer programmer. Microsoft and Excel are familiar to many people around the world. The first versions of these applications were invented by Simonyi. He introduced the user interface to Bill Gates, who later described it as the first of two revolutionary things he felt in his life. Simonyi started and led Microsoft's applications group, where he built the first versions of Microsoft Office.

We wish happy birthday to branch members with July/August dates, including Barbara House, Christian Nelson and Nick Toth.

Happy anniversary to those celebrating wedded bliss this month. I'll bet the weather was hot when you got married!

Our prayers go out to those who may have lost loved ones recently, including the families of Sam Fasone and David Laslo. May your loved one rest in peace.

Get well wishes continue to go out to those experiencing health

problems now.

If you have any news to share, please email me at jen567476@yahoo.com. For information about our branch activities, please call/text me at 740-264-6238.

You can call on Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.

Our next branch meeting will be held Sunday, Aug. 25, at 6:00 p.m. at 63 Meadow Lane, Wintersville OH. We will plan our Christmas party.

Stay safe and healthy.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

By Joan B. Ballash

Thank you to Branch President Dan Greiner and Vice President Dennis Greiner for taking care of all the arrangements for the annual August picnic/corn boil. Everyone will leave with a gift and fond memories.

It is difficult to believe that school will be starting soon. Be on the lookout for students and obey all laws regarding vehicles. Keep our children safe.

When I attended the National Day of Prayer service a few months ago, we sang patriotic songs and hymns. Last year, I was touched by "Make Me a Blessing." This year, "Take Time to be Holy" was especially meaningful. Hymns are indeed prayers!

Happy birthday to Branch Auditor Rob Gohn Jr. and others who were once newborns during these two months. May the coming year bring good health and blessings.

At a recent branch meeting, officers voted to donate to the Religious Education Program at the State Correctional Institution in Huntingdon. Funds came from the branch's Father Bitner account.

According to Branch Coordinator Bob Jones, branch member Mary Schneiderbauer reached the 50-year membership mark in 2024

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

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- 0720 DEDHAM, MA
George W. Brown
Ingeborg V. Langley
John J. McDonald
Rose J. Patturelli
Doris M. Wass
- 0800 ALTOONA, PA
Harold E. Leahey
Vincent J. Frank
- 8114 CLARION, PA
Carl R. Hepler
Kenneth R. Mechling
- 8340 BALTIMORE, MD
Dolores Gloeckl
Patricia A. Kels
Andrea L. Williams

Branch News

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She was given a certificate and pin. Congratulations, Mary.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time member and former branch officer Vincent J. Frank on June 6. Our prayers go out to his wife Millie, son Joseph and wife Peggy, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who will miss him.

We also extend prayers and sympathy to all who have lost a loved one. May you all have many good memories.

If you have news to share, call 814-931-1712. If you have questions regarding WPA life insurance or annuities, contact Bob Jones at 814-932-8609.

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

Donations

Donations Through Premium Payments

MAY 2024

Branch - Donor - Amount

- 19 - Benjamin C. Lopresti - \$13.09
 - 19 - Ethel Dudas - \$4.20
 - 26 - Elizabeth R. Pacy - \$2.19
 - 28 - Mary Ellen Schwartz - \$5.19
 - 28 - Elizabeth C. Spencer - \$25.00
 - 34 - Esther I. Wagner - \$5.00
 - 44 - Bradley S. Peters - \$10.00
 - 44 - Elizabeth K. Darago - \$32.00
 - 44 - Alexander J. Darago - \$200.00
 - 76 - Kathleen Fiordimondo - \$20.00
 - 89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$3.06
 - 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$2.80
 - 296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$5.00
 - 296 - Jay A. Blizman - \$5.00
 - 352 - Julie R. Smilak - \$25.00
 - 383 - Erno P. Nagy - \$1.80
 - 590 - August J. Licari - \$25.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$384.33**

JUNE 2024

Branch - Donor - Amount

- 1 - Barbara M. Onderdonk - \$1.00
- 1 - Andrea R. Onderdonk - \$1.00
- 14 - Frances E. Pickett - \$10.00

