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Convention, Picnic highlight busy month of fraternal activities



Kidz



Junior Bowlers Ages 6-18

(Bumpers available)

Become involved in the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh first ever

Kidz Bowling for Kidz.

A charitable event to benefit
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

When: Sunday, November 4, 2007 beginning at 1:00 PM.

Where: Princess Lanes in Whitehall, PA.

Why: Many children who suffer from serious illnesses and diseases are treated at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh every year. The proceeds from this event will benefit Children's Hospital.

How: Children ages 6-18 can qualify***.

The Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh is sponsoring this fund raiser to benefit Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh is made up of approximately 11 different Fraternal Benefit Societies in the Greater Pittsburgh/Western PA area. The FSGP believes it is a great idea to give the youth members of the various fraternal the opportunity to meet young members from other societies while raising money for the kids at Children's Hospital.



For entry form and additional information, contact Mark Lantz at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 134 or by email at mlantz@williampennassociation.org

*** There is no cost to enter the tournament, however, you must have a total of \$25.00 in sponsorships or promised sponsorships prior to entering.

All bowlers will roll a three game series (age 6-7 bowl two games) and will be treated to food, prizes and a commemorative t-shirt the day of the event. Also, the bowler who collects the most donations will receive a prize!

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Fraternalists gather for NFCA annual meeting

OAK BROOK, IL – More than 400 fraternalists from around the country gathered in Pittsburgh for the 121st Annual Meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), held Sept. 6 to 8. Themed “Bridging Heritage with Innovation,” the meeting addressed important questions, such as how to use our heritage as a foundation for innovation.

“We addressed a number of challenging issues, including how to approach mergers and strategic alliances,” said NFCA Immediate Past Chair Janice U. Whipple, who presided over this year’s meeting. “In addition, fraternalists were able to attend quality programs and explore many other topics that will help their societies operate more efficiently.”

Several speakers enlightened and entertained the attendees, including the opening keynote presenter Todd Buchholz, former director of economic policy at the White House, a managing director of the \$15 billion Tiger

hedge fund and an award-winning economics teacher at Harvard. In his presentation, Buchholz explained that in order to maintain their fraternal difference, it is imperative for fraternalists to find the relevance that made their society grow, and make sure their relevance is not only current, but is continuing to adapt to the ever-changing future. In order to grow, societies must lead with their fraternal advantage and focus on their fraternal communities, creating opportunities for their members to come together for greater outreach, growth and success.

Other main platform speakers included Jim Carroll, a leading international futurist, and trends and innovation expert, who explained how rapid times require bold change and new levels of creativity and innovation within every fraternal benefit society.

In other business, new 2007-2008 NFCA Chair of the Board Katharine E. Rounthwaite was installed. NFCA

Interim President and CEO Bob Huxel reviewed the specific accomplishments of the trade association during the past year.

The 121-year-old NFCA unites 75 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies operating in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The association represents 10 million fraternalists in 37,000 local chapters, making it one of America’s largest member-volunteer networks.

Combined, the NFCA’s member-societies maintain more than \$329 billion of life insurance-in-force and, in 2006 alone, contributed almost \$410 million to charitable and fraternal programs, and volunteered nearly 95 million hours for community-service projects.

These statistics demonstrate the commitment that fraternalists make to those in need and exemplify the true meaning of the NFCA signature phrase: *Joining Hands to Touch Lives.*

Hungarian missionary to visit Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH - The Rev. Csaba Bojte, founder of the St. Francis Foundation both in Transylvania and Deva, Hungary, will be appearing in Pittsburgh Oct. 26 and 27 as part of his American fundraising mission.

Founded 15 years ago, the Foundation provides homes and education to nearly 1,500 orphaned and troubled children in Transylvania and Hungary.

The author of several books, Brother Csaba was recognized for his work by the Hungarian daily *Magyar Hirlap* as its 2004 Man of the Year.

For more information about Brother Csaba’s visit, please call Marie Cendes at 412-963-0260.

Youth bowling event to raise funds for Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH -- “Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz,” a fundraising event to benefit Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, will be held Sunday, Nov. 4, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Princess Lanes in Whitehall, Pa. The event is being sponsored by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh.

All children ages 6 to 18 are eligible to participate. There is no cost to enter the event, but each participant must have a minimum of \$25 in sponsorships or promised sponsorships to participate.

All bowlers will roll three games, except for children ages 6 to 7 who will bowl only two games. Bumpers will be available for those who wish to use them.

All participating children will be treated to food and prizes and will receive a commemorative t-shirt at the

bowling lanes. The bowler who collects the most donations will receive a special prize.

The Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh have provided financial support to Children’s Hospital for many years. This event, organizers say, will allow young members from the 11 Pittsburgh-based fraternalists to experience the joy of giving while providing them the opportunity to meet young members from other societies.

Organizers also noted the date for the event was specifically chosen because there will be no Steelers football game played that day.

For entry forms and additional information, please contact Mark Lantz, sales director, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 134, or by email at mlantz@williampennassociation.org.

A shining example

Texas man's work with youth and local charities earn him recognition as NFCA Fraternalist of the Year

OAK BROOK, IL -- The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) announced that Robert J. Hagen, a member of SPJST, Lodge #246 - Morgan's Point, from Temple, Texas, is the 2007 Fraternalist of the Year. Hagen was recognized during the 121st NFCA Annual Meeting held Sept. 6 to 8 in Pittsburgh.

