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Board appoints Torma as President/CEO

The Board of Directors has appointed Diane M. Torma, the Association's Chief Financial Officer for the past 27 years, to be WPA's new President/CEO. She succeeds George S. Charles, Jr., FIC, who will retire June 4 after serving as president for the past 28 years, the longest tenure of any president in the Association's 138-year history.

Mrs. Torma first joined the Home Office staff in May 1987 as a Treasury Department supervisor, primarily responsible for administering mortgage loan processing as well as managing the society's former credit union. Later, she became responsible for the accounting of the Association's investments and assisting with the production of the annual and quarterly financial statements.

She was named Assistant Treasurer in October 1995, assuming the additional responsibilities of coordinating the conversion of the computerized accounting system and assisting in the development of the Association's investment policy.

A year later, she was appointed Acting National Vice President-Treasurer. Two months after that, in December 1996, she was elected by the Board as National Vice President-Treasurer.

We wish Mrs. Torma and WPA continued success.



Diane M. Torma



Join hands, touch lives

Join Hands Day is a time to celebrate fraternalism through projects that will benefit our communities and connect youths and adults by working toward a common goal. Join Hands Day is traditionally observed on the first Saturday of May, but its underlying spirit can be practiced any day.

We encourage our branches to join in this effort of connecting adults and young people to improve their communities. It helps our young people develop leadership skills that will last them a lifetime.

If your branch has few young members, invite a local scout troop or a church youth group to join forces and become project partners from the planning stages to completion of the project.

We also ask that you take photos of your project which we will share in the pages of this magazine.

By working together, much can be accomplished! If you have any questions, please call Judith at 412-231-2979 ext. 149 or email her at jganchuk@wpalife.org.

Easter Baskets spread the fraternal spirit

As they have for many years, WPA members opened their hearts and shared their fraternal spirit with their neighbors in need through WPA's annual Easter Baskets program. This year, we are pleased to report that 17 branches prepared and delivered a total of 137 baskets.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH delivered 70 baskets filled with treats for children to a local center serving inner-city youth.

Some branches delivered their baskets directly to individuals and families in their communities. Other branches presented their baskets to churches or non-profit organizations which found suitable recipients in the community.

We thank the following branches for helping their neighbors in need through our Easter Basket program:

- Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT
- Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
- Br. 9 Hazleton, PA
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
- Br. 26 Sharon, PA
- Br. 44 Akron, OH
- Br. 51 Passaic, NJ
- Br. 88 Rural Valley, PA
- Br. 129 Columbus, OH
- Br. 132 South Bend, IN
- Br. 216 Northampton, PA
- Br. 226 McKeesport, PA
- Br. 249 Dayton, OH
- Br. 296 Springdale, PA
- Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA
- Br. 349 Weirton, WV
- Br. 800 Altoona, PA

Applicants, nominations sought for scholarships & awards

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) is seeking applicants for its annual scholarship program and nominations for its Fraternalist of the Year Award.

Meanwhile, the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNYFA) is also seeking nominations for both its Fraternalist of the Year and Youth Volunteer Awards.

Applicants and nominees must be members of a fraternal benefit society, such as WPA, and reside in the state presenting the scholarship or award.

The PFA will award at least two \$500 scholarships. The NJNYFA will award \$500 to each of its Youth Volunteers.

Fraternalist of the Year honorees will be invited to the annual meeting of their respective Fraternal Alliance to receive their award and will receive \$250 to help defray the cost of attending.

Applications for the PFA scholarship are due June 30. Nominations for the Fraternalist award are due Aug. 15. Nominations for both NJNYFA awards are due Sept. 1.

For more information on these awards, email John Lovasz at jllovasz@wpalife.org.

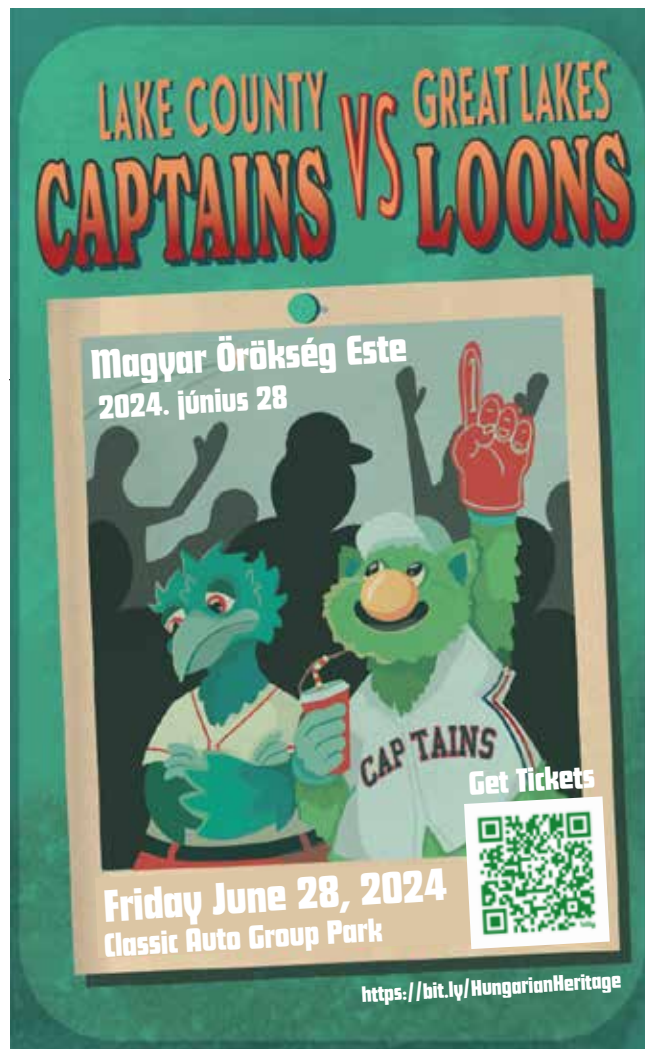
A special benefit for those graduating high school

WPA life benefit members graduating from high school may be eligible for our **Graduating High School Seniors Benefit**.

This benefit provides members free limited-term life insurance: \$5,000 of coverage if one parent is a WPA member and \$10,000 if both parents are members.