- 18 - Jennifer Szatmari - \$48.88
- 34 - Michael B. Carr - \$20.00
- 89 - James M. Ujevich - \$10.00
- 129 - Julie Westcamp - \$1.53
- 129 - Virginia Abahazie - \$8.00
- 226 - Rosemarie Noga - \$50.00
- 226 - Daniel J. Borsay - \$25.00
- 226 - John T. Benedek - \$50.00
- 249 - Sue A. Dugan - \$25.04
- 352 - Veronica A. Kochinski - \$10.00
- 720 - John A. Puleo - \$10.35
- 8036 - Cathy J. Savage - \$20.40
- 8036 - Steven W. Savage - \$10.30
- 8340 - Aaron J. Holdsworth - \$10.00

TOTAL for Month = \$311.50

Additional Donations

MAY/JUNE 2024

Donor - Amount

- (In Memory of, if applicable)
 - Jeffrey & Karen Daniels - \$150.00
(Otto Kovacs)
 - Joyce E. Nicholson - \$25.00
(Sandor Tollas)
 - Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Sandra A. Casciola)
 - WPA Cookbook Sales - \$325.00
 - WPA Ornament Sales - \$55.00
- TOTAL = \$580.00**

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #209 OFFICIAL ENTRY

G	X	C	O	V	I	C	C	M	S	U	G	S	T	D
I	N	Y	A	H	A	O	B	K	G	X	S	U	S	T
G	M	I	Q	R	R	C	R	W	S	S	W	N	A	H
E	N	G	P	N	N	O	A	C	Q	L	I	S	O	P
N	O	I	H	M	W	I	I	T	S	H	M	C	R	A
W	H	O	N	E	A	N	V	K	I	I	M	R	N	R
X	L	R	R	E	C	C	L	A	D	O	I	E	O	A
E	D	I	V	I	D	A	E	J	L	Z	N	E	C	D
Q	F	K	P	U	W	R	B	I	T	S	G	N	A	E
B	J	C	G	D	L	L	A	B	E	S	A	B	B	S
A	N	P	R	U	W	Z	D	G	I	F	C	D	V	Z
J	M	A	S	E	L	B	I	T	R	E	V	N	O	C
B	O	F	L	I	P	F	L	O	P	S	E	H	R	N
B	E	A	C	H	E	S	P	O	W	U	R	I	E	C
C	L	A	M	B	A	K	E	S	T	B	E	L	O	O

“Sweet Summertime” Word List

Bacon Roast	Clambakes	Parades
Baseball	Convertibles	Picnics
Beaches	Cornhole	Sunscreen
Boardwalks	Fireworks	Swimming
Camping	Flip Flops	Vacation
Carnivals	Gardening	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WPA Certificate No.: _____

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 #209
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Sept. 27, 2024**.

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Oct. 4, 2024, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #206 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #206 were drawn April 9, 2024 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Gayle B. Davidson, Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA
Lydia W. Cox, Br. 800 Altoona, PA
Janet L. Hankins, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Joseph C. Nodge, Br. 26 Sharon, PA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

Get Your Official WPA Cookbooks

A Taste of Hungarian Heaven - \$20 per copy
A spiral-bound book with 500-plus delicious recipes

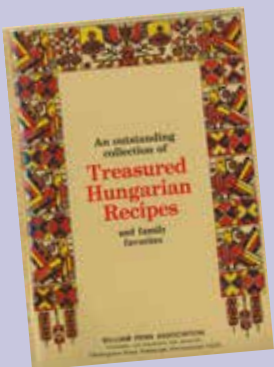
Treasured Hungarian Recipes - \$7 per copy
A collection of 160 classic Magyar recipes

Prices include shipping and handling.

Make your check payable to “WPA Scholarship Foundation” and mail to:

WPA Cookbook, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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





July/August 2024

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The Verhovay Home Association & **WPA**Life

Fall Golf Outing & Reception

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Manada Golf Course

609 Golf Lane, Grantville, PA

\$70/Golfer • \$280/Foursome

Price includes golf, cart, prizes, light food
& after-golf reception at the course pavilion

Tee Time 7:45 AM • Scramble Format

**Non-golfers = \$20/person for reception only
(ages 21 and over only)**

Sponsor a hole for only \$100!

Proceeds to benefit local charities
and other Verhovay activities

***For more information & an entry form,
contact Paul Dankowsky***

717-579-2444

or Judit Ganchuk at

412-231-2979, ext. 149

**Entry deadline
September 16**