"Bob Hagen is a shining example of what it means to be a fraternalist," said NFCA Interim President and CEO Bob Huxel. "We are impressed by the many marvelous works that Mr. Hagen undertakes, and the incredible joy and happiness he brings to others. He truly represents the mutual aid and commitment our societies have promised for more than a century."

The award is given annually to recognize the nation's top volunteer among the almost 10 million members affiliated with the NFCA's member-societies. The award goes to a fraternal benefit society member who has provided outstanding volunteer service in his community and excellent leadership in his local chapter throughout the past year.

Hagen received a commemorative trophy and a \$1,000 donation to the charity of his choice. He requested that his honorarium be donated to Serenity House of Victor, N.Y., in memory of his brother, Wayne E. Hagen, who passed away on May 15, 2000. Serenity House is a two-bed, comfort care home that provides 24-hour specialized care free of charge for persons who are in their final three months of life, their families and their loved ones.

Hagen volunteered to serve as youth leader and reorganize the youth group for his lodge. He started with one member and through his dedication and determination, built up the youth club to 17 active members in the first year. He coordinated



2006-2007 NFCA Chair of the Board Janice U. Whipple (left) presents the 2007 Fraternalist of the Year Award to SPJST member Robert J. Hagen, shown here with his wife Terri and SPJST Supreme Lodge President Brian Vanicek (right).

and assisted with many events through the year to build attendance and membership. These include dinner socials, swim parties, barbecue fundraisers, and the State Bowl for the Cure that benefits the breast cancer research foundation.

Hagen participated in District youth leaders' workshops and District Youth Achievement Day, volunteered as a summer camp chaperone and assisted with Core Challenge, an event organized by SPJST to promote physical fitness among youth.

Hagen also coordinated adult and youth volunteers from his lodge and the local community and soldiers from Fort Hood to clean and paint the exterior of the Belton Senior Center and constructed benches as a JOIN HANDS DAY project. For Make A Difference Day, he coordinated painting the interior of the center. He actively promotes "Cell Phones for Soldiers," "Adopt-a-Unit" program, which benefits families of deployed soldiers, and his lodge has adopted Victory Corner in Fort Hood, a memorial to honor all soldiers being deployed and returning. He quarterly

coordinates the "Adopt-a-Highway" program in his community, picking up trash on a two-mile section of highway.

He, along with the youth, participated in Lack's Trim-A-Tree for Charity project, decorating a Christmas tree and collecting canned food donations. He assisted with the Toys for Tots drive and Love of Christ Volunteer Day. Hagen is a United States Army veteran, is married and still finds time to devote to his family.

"Bob epitomizes the idea of what the 'Fraternalist of the Year' honor is meant to convey," said SPJST Supreme Lodge President Brian Vanicek. "He's the kind of guy who loves a challenge, rallying the troops and making good things happen."

The SPJST is a fraternal benefit society headquartered in Temple, Texas. For 109 years, the SPJST has worked to ensure the financial security of its members and its financial commitment to the communities where SPJST members live, work and play. SPJST lodges sponsor a wide range of family-oriented activities and community service projects.



Turning sand into diamonds

We learn from the wisdom of our senior members.

When I started in the life insurance business in 1986, I learned from seasoned professionals and leaders in the field. As the years went by, I began to understand their words of wisdom as it applies to my clients and others I know.

Story by Ben Feldman: A group of travelers were in the desert. They were instructed by their guide to fill their pockets full of sand before they went to sleep. The next morning, they awoke to find that the sand had turned into diamonds. With amazement the travelers could not believe their eyes. The travelers all wished that they had filled their pockets with more sand, which were now diamonds.

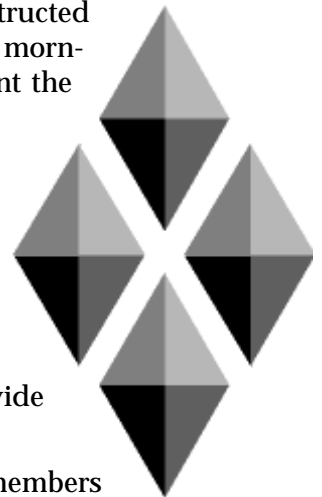
Moral of the story: When you are older, health issues may be a hurdle to deal with when buying more life insurance. The cost is going to be more, as life insurance is based upon age, health conditions today and health history.

Word to the wise: Fill your pockets today. Younger adults today do not have the appreciation for life insurance that previous generations did. Today, only an estimated 40 percent of Americans own permanent life insurance. Who will provide their life insurance needs through their senior years?

Your William Penn Association life insurance agent will educate your family members about the value of permanent life insurance for meeting the family's income protection needs today and into tomorrow. We are here to help each of you and the people you care about.

You will appreciate the value of permanent life insurance when you are older; it is the "diamond in the rough."

We would like to thank those senior members who have purchased permanent life insurance for their younger family members. You are passing along one of our fraternal society's most important traditions and emphasizing the importance of permanent life insurance coverage.



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9-Year Surrender Charge Annuities...a great way to cover your own future. Call for details.**

**We look forward to helping you, your family and your friends.
Thank you...and have a great day.**

Puzzle Contest

Number 28

Happy Halloween

Find hidden below words typically associated with Halloween, and you could win \$50 in our **Puzzle Contest #28**.



And the winners are...

We drew the winners of our Puzzle Contest #25 at the Home Office on Sept. 7. Thanks to Home Office employees Barbara Tew (left) and Kerri Budnick for their help. Congratulations to:

- Maria Liskay, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH**
 - Stephen A. Novak, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH**
 - Margaret P. Saloka, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA**
 - Sophia M. Senderak, Br. 44 Akron, OH**
- Each won \$50 for their correct entry. WAY TO GO!!