The coverage begins upon our receipt of written notice that you have graduated from high school and ends six months from the date of graduation. This coverage may be continued after six months, subject to submission of a satisfactory application and payment of any required premiums.

Written notice, including verification of your graduation date, must be submitted to our Home Office within 30 days of graduation. For more details, contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at our Home Office at 412-231-2979 ext. 128.



Are your beneficiaries up-to-date?

That's a question you should ask yourself at least once a year. Regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates is the only way to ensure that the people you want to receive the benefits of your life insurance are the ones who will receive it.

Think about the changes that have occurred in your life since you purchased your life insurance. Getting married, having children, losing a loved one, getting remarried--all these life changes affect your responsibilities. Do the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes?

If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates, either primary or secondary beneficiaries or both, contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office at 412-231-2979 or email mail@wpalife.org.

8 smart steps for buying life insurance



From
The
Insurance
Information
Institute

Life insurance can be a vital tool for financial planning, but finding coverage that meets your goals and budget can be challenging without guidance. Don't worry. A few simple steps will help you focus on the essential aspects of buying a policy that fits your needs.

Verify whether you need life insurance coverage.

Yes, life insurance is useful but it is not necessary for everyone. Consider purchasing a policy if any of these conditions apply to your situation.

- Someone depends on you financially and would likely still need significant financial resources after your death.
- Your estate won't have enough liquid assets (cash, investments, property or other saleable items) to cover its taxes and debt, eroding the inheritance you plan to leave behind.
- You wish to cover your funeral and burial expenses at least so that your assets remain intact for your legacy and heirs.

Otherwise, it is possible you don't need life insurance. You may also consider life insurance as a viable strategy to leave a charitable legacy for a cause you support.

Calculate how much life insurance coverage you need.

This part of the process can be daunting for many people, but it need not be. Take a quick snapshot of your finances and answer the following three crucial questions:

- *What financial resources will be available to your survivors or heirs after your death?* Look at three primary categories of resources:
 - Social Security and other retirement-related survivor benefits;
 - group life insurance (e.g. a policy you may have through an employer); and
 - other assets and financial resources.
- *When will these resources become available?* For example, Social Security survivor benefits are payable immediately to a surviving spouse if there are dependent children. If not, Social Security may not be available to your spouse until after age 60.
- *Determine what your survivor's financial needs may be after your death.* For simplicity, you might focus on three categories of requirements: final expenses, debts and income needs.

Next, subtract your survivors' financial resources from their financial needs to determine how much coverage to buy. Many people are underinsured, often because they skip these steps or take a shortcut (such as simply buying a multiple of annual income).

Decide on your financial goals for your life insurance.

The overall reason for buying life insurance is to leave behind financial resources for who or what is important to you. Premium payments to the insurance company go toward the death benefit, the financial payout after your death. Many people plan for this money to take care of their final arrangements, cover living expenses for loved ones or support a favorite cause. However, you can also use a life insurance policy to accumulate

savings, maximizing the income you will have for your retirement or providing an income stream after your death for your survivors.

Determine what type of life insurance best meets your financial needs.

You may have heard about various categories of life insurance, including term life, whole life and universal life. Each of these comes with fundamental distinctions. Consider how these differences might work for you.

Term life policies offer payment of a specified death benefit for a specific term of your life, such as five, 10, 15 or 20 years. Term life insurance coverage for most people tends to involve lower premiums; however, the longer the term, the more expensive your premiums may be. If you want insurance coverage for only a specific period or are on a limited budget, a term life policy may be a good fit.

However, what if you want to purchase insurance coverage for several decades until your death? Or, perhaps you'd like the option to use some of your premiums to accumulate savings. A whole or universal policy might be a good option in either of these cases. Basic whole life insurance involves a fixed premium and promises a minimum rate of return on the dollars invested, which builds the policy's cash value. A universal life insurance policy may offer the potential to increase the death benefit or adjust premium payments.

Find out if you need to add any riders to the policy.

Life insurance policies offer primary benefits according to the type of policy you purchase. But your coverage can be expanded or personalized through riders, optional additions to a life insurance policy that provide supplemental coverage or benefits you wouldn't receive with a standard policy. Adding some riders may increase your premiums, while other riders might be free.

One rider that you may want to consider is a waiver of premium rider. Some policies come with this rider included with the basic contract, but if not, it is generally a good idea to add it. Waiver of the premium pays the life insurance policy premium for you if you are disabled.

Shop around to find the best life insurance coverage for you.

There are many ways to save money when buying life insurance, but they don't always entail paying a lower premium immediately. Nonetheless, life insurance is a very competitive business, and, therefore, quotes can vary significantly between companies. Consider that what's important is that you get the coverage that fits your budget and financial goals. If you choose to work directly with an agent, make sure your agent knows about your financial situation and takes time to explain your options in easy to understand terms.

Decide whether to pay annual premiums at once or in installments.

You may have the option to pay an annual lump sum or spread out the yearly cost over smaller, more frequent payments. It may be more cost-effective to pay annually as often there may be a relatively large additional charge for paying in installments. Decide what works best for you.

Tell your beneficiaries about your life insurance policy.

Once the policy is purchased, tell your beneficiaries which company issued it, where to find the paper copy of the policy, and any specifics about what you want them to do with the death benefit. While it is rare for people to be unaware they are the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, it does happen, and benefits may go unclaimed. Don't forget to store your documents so that your beneficiaries can easily access them. □





Super simple summer sides

Every year at this time, I get requests from friends and relatives asking for recipes to enhance their outdoor entrées, whether they're grilling or just plain eating on the patio. Instead of repeating recipes from past issues, I'd like to offer you with five new very tasty and easy to prepare side dishes and one dessert that will make you the most popular culinary person among your family, friends and neighbors. Whether it is a barbecue, picnic, family reunion or neighborhood get together, food is always the major attraction.

If you have any questions or are looking for a specific recipe, just email wmpenn914@hotmail.com, and I will guide you to culinary satisfaction. Enjoy these recipes as you gather for your summertime celebrations. May your summer be fantastic and culinarily rewarding.