RULES

1. ALL WPA Life Benefit Members are eligible to enter.
2. Complete the word search puzzle correctly.
3. Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number and WPA Certificate Number, to: **WPA PUZZLE #28**, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **November 27, 2007**.
5. Four (4) winners will be drawn from all correct entries on November 30, 2007, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive **\$50**.
6. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Happy Halloween Word List

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| Candy | Happy Halloween |
| Candy Apple | Hay |
| Costumes | Jack-o'-lantern |
| Doorbell | Party |
| Drive Slow | Pumpkin |
| Fear | Safety |
| Flashlight | Scary |
| Fun | Treat Bag |
| Ghosts | Trick-or-Treat |

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Seizing the initiative

Convention takes bold steps as it charts the WPA's course

PITTSBURGH -- With several bold strokes, the WPA's 36th General Convention confidently and unanimously outlined the direction the Association will follow over the next four years.

Meeting Sept. 3 to 5 at the Hilton Pittsburgh Hotel, the Convention approved the WPA's business strategy for 2007 to 2011. Known as "The William Penn Initiative," the strategy encompasses 10 broad goals designed to make the Association "a stable, respected and financially sound fraternal life benefit society."

The Convention also expanded the WPA Board of Directors to 14 members while approving the elimination of the National Auditing Committee as an independent body and establishing the Auditing Committee as a standing committee of the Board.

The 94 delegates also bid farewell to several retiring Board members, approved the establishment of a new vice president position, adopted revisions to the Association's by-laws, raised thousands of dollars for the WPA Scholarship Foundation, and received words of encouragement from none other than Teddy Roosevelt.

Special Edition

Keep your eyes open for a special "General Convention edition" of the *William Penn Life*. This special edition will contain expanded coverage of the Convention, the revised by-laws of the Association, and photographs of all delegates and banquet guests. We hope to have this special issue in your hands sometime in November. So, stay tuned.



Ralph Manning, the WPA's general counsel, administers the oath of office to the newly-elected Board of Directors: (l-r) Dennis A. Chobody, Robert A. Ivancso, Margaret H. Boso, Anne Marie Schmidt, Barbara A. House (Vice Chairman), Stephen J. Varga (Chairman), E. E. (Al) Vargo (Vice Chairman), Andrew W. McNelis, Nickolas M. Kotik, Roger G. Nagy, Charles S. Johns, Ronald S. Balla, William J. Bero and William S. Vasvary.

Call to Order

The Convention's schedule of events opened Sunday, Sept. 2, with a welcoming reception for delegates and their guests. The informal affair allowed delegates to renew old acquaintances and make new ones, while enjoying a delicious buffet featuring freshly-carved roasted turkey and baked ham.

While the welcoming reception was taking place, a number of delegates--members of the credentials, resolutions and nominating committees--met separately to lay the groundwork for the next several days.

The Convention was officially called to order Monday, Sept. 3, by Stephen J. Varga, chairman of the WPA Board of Directors and chairman of the Convention. He introduced the Rev. Dr. Daniel Borsay who offered the invocation in both English and Hungarian.

In a united display of patriotism, all in attendance joined in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," led by delegate Evelyn Bodnar of Branch 19 New Brunswick, N.J., accompanied by pianist and delegate Arlene Miller

of Branch 725 Springfield, Mass.

With equal fervor, the delegates voiced their love of our Association's Hungarian heritage as they joined Ms. Bodnar and Ms. Miller in singing the Magyar Himnusz.

The meeting's opening session featured greetings from National President George S. (Pete) Charles, Jr. He praised the members of the WPA for their hard work, loyalty and dedication which have helped the WPA to not only survive but thrive during its 121 year history. He noted many challenges lay ahead for the Association, but concluded those challenges could be met successfully with the continued loyalty and support of our members.

National Vice President-Secretary Richard W. Toth also greeted the delegates. He also read greetings from a number of dignitaries, including President George W. Bush, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

National Vice President-Treasurer Diane M. Torma extended greetings and thanks to the delegates and offered a brief review of the financial strength of the WPA.

36th General Convention



The delegation from Branch 14 Cleveland present their branch's donation of \$15,000 to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Participating in the presentation are (l-r) Vice Chairman of the Board E. E. (Al) Vargo, Chairman of the Board Stephen J. Varga, and Branch 14 Delegates Caroline H. Lanzara (branch president), Lynn M. Lanzara, Richard E. Sarosi, Nicklos T. Levi, Emma J. Oris and Erin E. Ward.



Retiring National Director Frank J. Radvany (left) receives congratulations from fellow Board member Nickolas M. Kotik, who also presented Mr. Radvany with a resolution from the Pennsylvania General Assembly honoring his service to the WPA.

The Convention then warmly greeted several leaders of fellow fraternal organizations who were present to extend their best wishes in person.

The delegates then took time to remember the distinguished members and friends of the WPA who had passed away since the last Convention in 2003. E. E. (Al) Vargo, vice chairman of the Board, served as master of ceremonies for the service, which included a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes by Lt. Michael Scott of the Pittsburgh Police Department. The service also included reflections offered by the Rev. Joseph G. Bodnar and musical selections by Ms. Bodnar and Ms. Miller.

The New Board

After remembering past leaders, the Convention then handed the responsibility for leading the WPA into its future to 14 members of its Board.