Easy Peasy Pasta Salad

For the dressing

- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano leaves, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

For the salad

- 16 ounces tri-color pasta, cooked & drained
- 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- ½ large white sweet onion, diced small
- 1 cup assorted olives, pitted & sliced
- 2 cups broccoli florets, cut bite-size, blanched & cooled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated

In a small bowl combine all ingredients for the dressing and mix well.

In a large bowl combine all the ingredients for the salad and toss to mix well, then drizzle the dressing all over the salad and once again toss coat the mixture.

Serve to your guests or refrigerate until ready for the meal.

Peaches & Ice Cream

- 5 ripe peaches, halved with pits removed
- ½ cup canola oil
- ½ stick unsalted butter
- 1½ tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Vanilla ice cream

In a small saucepan, melt the butter, then add the brown sugar and cinnamon and stir well to create a sauce.

Brush the peach halves with canola oil and place on hot grill for 3 minutes, then turn 90 degrees to get grill marks.

Remove the peaches from the grill, brush the tops with the butter sauce and let rest for 3 minutes.

Top each peach half with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and serve your guests.



Easy Peasy Pasta Salad



Cowboy Rice Salad

William Vasvary, CEC, ACE, MBBQ, (Chef Béla) is an instructor at the Mount Holly Campus of Rowan College at Burlington County, NJ. He is a member of the American Culinary Federation, a Master BBQ Cook, and judge of the Kansas City Barbeque Society.



Peaches & Ice Cream



Walnut Cranberry Cole Slaw

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- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup dried sweet cranberries
- 2 cups red cabbage, finely sliced
- 2 cups green cabbage, finely sliced
- ¼ cup red onions, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon celery seed

In a large bowl, combine the walnuts, cranberries, cabbages and onions.

In a medium bowl, mix the vinegar, oil, sugar and celery seed.

Pour the dressing over the salad and mix well.

Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.

Stir the slaw to distribute the dressing before serving to your guests.

Cowboy Rice Salad

For the dressing

- ½ cup lime juice
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1½ tablespoons honey
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon cumin powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

For the salad

- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 red onion, small & diced
- 1 can (14oz.) sweet corn, drained
- 1 can (14oz.) black beans, drained
- 3 beefsteak tomatoes, seeds removed & diced
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped
- 4½ cups brown rice

Place dressing ingredients in a small bowl and blend well then adjust taste to your liking. Place salad ingredients and rice in a large bowl, drizzle with the dressing, lightly toss then serve to your guests.

Greeny Bean Salad

- 1 can (15oz.) kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (15oz.) garbanzo beans, drained
- 2½ cups fresh green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces
- ¼ cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

In a saucepan, add the green beans and enough water to cover. Cook for 3 minutes or until the beans are al dente, then cool in ice water.

Place the kidney beans, garbanzo beans, green beans, red onion and parsley in a large bowl and lightly toss together.

In a small bowl, whisk together the cider vinegar, sugar, olive oil, salt and pepper to create the dressing, then taste and adjust flavor to your liking.

Pour the dressing over the salad, toss lightly and refrigerate before serving.



Greeny Bean Salad



Broccoli Bacon Salad

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- 3 heads broccoli, cut into bite size florets
 - 4 scallions, thinly sliced
 - 1 cup red onion, diced
 - 1½ cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
 - 4 cups red seedless grapes, cut in half
 - ½ cup mayonnaise
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons whole milk
 - 7 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
- In a large bowl, stir together the broccoli florets, scallions, red onion, mozzarella cheese and grapes.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sugar, white vinegar and milk, then taste and adjust flavor with salt and pepper.

Add the dressing to the broccoli bowl and toss to coat ingredients with the dressing, then sprinkle the bacon bits on the top of the salad.

Serve at once to your guests or refrigerate until ready for service.

If you want more dressing and bacon, double the amounts and add more florets.

JUST for KIDZ

A fun way to give a traditional gift

Did you ever want to give a gift to someone but weren't sure what to give them? (If you haven't, we bet your mom and dad have.) You aren't sure what the person likes to do or what size they wear or what their favorite color is. The easy thing to do is give them some money, right? After all, who doesn't like money? So, you buy a card, put some money in it and give it to them. Easy. And kind of boring.

Well, here's a way to give a gift of money in a different and super fun way...**money balloons**! It's pretty simple to do and a lot of fun for both you and the person receiving it. This is one of the best ways to make cash a surprise. It's fun to watch the recipient pop the balloon, get covered in confetti and discover the money inside! This would be a perfect gift not only for a high school and college graduate but also for anyone celebrating a birthday, no matter if they're 8 or 80. It definitely tops handing someone a card.

What you need:

- 16" clear or semi-clear balloons
- String or ribbon
- Helium tank, or take to your local party store
- Confetti (make your own or buy a small pack)
- Money (bills, not coins)
- A funnel
- A grown up to help

What you do:

- Using a funnel, pour a handful of confetti into the balloon.
- Roll up the money and put inside the balloon. Put only 2 or 3 bills at most into each balloon.
- Fill the balloon with helium. Make sure to fill it enough so it will float in the air with the money inside.
- Tie the balloons closed and tie a string or ribbon on it to hold the balloon.
- Enjoy watching someone pop the balloon open!

Some helpful hints:

- If you don't want to buy or rent a helium tank, take your filled balloons to the store where you bought your balloons and confetti and ask to fill them for you. Try party stores, dollar stores or balloon shops.
- Fill your balloons with helium no more than a few hours before you're going to give them so that they are nice and fully inflated by the time the person receives them.
- When you inflate the balloon with helium, there will be noise from the bills flapping around inside. Don't worry--that's normal.

Thanks to Sugar and Charm (<https://sugarandcharm.com/money-balloons>) for this fun idea!



Make sure you tag #graduation #artsandcrafts #WPALife and share us with family and friends. Continue finding inspiration and being one to your friends and family!

What's Happening

A LISTING OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 01** 47th Annual Hungarian Festival. Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ. 11:00 AM-6:00 PM. Information: hungarianfestival.org
- 01** First Hungarian Reformed Church & Al Vargo Memorial Golf Outing, Champion Lakes G.C., Bolivar, PA. Information: 412.398.2078
- 09** Magyar Club of Dayton bacon fry, Hills and Dales Park, 1:00 PM. Bring a covered dish. Information: Magyarclubofdayton@gmail.com
- 23** Liszt Concert, Hungarian Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH. Information: hungarianculturalgarden.org
- 28** Hungarian Heritage Night @ Lake County Captains, Classic Auto Group Park, Eastlake, OH. Information: 440.975.8085

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

- 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: 724.339.2445
- 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

Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

By Jim Ballas

This year, Easter was celebrated early. For many, the weather had the feel of winter even though the calendar ushered in the first day of spring. But with all the showers already in the northeast, we look forward to a spring filled with beautiful flowers.

Our branch participated in the Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. We donated a little more than \$100 worth of grocery items to the Thomas Merton Family Center food pantry. The Thomas Merton Family Center is committed to providing a loving, safe and hope-filled community atmosphere that responds to the needs of its guests. Services include a meal program, showers, mail program, Eat Smart Marketplace that provides food for five days from the food pantry, and case management. We used the matching funds of \$50 from the WPA along with \$50 from our branch.

We also participated in the Easter Baskets program. The \$200 from the WPA Home Office was used to purchase four \$50 gift cards which were placed in Easter gift bags. The bags were filled with some treats and given to four local families.

Along with the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, our members received donations of candy, toys, coloring books, crayons, story books and other treats for children's Easter baskets. These were assembled and distributed to children in the community. Thanks to all those members who donated and helped work on these projects. Special thanks to Sandy Stasko for coordinating and managing this project.

On May 5, the Greater Bridgeport CROP Walk for Hunger took place. Several of our branch members participated in the walk. The walk is a community event spon-



Members of Branch 1 assembled Easter baskets for local children. Helping were (l-r) Ann Ballas, Linette Kardos, Nancy Kardos, Sandy Stasko, Sharyn Green, Barbara Poruban and Judy Toth.



These gift bags were assembled and donated by members of Branch 1 to four local families as part of WPA's Easter Baskets program.

sored by Church World Service. It fights hunger locally, nationally, and internationally, and emphasizes self-sustaining agricultural practices. Twenty-five percent of the money collected remains in the Greater Bridgeport area. Participants collect sponsor donations for the 2.14-mile walk around the neighborhoods of North Avenue in Bridgeport. You can support these events in your local area as they are held throughout the country on this day.

Enjoy the blooming days of spring!

Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

By Dora S. McKinsey

Greetings from Branch 9! Hope all are well and enjoying the beautiful weather.

The month of May ushers in Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Enjoy every minute you have with

your mother if you are fortunate enough to have her still around. If not, I pray you have fond and loving memories of the time you spent together.

Memorial Day is held May 27 this year and honors those who lost their lives while defending our country. Be sure to thank a veteran for their selfless service to keep us safe.

The month of June brings us Flag Day on June 14, Father's Day on June 16 and the first day of summer on June 20. Let us not forget that June 7 is National Donut Day!

Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday in May or June. May you have many more and may all of them be healthy.

We remember the families of those Branch 9 members who have lost their lives. May you find peace in the memories of your loved one.

Remember that William Penn



Branch 9 participated in WPA's Easter Baskets program by donating four Easter baskets to families in need just like the one pictured above.

Association is a safe and reliable place to purchase life insurance and/or invest in an annuity. Contact your local agent, Sara Barra, at s_mckinsey@hotmail.com to help with all your needs. Now would be a perfect time to review your policy and make sure your insurance coverage is sufficient to meet your family's needs after your death. William Penn Association has the right life and/or annuity product to meet all your needs.

In researching my family roots, I was so excited to learn that one of my great uncles was the secretary of Branch 2 of the Catholic Knights of St. George. I'm not sure of the dates, but it would have been around 1910. Small world isn't it, especially since I spent more than 20 years working for WPA.

In Teddy Roosevelt's words: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By **Richard E. Sarosi**

We are sending out warm spring greetings to our members. Enjoy the colors of spring as the flowers are in full bloom. Soon it will be time to plant the gardens.

There will be several events of note in June and July in Cleveland.

The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio hosts its

Buckeye Road Reunion Picnic on Sunday, June 23, at the Hiram picnic grounds beginning at noon.

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden will hold its annual Liszt Concert on Sunday, June 23, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This outdoor concert will feature a baby grand piano, musicians and a vocalist performing in the garden.

WPA Branch 14 and Branch 28 will participate in Hungarian Heritage Night on Friday, June 28, with the Lake County Captains baseball team. Tickets for the game can be purchased via the Internet at <https://bit.ly/HungarianHeritage>. Enhance your evening with a "Taste of Hungary" food package which must be pre-purchased at the same website. Menu will include *kolbász*, stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes and strudel. You will pick up your redemption voucher at a table across from the front gate. Game tickets and food packages must be purchased by June 14. See you at the game!

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden golf fundraiser for the restoration of the garden fountain, takes place on Wednesday, July 24, at the Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, OH.

I had the opportunity to attend the 67th Cleveland Cserkészbál (Hungarian Scout Benefit Ball) on April 27. The evening included the presentation of debutantes, a performance of the *Palotás* (Hungarian Court Dance) by members of the Hungarian Folk Ensemble, dinner and an awards presentation. Hepcat Revival, a seven-piece orchestra, provided energized jump blues, jazz and swing for the evening's dancing and entertainment.

Remember to support and

encourage your children in their education and career goals. They represent the future and have educational opportunities and activities available to them which would not be possible without your support and the support of family members purchasing WPA life insurance and annuities.

If your children will soon be growing out of their juvenile policies, it is time for them to sign up for their adult policies. Follow in the footsteps of your parents and grandparents by purchasing a WPA life insurance policy for yourself, your spouse and your children. Remember: only life-benefit members are eligible to receive grants through the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Contact your WPA sales representative for information.

Branch 14 meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). WPA Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the Branch meetings. Our next meeting will be on June 5.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, our branch will host our annual Christmas party at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor, OH. Time to be announced.

Please call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary/Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 with questions regarding the scheduled meeting and events.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. Our condolences are sent to the family and friends of WPA member Sandor "Sonny" Tollas Jr. who passed away April 6, 2024. Sonny was the cousin of WPA Chair of the Board Kathy Novak, brother of Mary Foor (Sissy) and godfather to Chrissy Kobasic,

who have been WPA members for a long time and participate in WPA activities.