Reelected to the Board by the delegates were: Ronald S. Balla of Branch 296 Springdale, Pa.; William J. Bero of Branch 1 Bridgeport, Conn.; Barbara A. House of Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich.; Charles S. Johns of Branch 336 Harrisburg, Pa.; Nickolas M. Kotik of Branch 8020 McKees Rocks, Pa.; Andrew W.

McNelis of Branch 34 Pittsburgh; Stephen J. Varga of Branch 48 New York; and E. E. (Al) Vargo of Branch 8330 Dundalk, Md.

The Convention also elected six new members to the Board, five of which were members of the former National Auditing Committee: Margaret H. Boso of Branch 129 Columbus, Ohio; Dennis A. Chobody of Branch 88 Rural Valley, Pa.; Robert A. Ivancso of Branch 27 Toledo, Ohio; Anne Marie Schmidt of Branch 249 Dayton, Ohio; and William S. Vasvary of Branch 725 Springfield, Mass.

The sixth new Board member is Roger G. Nagy, who had previously served on the Board from 1983 to 1999.

At one point, the Convention was

recessed to allow the Board of Directors to hold a special meeting. During that meeting, the Board reelected George S. Charles Jr. as national president, Richard W. Toth as national vice president-secretary and Diane M. Torma as national vice president-treasurer. The Board also elected Fraternal Director Endre Csoman to the newly-established position of national vice president-fraternal.

The Board also elected Stephen J. Varga to serve as its chairman and E. E. (Al) Vargo as vice chairman. The Board also made a bit of history when it elected Barbara A. House to serve as its other vice chairman, making her the first woman to hold that position.

Taking the Initiative

The new Board will now begin work on attaining the objectives outlined in the new William Penn Initiative, said Chairman Varga in his address to the Convention.

"Beginning immediately, the William Penn Association will implement a strategy which aims to bring about changes, both large and small, which are needed in how we live up to our shared responsibility with our members, our employees and each other," he said.

He then enumerated the 10 areas of focus and spoke of the goals "intended to provide the Association with growth, stability, expansion, dedication, fraternalism and ethnicity.:

The 10 areas include:

- Improved communications;
- The development of Penn Scenic View;
- Mergers and acquisitions;
- Corporate governance;
- Fraternal initiatives;
- Our heritage;
- Capital improvements;
- Technology;
- Improve internal operations; and
- Employees

"William Penn Association is now on its way to becoming the Association we want it to be," Chairman Varga said, "an Association that grows by serving its members first, an

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The Hungarian Kitchen™

with Főszakács Béla

Food & the Internet

Part 2



FÁRAD JON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA.

I missed the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest due to a medical issue that has never happened to me before. I got bit by a spider, and, believe me when I tell you, it wasn't pretty. To all of those who came searching for The Hungarian Kitchen at the picnic, I apologize for this year and will do something extra special for next year with the help of my good friend Chef Vilmos. The weather for the picnic was cool and cloudy but that makes it better to enjoy hot food all day long. I have heard a good time was had by all who attended.

It's great that many people participate in the fraternal activities offered by the WPA. Remember: each one of us, coming together, makes fraternal events happen and be the success they are.

Another fraternal event that takes place every four years is the General Convention, which was held last month in Pittsburgh. After serving on the National Auditing Committee for the past eight years, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the William Penn Association. To those delegates that supported me in the election, I thank you very much. I will do my best to promote the Association during my term of four years.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the following gentlemen: National

Auditing Committee member Joseph Hamari and National Directors Frank Radvany, Michael Tomcsak, Elmer Toth and Anthony Beke for their years of service to the WPA. These gentlemen retired after many years of serving the membership of the WPA. Their leadership and dedication helped make the WPA what it is today.

Last month, we learned about food and the Internet with some basic navigational techniques and terminology. This month, let's continue with more information we can obtain from the Internet.

I have three quick trivia questions which I got by randomly navigating the Internet. *What food product are more people allergic to than anything else? What is more effective keeping you awake in the morning than coffee? What do you call a person that has a fear of meat?* The answers are at the end.

After last month you should be able to find anything about food on the Internet by using a search engine and your imagination. Remember how I always say you're only limited by your imagination when it comes to food? There are times when we need to find out information about the food we eat. If you have any allergies or reactions to certain foods, it helps if you know more about what you're eating and what goes into a particular product. Keeping that in mind let me give you some pointers about obtain-

ing more food information.

Allergy Alerts and Warnings are put on websites by manufacturers to let you, the consumer, know what it is you're buying, using or eating. Recently, there was a toothpaste scare, and the U.S. government warned us about buying toothpaste from China. The FDA put the warning on their website so people would not buy a product containing a harmful chemical.

Nutritional Information-- such as calories, fat, salt, minerals and vitamins--can be found on any food or food product. This is helpful if you're

Culinary Corner

When cooking leafy vegetables, such as spinach, Swiss chard, kale or escarole, it's best to cook them submerged in water that clings to their leaves to bring out the best flavor. A small amount of milk (a few tablespoons) in the water also helps bring out the colors of leafy greens.