We also remember WPA member Edith Ann Putanko on her passing on Feb. 21, 2024. Edie will be remembered for her laugh and happy personality. She traveled to Hungary with WPA. She looked good in her traditional Hungarian village dress.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Edie Putanko and Sonny Tollas at this difficult time. May our friends, family and WPA members who are no longer among us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all our members who might be 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 members celebrating a May/June birthday and/or anniversary.

Keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. 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 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 26 Sharon, PA

By Barbara Tew

Spring is in the air. Spring cleaning is always on the top of the list. While you're swapping out your seasonal clothes, remember to donate your unwanted clothes and shoes to someone in need.



Members of Branch 26 donated food and beverages (above) to a local food pantry as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. Branch members also helped fill plastic Easter eggs (left) for an egg hunt at a local daycare facility.

Branch 26 had the pleasure of donating Easter baskets to several families and stuffing plastic eggs for an Easter egg hunt for a daycare. We also delivered a trunk-load of food to a local food pantry. This was not the first time we dropped off food for the pantry; however, it was the first time I truly looked around. I noticed the volunteers smiling and laughing, taking the time to talk to the families, telling them they had personal items, clothes, shoes, and toiletries. It was very humbling to see. I highly recommend this experience to everyone.

Mother's Day is on May 12 and Father's Day is on June 16. Please celebrate all the parents and parental figures out there. Parenting is a hard job but an honor.

Get well wishes to the sick and prayers to all who are in need.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Happy days of fun in the sun as summer 2024 is officially here. Be sure to watch local publications and websites for all the summer festivals and events taking place; always a good way to reconnect with friends and acquaintances and a chance to meet new people.

Looking forward to June 28 as the Lake County Captains once again host Hungarian Heritage

Night at the Captains baseball game.

Best of luck to Michael Kripchak, former 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, on his new venture, since relocating back in the Youngstown, Ohio area. Give him a call to learn more details.

Congratulations to all the 2024 graduates completing high school or college. May you find many avenues of success with your future endeavors.

To you high school grads, we hope you remembered to submit your application for a WPA scholarship grant.

Special congratulations to the recent retirees from WPA. So many years of service and dedication. Wishing you many years of relaxation and enjoyment as this new chapter of your life begins.

Remembering all our dear mothers and fathers as their special holidays were celebrated in May and June.

We hope all our readers gave special honor to all those who lost their lives while serving in our armed forces, as well as all our loved ones who have passed, this past Memorial Day weekend.

Sending best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Get well wishes go out to all those not feeling up to par, especially Joan Schwartz, Cassie Holmes and Caroline Lanzara.

Sincere sympathy to all those



Branch 44 member Leah Bentley (above, left) shops for items to fill four Easter baskets which Branch 44 officer Kim Confer (above, right) delivered to a local food bank for distribution to families in need of assistance.

who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently.

Thoughts and prayers to retired WPA National Director/Vice Chair Anne Marie Schmidt and her family on the loss of her brother Joseph Kertesz.

Special condolences to the family and friends of Sandor "Sonny" Tollas, Jr., WPA Branch 28 Vice President, who passed away on April 6, unexpectedly, following a recent health issue. He really enjoyed attending so many WPA and Hungarian events for so many years. Rest in peace, my dear cousin.

Safe travels to everyone enjoying the summer months.

To informatin on life insurance or annuities, call Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-546-3327.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

By Marguerite McNelis

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

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

Happy and healthy birthday

wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays in May, especially my sister-in-law. Happy May anniversary wishes to my brother and sister-in-law. Many, many more.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays in June, especially my brother. Happy June anniversary wishes to my son and daughter-in-law. Many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

Please remember our deceased members in your prayers.

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

Branch 44 Akron, OH

By Elizabeth K. Darago

Hello summer! How time flies. All the scurrying around for the Spring has settled, and Branch 44 members completed many group activities thanks to branch volunteer junior and senior members.

We shopped, sorted, bagged and delivered four Easter Baskets. We also made donations to the Church Food Bank, the Ronald

McDonald House, Stewart's Caring Place (a center for cancer patients) and the International Institute of Akron.

We have junior members working on a Join Hands Day project and a pet food project for an animal rescue.

Thanks to the Home Office for its support. We couldn't exist without it.

A giant THANK YOU to the Saus family, our caring junior members, and our senior volunteers.

It's so gratifying to have scholarship recipients, coming back to give back.

We encourage all members to call any Branch 44 officer to volunteer your assistance, to suggest an activity or a charitable cause or to just keep in touch. We'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

Remember, we collect clean, used shopping bags and non-perishable food items all year. Contact a branch officer or email me at mtd13ekd@att.net.

We read every issue of *WPA Life* thoroughly to glean possible projects and to admire other WPA branches' activities. How wonderful and inventive and supportive their activities are.

With summer comes reunions, graduations, outdoor parties and other seasonal activities. Support your local Hungarian small business owners, including:

- Al's Quality Market and Corner Restaurant, 15 Second St. Barberton, OH; open Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Check their website for more information.

- Your Cabbage Connection, 2455 Canton Road, Akron/Springfield, OH; open Wednesday to Saturday. Check website for hours.

Both of these small businesses have wonderful Hungarian food.

Congratulations to all graduates. Happy birthday to all those celebrating being "a year younger."

Happy wedding and happy

anniversary to all the May/June couples.

Happy new baby/grandbaby to those welcoming a new addition to the family.

Get well wishes go out to those feeling under the weather.

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

Last, but certainly not least, we offer our unwavering support for all our heroes in uniform, wherever in the world you are stationed.

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

Branch 51 Passaic, NJ

By Christine Baldyga

Our branch held its annual food drive on March 17. Branch officers and members, along with the financial assistance of the branch and Home Office, donated over 25 bags of non-perishable food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Stirling, NJ. A special thank you to John and Rita Mozer for delivering the food.

The Food Pantry expressed its gratitude to WPA for its continued support, which allows the pantry to help individuals and families in need. Food donations make a difference in the lives of many people, and we are grateful to everyone who supported this food drive.

Also on March 17, a Mass was celebrated for deceased members of Branch 51 at St. Stephen's R. C. Magyar Church in Passaic, NJ. Thank you to the members of the branch who were able to join us.

The branch participated in the Easter Baskets program, donating three baskets which helped to make the Easter holiday brighter for three families. We appreciate the continued support of the Home Office in this program.

On April 20, Christine and Tom Baldyga had the pleasure of attending the 57th Annual Gala of



Members of Branch 51 prepare to deliver 25 bags of non-perishable food items to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.



John Mozer helps stock the food donated by the members of Branch 51 at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

the American Hungarian Foundation, which operates the Hungarian Heritage Center in New Brunswick, NJ. The Hungarian Heritage Center is home to the Hungarian Museum and Library, and promotes cultural events including a Hungarian artisans market and an annual Hungarian festival.

We hope everyone remains safe and well.

Best wishes to all as we celebrate Father's Day and graduations.

We look forward to the nice weather that summer brings.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskarinec

By the time you read this, our annual golf outing at Champion Lakes will have come and gone. This year, we renamed the outing in honor of the late Al Vargo and were pleased with the response we received. Al would be so thrilled. We anticipated an all-time

high number of participants at the event, which, knowing Al, would not be a surprise. We are hoping to have pictures from the event in the next issue of **WPALife**.

We no sooner finished that outing when we kicked it into high gear for our annual Hungarian Reformed Church - Steel Valley Area Charities Golf Outing to be held Aug. 11 at Grandview Golf Club.

We know this too will be a fun event. Price will remain the same as last year at \$100. Proceeds will be split between the First Hungarian Reformed Church and various agencies and charities in the Steel Valley Area. Please contact me for reservations by Aug. 5. Yes, we are in need of golfers, volunteers and donors. The more the merrier.

Branch 89 extends get well wishes to branch member Joseph Hanchak. Joe has been dealing with some serious issues since December and has been in and out of hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Joe is married to Carolyn Toth and is the father of Bradley Hanchak and Julie Duer, all WPA

family vacations. Please be safe in all your travels.

With school being out for the summer, keep an eye out while driving for children playing near or in the streets. Also, watch out for motorcycles as they can sometimes be hard to see. Please don't drive distracted.

Our branch participated in the Easter Baskets program by donating 70 Easter baskets to the children at the Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Center in Columbus. The staff and children appreciated the baskets very much.

We also participated in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign by making a monetary donation of \$100 to a local food bank.

Congratulations to all our members who are graduating from high school or college. Good luck to all of you in your future education plans or job searches.

Margaret Meszaros Leonardo, our branch secretary, passed away on April 16. She had just celebrated her 99th birthday on April 6 with family and close friends. She was always a very active member, attending WPA branch and national activities throughout her life. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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

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

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. Remember the good times you shared with them and keep them in your prayers.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share in *WPALife*, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or at DAL9968@aol.com.



Margaret Leonardo of Branch 129 (seated, right) celebrated her 99th birthday April 6, with fellow members and friends (standing l-r) Olga Kovach, Diane Walker, Erzi Wagner, Debbie Lewis, Rick Lewis and (seated, left) Patty Boso. Margaret passed away 10 days later on April 16.

members. We ask God to send down His healing power to Joe and that He gives Carolyn, Brad and Julie the strength needed to help get Joe back on the path to good health.

Also continued get well wishes go to Bishop Koloman K. Ludwig, a true friend to many of us. We're pulling for you to beat this dreaded disease. We need your wisdom for many years to come.

Happy belated Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. We hope it was a truly special day for you full of good cheer, pampering and relaxation.

And let's not forget the fathers out there. Happy Father's Day. Spend the day enjoying a good baseball game.

Also, may everyone have a very safe, healthy and happy 4th of July. Take time to cherish the impor-

tance of this special day.

As always, do something nice for someone and you'll see how much better you will feel.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hello, all, from Columbus, OH. We hope everyone has been having beautiful spring weather. We have had great weather the last month. The flowers are looking more beautiful as the warmer weather is here.

Important dates for the month of June: Flag Day (June 14), Father's Day (June 16), and summer officially begins (June 20). For July: Independence Day (July 4th).

The next few months will be a time when many will be taking



Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in May and June.

We are sending warm wishes to members Goldie Szarka, Shirley Marcinko, and Les Petras.

We pray for the family and friends of William Kunca, Etta Melvin and James B. Ryan Jr. May they find peace in this time of loss.

The officers are trying something new with the branch. We held a small bacon roast last July and are planning for another bacon roast this year on Saturday, July 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport. Please bring one dish to share. RSVP before July 20 and let us know how many children you're bringing. We plan to have another fun and relaxing afternoon plus free bounce house and face painter.

At our general meeting in March, we voted to donate to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. We also agreed to distribute four Easter Baskets within our local community, thanks to the Home Office's program.

After the business portion of the meeting, members volunteered to create handmade cards for charity through a program called Creative Kindness. The cards will be delivered to hospitals, crisis centers, retirement homes and other organizations and will bring smiles and encouragement to people in need across America.

We are planning a Join Hands Day project for the local human service nonprofit near McKeesport High School, Auberle (Ward Home). The staff focus on five areas with the clients: workforce development, housing, young adult services, foster care, and behavioral health. The Auberle



Director of Transition Age Youth Services asked that we help with their dental kit program for clients who transition out of foster care: they will need a new toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and lip balm. If you can help, we'd love your support.

Our branch is planning to host a table at the Renzie Market on Thursday, July 18, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. near Lake Emilie on Tulip Drive in McKeesport. Come out to support us and several local vendors, grab a snack and check out the live music. There may be gelato!

Our branch donated a Chinese auction basket filled with lottery tickets to the First Hungarian Reformed Church and Al Vargo Memorial Golf Outing. WPA Branch 89 members helped put together this golf outing, the proceeds from which will be split between the church and the WPFA Scholarship Foundation in memory of Al Vargo.

Our branch's general meetings are held quarterly in March, June, September and December. Our next regular quarterly meeting is planned to be held Tuesday, June 25, at 6:00 p.m. in a smaller location, Chick-fil-a restaurant in the Waterfront complex, 15 minutes from McKeesport. We will finish up our plans for the bacon roast. The next meeting after that is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the same Chick-fil-a location. Please plan on attending

NEXT DEADLINE

The next issue of William Penn Life will be a combined July/August 2024 issue. All submissions for that issue will be due in our office by June 28, 2024.

so we can plan our branch Christmas party with you.