Dinner for 4

Borjúpörkölt

2 lbs. lean young veal	2 garlic cloves smashed & chopped
2 tablespoons lard	1½ teaspoons kosher salt
1 large white onion, minced	2 small very ripe beefsteak tomatoes
1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika	1 green pepper, cored & diced small

Using a cutting board, cube the veal into 1-inch pieces. In a large skillet, melt the lard and fry the onion until it's golden brown. Remove the skillet from the heat then add the paprika, garlic, salt and veal. Cover the skillet and put back on medium heat. Watch the veal to make sure it does not burn. As the moisture from the meat disappears, add a few tablespoons of spring water to keep the meat hydrated and cooking. Repeat this process for the first 15 minutes of cooking. While the meat is cooking, blanch, peel, seed and dice your tomatoes. Canned tomatoes may be used if fresh are not available. As the meat starts to get soft, add the tomatoes and green pepper. Cook for another 20 minutes and check to make sure you have a little water in the skillet. When the meat is done, most of the liquid will have evaporated, leaving you with a dark sauce that is very tasty with the consistency of a beef stew. This dish is best served with dumplings and a very good rye bread.

on a special diet and not sure if you can have a certain item for a meal. By obtaining the nutritional information online, you can decide what is good for you and fits your needs.

Ingredients of food products are important if you suffer from allergies. In this case, the ingredients are not to be confused with recipe information. Say you're making a special salad, and the recipe calls for sesame dressing. If you have a nut allergy or are allergic to soy products, you won't want to use this dressing. This dressing contains both sesame oil and soy product as well. By typing "ingredients sesame dressing" into your search engine, you will learn that this product contains many items that would cause a severe reaction if consumed by a person with a nut or soy allergy.

Definitions of food, cultures or customs are available in detail. Let's say friends are coming for dinner and a friend of your friend happens to be Jewish and eats only kosher food. Without offending anyone, you can find out all you need to know about kosher foods and prepare something

for that special guest.

Images and Pictures are always helpful when dealing with food. If you're trying a new recipe and not sure what to expect, then you can find a picture or image online and it helps you make a better finished product. Using Google, just click on "images" then type in what you're searching for. You will see many images in a matter of seconds.

Video Instructions are helpful when it comes to culinary techniques in food preparation. If your knife is dull and you need to sharpen it, find a knife sharpening instruction video online and get the technique right. If a recipe calls for blanching an item, and you're not sure what to do, just find a video about blanching which will teach you.

Trends of food are important if you're planning a party and want to impress your guests. By searching you can find out the latest trends. What's hot and what's not? Locally grown produce is real hot along with bite-size desserts. Add to that list free range chickens and grass-fed beef. The "cooled off" items are fruit soups,

cold soups and blackened items, to name a few.

Buying anything online can be a hassle, but if you're looking for an item like cookware, utensils, gadgets and dishware, you can learn all about the product you want and get your money's worth as well. The more knowledge you have when buying a product makes you a smarter shopper.

The last item on my list is **Specialty Items** which are those you can't find in any stores. I once had to prepare a salad that required eggs to be in a square shape with bits of black olive making them look like a pair of dice. I found the egg cubes I needed online, ordered them and produced the best looking egg dice for my dish. Specialty items can also include foods you can't get in the markets as well. Hungarian Lekvar is one such specialty item or Csiga Noodles that can't be bought in your regular supermarket.

While all of this seems like a lot of information, it's actually the tip of the iceberg. Once you start searching and saving the information, you will be a better cook in the kitchen. Your knowledge base expands every time you deal with food because the information about food is endless AND we constantly learn something new everyday.

On that happy culinary note, I salute you for completing Food Information and the Internet! All the recipes this month were randomly chosen, so have fun and enjoy them.

Trivia Answers: More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food; apples contain a more powerful stimulant than caffeine to keep you awake in the morning; and a Carnophobic is a person afraid of meat.

Have a wonderful month.

*Jó étvágyat
Főszakács Béla*

*"The Hungarian Kitchen"
is a trademark of William S. Vasvary.*

RECIPES

Butternut Squash & Apple Casserole

- 1 small butternut squash, about 3 pounds
- 2 red apples, cored, peeled and sliced
- ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- ¼ cup cold butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Peel squash, remove seeds and cut into small cubes. Place squash and apples in a glass or Pyrex baking dish. Blend remaining ingredients together until crumbly. Sprinkle this mixture over squash and apples. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Garnish with ground cinnamon and serve your guests.

Pumpkin Relish

- 1 cup cooked pumpkin or any squash
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup shredded coconut
- Rind of ½ orange, grated
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon cider vinegar

In a saucepan, combine pumpkin, brown sugar and vinegar and bring to a boil. Turn down heat and let simmer for a few minutes. Take off the heat and add the orange rind, coconut and cloves. Stir smoothly and let chill over night. Use as a condiment for a meal.

Nagymama's Receipt*

Rizs Koch (Rice Pudding)

- 8 ounces white rice
- 1 quart whole milk
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 whole eggs, separated
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- Lemon zest

Cook the rice in the milk with one tablespoon of sugar until soft then set aside to cool. In a mixing bowl, beat the egg yolks with four tablespoons of sugar and lemon zest until very creamy. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until they are stiff. Add the rice to the egg yolk mixture then fold in the egg whites. Pour the entire mixture into a buttered baking dish and bake at 350 degrees until the top is a golden brown color.

**That's Hungarian for "Grandma's Recipe."*

Smoked Salmon Wheels

- 1 pound smoked salmon, cut into slices
- 1 ½ cups cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped chives
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 English Cucumber (Seedless Cucumber)

In a mixing bowl, blend the chopped chives into the cream cheese. Lay the salmon slices flat and spread cream cheese and chive mixture on them. Roll up jelly roll style into one-inch thick rolls. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill for one hour. Wash and slice the cucumber into ¼-inch slices and arrange on a serving platter. Cut the salmon rolls into ¼ slices and place on each slice of cucumber. Serve your guests.