We hope our students remembered to apply for a WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant. The deadline was May 31. If you missed out this year, you can apply next year. Watch for more details, eligibility rules and an application in this magazine.

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!

You may have much on your shoulders but stay strong!

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

It's the first of May, and it's going to be 87 degrees today. 87 degrees?! But who's complaining? Well, after having to run the air conditioner, maybe I will when the electric bill comes next month. But as they say, *carpe diem*. Get out and enjoy this summer-like weather while you can.

Speaking of getting out and enjoying the weather, we have been out and about enjoying it all. First was the full eclipse. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, especially



Retired Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and her husband Mark welcomed guests to the WPA information table at the Eastern European Heritage Experience held in April at the American Czech Club in Dayton, OH.

since we were smack dab in the middle of full totality for nearly four minutes and the weather was mostly clear. WOW!

Then came the EEHE, that is, the Second Annual Eastern European Heritage Experience held at the American Czech Club on April 27. More than 1,000 people enjoyed eastern European ethnic club displays, food, pastries, live music, dancers, beer and wine. There were locals and out-of-town visitors from Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. The food trucks were busy as were the ethnic club's food offerings.

WPA Branch 249 had an information table and made many people aware of how great WPA is for insurance, annuities and fraternalism. Many thanks to WPA Home Office for sponsoring the main stage. The Home Office really comes through with support to local branches not only with monetary aid but also with banners and promotional give-aways. Contact them for your next event.

The next event in May was the World A'Fair held at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Tens of thousands of people have attended this event featuring 50 countries over its 47-year history. Clubs repre-

sending countries from around the world set up displays and food booths highlighting their cultural heritage. Music groups and dancers keep the multiple stages hopping for the three-day event. Hungary was represented by the Dayton Hungarian Festival Club Dancers. Their pastries, cabbage rolls and dancing were top notch, and we were glad to see WPA members helping out at the booth displaying fraternalism at its best.

WPA Branch 249 planted flowers at Queen of Martyr's Catholic Church for Join Hands Day. The church is always glad to help local organizations, and we are glad to help them beautify their grounds and school.

The Magyar Club of Dayton is holding a bacon fry at the Paw Paw shelter at the Hills and Dales Park in Dayton on June 9 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your beverage. The club will supply the bacon and fixings.

The Third Annual Adults Night Out at the Hollywood Gaming and Dayton Raceway is scheduled for late September or early October. We'll let you know the exact date when the live harness racing is scheduled.

I know it's early but mark your

calendar now for the very popular WPA Branch 249 children's Christmas party. This event will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at noon at Scene 75. Details coming later in the year.

Please remember those loved ones and friends who have passed away. If you think of them fondly they are truly not gone.

Happy birthday to the May and June crowd, especially to my mom, 91 this year. Also a happy birthday to my better half, Anne Marie, who perennially looks 35. She truly is a blessing to me. Eat lots of cake!

Happy anniversary to all the May and June brides and grooms, especially to daughter Cassie and SIL Greg who are celebrating their 10th. Wow, it seems like their wedding was only a few years ago.

If you have any news, ideas or questions, please contact Anne Marie or me at 937-938-0198 or amschmidt@msn.com. We would love to hear from you.

Now, get out there and enjoy the weather. School is almost out and it will soon be vacation time! Woo-hoo!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Warmer weather is here, along with high school and college graduations, baseball games, picnics and the gardening season. The better weather is calling us to venture out and socialize and get some of that essential Vitamin D (a.k.a. the "sunshine vitamin") in our system.

We've got a couple of "save the dates" for you:

- Branch 296 bacon roast, Sunday, Sept. 15, starting at noon, at a new location. Look for us at the Yakoan Pavilion in Harrison Hills Park in Natrona Heights. Parking is conveniently close to the pavilion, the area is level and there are no stairs to climb to the restrooms. More details will follow.

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

Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House will be the focus of our upcoming branch Join Hands Day project, and I will provide more details on that in the next issue of *WPA Life*. This is always an enjoyable and fulfilling project for us, and I hope you were able to participate.

Although Mother's Day has passed, we hope that moms, grandmas, wives, aunts and those who have acted in place of mothers, were remembered and celebrated. Loving thoughts for all mothers who are no longer with us. We carry memories of each of them in our hearts; they are not forgotten. My own mother loved those Eat'n Park's strawberry pies, and sometimes that would appear as her Mother's Day dessert.

Father's Day follows, and their day is not to be overshadowed. Dads, paps, husbands, uncles and of course, those who have acted in place of our fathers, cannot be forgotten. We love, honor and remember you!

Stepping into the "way-back machine," I remember buying a box of Marsh Wheeling cigars from our local drugstore for my dad, then getting on my bicycle and pedaling home. I don't think there are any drugstores out there anymore who will sell a box of cigars to a nine-year-old!

Happy May birthday greetings to Helen Slaninka and to all of our branch members born this month. For our June birthday celebrants: Mary Ann Slaninka, Terry Panaro and Angela Wislie Misera, we also wish you birthday happiness. By far, the biggest wish goes to Branch Vice President Marge Kosheba who will be making her 99th trip around the sun. You are amazing, Marge!

Wishing all who are recuperat-

ing from illnesses or surgeries complete recoveries. Dorothy Dinzeo and Cassie Holmes, we know that you're both on the mend, and we wish you speedy and complete recoveries.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to those mourning the loss of a loved one. Sending a card, calling or in some way reaching out to those who are recovering or grieving can bring some comfort. Please don't forget them.

Our summer break has begun. Let's stay connected if you have any suggestions or news that you'd like me to share with our readers. Contact me at 724-274-5318 or makelly367@verizon.net.

For your life insurance and annuity questions or needs, our helpful WPA agent Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, is happy to help. You can reach her at: 412-821-1837 and at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

The sunshine is calling you (Vitamin D, remember?), but don't overdo it!

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

We thank William Penn Association for giving our branch the means to donate to individuals in need and organizations in our area. The ability to help others within our locale is what makes WPA such a great insurance organization of which to be a member.