Simple Cheese Sauce

- 1 quart whole milk
- ½ pound yellow American cheese
- Roux to thicken

Heat milk until it simmers then add the cheese a slice at a time, stirring until it melts. Thicken to your consistency with roux. Keep warm and serve your guests.

Practical Pointer

When you have enough leftovers to feed your family, why not make your own TV dinners? You can be more creative with the contents, and they will be higher in nutritional value than store bought dinners. It gives you another dimension to meal planning.

CHEF'S TIP #60

No matter what you cook in the kitchen, keep a small notebook as a kitchen journal. When you make a recipe, you can jot down the date and time, special notes about how it turned out and how it tasted, and anything extra you did or adjustments you made to the recipe. This will help you make a consistent product time and time again.

If there's a topic you would like to see covered in *The Hungarian Kitchen*, or if you have any comments, questions or other suggestions for Chef Béla, then please write to the chef at:

William Vasvary
190 Fern Avenue
Rye, NH 03870

Or, you can write to:
The Hungarian Kitchen, c/o William Penn Association
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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Association agile enough to take advantage of opportunities and an Association that acts responsibly with employees who are proud to work here.”

A Fond Farewell

As it looked toward the future, the Convention bid a fond farewell to four members of the Board and one member of the National Auditing Committee who retired during the Convention: National Directors Anthony C. Beke, Frank J. Radvany, Michael F. Tomcsak and Elmer W. Toth and Auditing Committee member Joseph Hamari.

All five gentlemen were honored for their long and distinguished service to the WPA during the Convention Banquet held Tuesday, Sept. 4. Each of them--as well as former National Director Frank J. Wukovits Jr.--were called individually to the stage by Chairman Varga, who presented each with a plaque and WPA wristwatch as thanks for their loyalty and dedication.

Mr. Radvany received special recognition for his many years of service as the Board's secretary, a difficult and time consuming job that he performed with unsurpassed attention, accuracy and dedication. Fellow Board member Nickolas M. Kotik presented Mr. Radvany with a copy of a resolution passed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly which honored Mr. Radvany for his service.

All of the retirees received a well-deserved round of applause from those gathered for the banquet.

The banquet guests would later offer another well-deserved round of applause to the producer of a new feature-length documentary about the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Entitled "Torn from the Flag," the film tells the story of the revolution through pictures, old film footage and recent interviews with many of those who fought in and survived those dark days.

Klaudia Kovacs, the film's producer and director, presented a short video preview of the film on large



Teddy Roosevelt shares an inspirational message with the Convention delegates.

screens erected on either side of the ballroom's center stage. Ms. Kovacs noted that the film, now complete, was now looking for a distributor to show the film worldwide. She also said she hopes to have the film accepted and shown at several of the more prestigious film festivals.

Ms. Kovacs thanked the WPA for the financial assistance it provided during production of the film, and called on all present to help in any way they can to get the film shown to a broader audience.

After dinner, delegates and guests enjoyed the Hungarian music provided by the George Batyi ensemble. Many spent the remainder of the evening socializing and dancing.

Show of Support

The next morning, the Convention reconvened for its final business session, which featured another show of unity by the delegates, this time in support of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

Erin Ward, a delegate from Branch 14 Cleveland and former WPA scholarship recipient, spoke to the Convention about the importance of the Scholarship Foundation.

"I am proud to be a member of an organization that promotes my Hungarian culture, provides competitive life insurance and annuity plans, and financially supports its members' educations," she said. "William Penn's giving spirit continues with your support so that students like

myself can benefit and continue to promote the fraternal spirit of my great-grandfather."

The delegates then pledged and donated a total of \$35,000 to the fund, which provides grants to young members seeking a higher education. Leading the day's contributors was Branch 14 Cleveland, which donated \$15,000. (For a complete list of donations from the Convention, please turn to Page 20.)

During the three days of meetings, the Convention heard from a number of speakers, including a former president of the United States...who has been dead for 88 years!

Teddy Roosevelt (aka, Pittsburgh-based motivational speaker Keith McGough) strode into the Convention to the strains of a Sousa march. His message to the delegates was simple and straightforward, encouraging all present to get involved to help lead the Association into a brighter future. Afterwards, many delegates and guests couldn't resist the opportunity to have their photo taken with the charismatic head of state.

While perhaps not as thunderous, other speakers did share important information and ideas with the Convention delegates.

- Robert Bruce offered highlights of the WPA's actuarial report and noted the strong financial standing the Association continues to enjoy;

- August Molnar, president of the American Hungarian Foundation, invited his fellow delegates to purchase the AHF's new book which tells the story of its first 50 years, and outlined the AHF's ambitious expansion plans for its Hungarian Heritage Center in New Brunswick, N.J.;

- WPA General Counsel Ralph Manning discussed the importance of estate planning and encouraged the delegates to consider including the WPA's scholarship foundation and other charitable endeavors in their own estate planning. **WPL**

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The WPA's annu members

More than 900 WPA members and friends gathered on Sept. 15 for a day of Hungarian food, music, and fun activities, but any lack of warmth from Mother Nature was offset by the warmth of fraternal fellowship. It was a wonderful time: from the adults who gathered to enjoy the fun activities; to the couples who danced; to the families who enjoyed a hayride; to the colorfully costumed members of the WPA Dancers who performed traditional Hungarian dances.

The event raised \$10,388 for the benefit of the new restroom facility located at Penn Scenic View. The popular Chinese auction raised \$1,340 and came from the sale of homemade pastries (\$422), the 50/30/20 raffle (\$1,340), and WPA straw hats (\$30) and several other items.