One of the goals of the founders was to extend a helping hand to each other. WPA has never forgotten their roots and why we were established.

When you get a life policy or annuity, you are making a purchase with a purpose. It's not only extremely beneficial for you and your family in helping with future needs but also helps our branches help others in need.

Our branch meeting in March was a "kitchen shower" held for the Friendship House in



A volunteer at The Friendship House in Steubenville, OH, accepts kitchen items donated by members of Branch 349 during their March meeting.

downtown Steubenville. When an individual or family is finally able to get a place in which to live, instead of on the street or in shelters, they have nothing with which to furnish their new place. So, we had held a gift-giving party aimed at assisting folks in the task of stocking a kitchen by providing useful utensils, supplies and small appliances that can be used in the task of food preparation. Our attendees brought in gifts of towels, pots and pans, dishes, glasses, silverware, serving utensils and even a coffee pot and toaster oven! The Friendship House was very thankful for the donations. Branch members had a great time at our shower, too.

Don't forget to give to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. If you have been a past recipient of a WPA scholarship, please think about paying it forward and making a donation to the Scholarship

Foundation. Every donation makes a difference in our students' educational lives.

This month's interesting fact: Next time you write a check (preferably to the Scholarship Foundation), think of László József Bíró. He was born in Budapest and worked as a journalist. Bíró noticed that the ink used in newspaper printing dried quickly, leaving the paper dry and smudge-free. He tried using the same ink in a fountain pen, but found that it would not flow into the tip, as it was too thick and sticky. Bíró presented the first production of the ballpoint pen at the Budapest International Fair in 1931. Working with his brother György, a chemist, he developed a new tip consisting of a ball that was free to turn in a socket, and as it turned it would pick up ink from a cartridge and then roll to deposit it on the paper. Bíró patented the invention in Paris in 1938. In 1945, Bic bought the patent from Bíró for the pen. Bic has sold more than 100 billion ballpoint pens worldwide. We wish happy birthday to branch members with May and June birthdays and anniversaries. Our prayers go out to those who may have lost loved ones recently, including the loved ones of branch members Leah Gilmore and Harry Smolira. May your loved one rest

in peace. Get well wishes continue to go out to those under the weather. So happy to see Caroline Lanzara out of the hospital now and that Ursula Markovits has received good news on her health! If you have any news you wish to share with us, please call me or email at jen567476@yahoo.com. 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. To all our friends, relatives and members, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

By Joan B. Ballash

May and June are usually very busy months when we are expressing gratitude to active military, remembering veterans, recognizing mothers and fathers, honoring our flag and celebrating weddings and graduations. I hope you have opportunities to take advantage of the late spring holiday events.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Joseph C. Toomey and to everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

Happy birthday to Branch Presi-

dent Dan Greiner and his brother and Vice President Dennis who were both June arrivals. May God bless all who are marking special dates in May and June.

In concert with WPA's charitable mission, our branch participated in the Easter Baskets program by providing a supermarket gift card to each of five families. Thank you to the Home Office for sponsoring this program. Officers also voted to donate to St. Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen, Catholic Charities and the American Rescue Workers.

The annual branch picnic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park, Altoona. Cost is \$5 per person with no charge for children 12 and under. The menu will include hot dogs, baked beans, corn on the cob, dessert and beverages. Reservations may be made by calling Dan Greiner at 814-943-7471 no later than Friday, Aug. 2.

If you have news to share, call 814-931-1712.

If you have questions concerning life insurance or annuities, call Bob Jones at 814-932-8609.

Branch meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Lourdes Education Center, 873- 27th St., Altoona. Adult members are welcome. No meetings are scheduled for the months of June and July.

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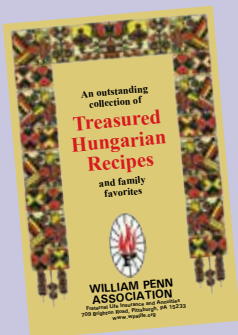
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Please remember in your thoughts all our recently departed members and their loved ones.

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Time for a smoke

About a year ago, this publication’s managing editor started smoking. No, we’re not referring to smoking tobacco; he gave up that nasty habit more than 12 years ago. We’re talking about a different kind of smoking, one that can produce delicious results (although some may argue that it is nearly as bad for your health as the other type of smoking). What he smokes is meat (and occasionally, fish).

This new hobby began innocently enough when his wife bought him a new charcoal grill for Father’s Day. Soon after assembling his new grill, he discovered that you could attach a firebox to the grill, turning it into an offset smoker, similar to (but much smaller than) the ones used by barbecue “pitmasters” in Texas.

Soon, he was smoking whatever he could whenever he could -- a pork butt, beef shanks, a whole chicken, chicken breasts, turkey breasts, turkey drum sticks, salmon, tomahawk

steaks, picanha, a lamb shoulder. What about barbecue classics like brisket and ribs, you ask? Those require time. A lot of time, upwards of 10 hours or more on the smoker, time he doesn’t have to commit to one cook...well, maybe some day.

Now that summer is here, he hopes to fire up his smoker a bit more frequently, joining millions of amateur backyard pitmasters in creating smoky, savory delights for their family and friends.

So, this month’s word search is dedicated to all of you who enjoy grilling and/or smoking, whether you use charcoal, gas, pellets or wood to heat and flavor your favorite foods...and to those who simply enjoy eating.

This puzzle contains 18 clues, all connected to the craft of barbecue. Don’t be surprised if you become a little hungry while solving it.

Our best wishes to all our dear readers for a safe, happy and delicious summer!

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #208 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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

“Time for a smoke” Word List

Barbecue	Firebox	Offset
Bark	Gas Grill	Pellets
Brisket	Hickory	Pitmaster
Burnt Ends	Low and Slow	Pork Ribs
Charcoal	Marinade	Smoke Ring
Dry Rub	Mesquite	Smoker

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 Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Aug. 6, 2024, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #205 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #205 were drawn Feb. 7, 2024 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

- Robert Motz, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH**
- Ilona R. Kiss, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH**
- Adam L. Kushner, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA**
- Mary R. Quittley, Br. 51 Passaic, NJ**

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.



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