Perhaps the most welcome and appreciated improvement to Penn Scenic View is just the new restroom facility located at Penn Scenic View. Our most sincere thanks go to National Endre Csoman and his team of about 100 volunteers who spent hours preparing and serving the delicious food, making sure everyone had an enjoyable time. We also thank all those who attended the Fraternal-Fest.

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Realism finest

al picnic delights of all ages

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Welcome to our Fraternal Family

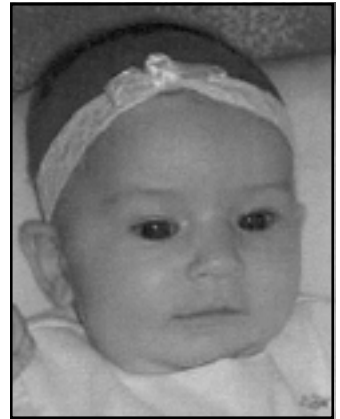
We happily present more of our newest members. If you have a child or grandchild who recently joined the WPA, then send us his or her photograph. We will publish it in an upcoming issue so that all our members can welcome your child into our WPA Fraternal Family. All photos will be published as soon as possible.



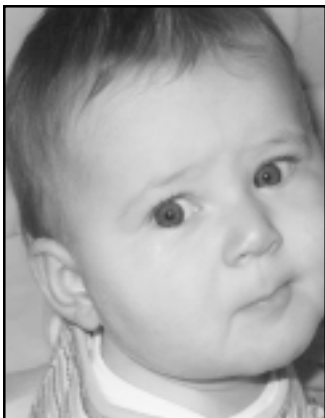
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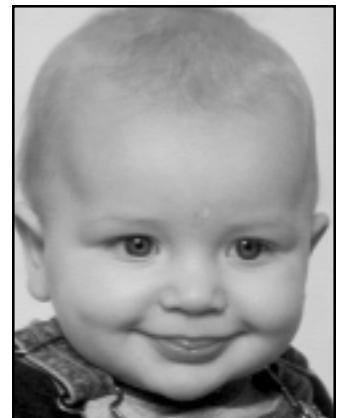
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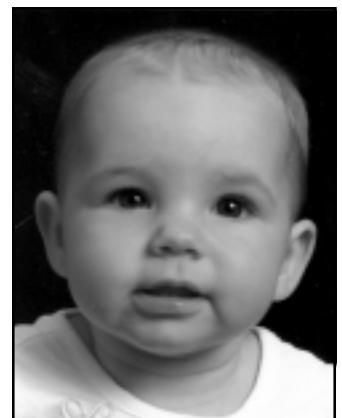
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Branch News

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Dawn D. Ward

Branch 14 held its regular meeting Wednesday, Sept. 12, and it was refreshing to see many new faces. Branch President Caroline Lanzara presented a summary of events which took place at the WPA General Convention, and she congratulated Branch 14 Delegates Erin Ward and Richard Sarosi for being elected as alternates for the Board of Directors.

The annual children's Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church in Walton Hills. Children will receive invitations, but all Branch 14 members are welcome to attend. The open house will include refreshments, entertainment, and, of course, Santa, who will be there all afternoon with wonderful gifts for the children. This annual event grows every year with the ever-increasing membership of Branch 14.

Branch 14 welcomes the following new members: Robert Elam, Brady Vargo, Cade LaRosa, Charli Sayre, and Everett Varga. Please contact the Ward Agency at 440-838-1200 with any prospective new members and earn referral fees.

Congratulations to the following Branch 14 first-time scholarship recipients: Dustin Carney, Carl Hiteman, Michael Murphy, Alexandra Tabor, Karyn Wargo, and Kristin Wargo. The scholarship program is just one of the many advantages that distinguishes William Penn from other insurance companies. We would love to hear progress reports from all of our scholarship recipients. We are very proud of you!

Dr. Julius Z. Nadas, 101 years old, passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. Dr. Nadas was a past president of our sister branch, Branch 45. He was very influential in Cleveland and throughout the world by serving as the president of the Hungarian Association of

Cleveland. This organization hosts an annual meeting every Thanksgiving weekend in Cleveland. World-renowned lecturers, musicians, artists, and writers from many countries attend every year to promote Hungarian culture. Dr. Nadas, a legend in the Cleveland Hungarian community, is survived by his wife Ibolya; children Julius, John and Julie; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

The next Branch 14 meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills, Ohio.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

What a wonderful Convention. Thank you to all the National Officers, Home Office employees and National Directors who worked so hard to make this a well-run convention. Very special thanks to all the branches who sent such wonderful delegates. Your delegates worked very hard to make sure the Convention was one of the very best ever. Thank you for all your hard work. Chairman Steve Varga presented a very challenging but doable plan for the next four years. Your new Board of Directors is looking forward to making sure this plan comes to fruition.

Thank you, Lisa Toth-Maskarinec, for the special gift.

Welcome home from Hungary, Mom. I knew you would have a super time. We love and missed you a lot. Thanks for all the goodies.

Congratulations to Endre Csoman and crew for another very successful Hungarian Heritage Experience. You always do a super job.

Get well wishes go out to Gerry Davenport, Elsie Kantor, Doug Truesdell, Marie Pribanyec and Sandor Yuhas. Get well soon.

Thank you, Marie Pribanyec, for remembering the WPFA Scholarship

Foundation in your estate planning. I hope many more of you are considering doing the same thing. We cannot continue this worthwhile fraternal program without your financial support.

Thank you, Laura Lovas and Rocky and Emma Borsa, for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Richard Miastkowski, Keith Marmanen, Liz Piwowski and Helen Paul. May they rest in peace.

The Hungarian Arts Club is busily preparing for the White Rose Ball on Feb. 2, 2008. This will be the 50th anniversary ball. The Club is hoping to hear from anyone who has ever been a debutante or an escort. They also want to do an updated book on everyone with names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Please call Linda Enyedi at 248-352-0927 or send your information via email to Hungarianartsclub@hotmail.com.

The Arts Club is also accepting applications for its scholarship program. Applicants must be studying one of the fine arts and be of Hungarian descent.

We hope to see you at the ball.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Branch 18 meetings on Oct. 17, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12;

- Branch 18 Christmas party on Nov. 25;

- Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary celebration at Holy Cross Hungarian Catholic Church on Nov. 18, featuring Mass at 11:00 a.m. with dinner to follow; and

- Kalacs sale on Dec. 8 and 9 at Holy Cross Church. Call the church to

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order your baked goods.

I will tell you all about our trip to Hungary when I get back. We have 12 Branch 18 members going. I will look into planning another trip for next year. Let me know if you would be interested.

Happy Halloween.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

As always, the WPA proves its greatness in being professional, efficient and experienced at expressing fraternalism by conducting a wonderful Convention.

On behalf of my fellow Delegates Steve Novak and Frank Schauer, I wish to thank the Home Office for preparing and handling the Convention details. We also thank everyone responsible for allowing us this opportunity to attend the Convention and to participate in this important event for our Association.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors and the returning National Officers. We extend warmest wishes to the former National Directors who retired from the Board during the Convention. Their many years of service and dedication to the WPA are greatly appreciated.

It was so nice to be able to get reacquainted with so many friends and to make new ones. Much work was accomplished and many social gatherings were provided during the three days of true fraternalism.

It's hard to believe that, by the time you read this, the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest will be a part of WPA's history. We look forward to sharing the adventures of Branch 28's trip to this event in our next branch article.

Over the summer months, Joe and Julia Taylor had the privilege of having their great-grandson spend some time with them while he visited from Arizona.

Get well wishes go out to all those under the weather, especially Vera Szoke, Dee Gran, Irene Nemeth and Irene Tomory.

We hope to see some new faces at

the October branch meeting, which will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eat-'N-Park restaurant in Boardman, Ohio.

We extend warm congratulations to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

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

For answers to your questions about life insurance or annuities, please call Kathy Novak at 330-746-7704 or Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Branch 76 Philadelphia, PA

by Jack Tokar

Since my last newsletter, I attended the WPA General Convention in Pittsburgh as the delegate from the Philadelphia area. Stephen Pokorny was the alternate who would have taken my place if I had been unable to go.

The Convention went very smoothly; the committee structure eliminated many of the possibilities for lengthy discussion. I want to congratulate all those who were elected as officers. It was a pleasure to see so many of my WPA friends, particularly Al and Betty Vargo and their family, Anthony and Marguerite Beke, Barbara House, Michael Tomcsak and Joan Mauerman. Sadly, many old friends were missing, particularly Sandor Juhas and the late Donna Griffin.

We want to send best wishes to member Helen Vida; we hope that she will soon be free of the cast on her broken ankle and able to walk normally again.

We also send a big hello to our member in Dickson City, Kimberly Tremmel, and her mother. We are glad that you are part of our branch.

The Philadelphia Hungarian Club joined with the Duna-Danube Swabian Association Club in a traditional picnic late in August, at the club at 1277 Southampton Road, Philadelphia. This new location is about two blocks east of where the old Philadelphia Hungarian Club was located on Southampton Road. That

lovely building has been torn down to make way for several large houses.

Our very best wishes go to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or additions to the family.

We also want to congratulate all those starting college or returning to school. Our grandson, Eric Zimmermann is now a freshman at Lehigh University. Here is a message to all students: Make the most of the coming school year; have a good time, but learn as much as you can. Also, do not forget to apply for the WPA scholarships available to those insured students whose parent or grandparent is a member.

Don't forget to call Jack Tokar, 215-357-4516 to discuss insurance or annuities.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Anna Kertes

Congratulations to the WPA on a very successful 36th General Convention. The National Officers are to be commended for their excellent service during the past four years, and we look forward to their leadership to the future.

Special congratulations to Branch 249 member Anne Marie Schmidt, who was elected to the Board of Directors, and to branch member Michele Daley-LaFlame, who was elected as an alternate to the Board.

We want to send special thanks to our dear friends Elmer Toth, Anthony Beke, Mike Tomcsak and Frank Radvany, who retired from the Board of Directors, and Joe Hamari, who retired from the National Auditing Committee. We will always remember the integrity and contributions they have given to make the WPA a successful fraternal organization.

Thank you to all who helped with our recent cabbage roll sale. We appreciate your support in making this a successful event. The proceeds help us provide fraternal activities to our members and to support the WPA Scholarship Fund.

Our Sunday bowling league has begun at Pla-Mor Lanes on Linden Avenue. We bowl on Sundays at 3:00

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p.m. Please call Michele or Anne Marie for more details.

We would like to invite our members to attend the WQRP "Music of Hungary" radio program fundraiser on Oct. 21, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Join us for coffee and pastries. Your donations are appreciated to keep the Hungarian music program on the air.

We would like to congratulate St. Stephen/Holy Name Hungarian Catholic Church as it begins its 101st year, providing Dayton with a Hungarian Catholic presence. St. Stephen celebrated with a carry-in brunch on Aug. 26. It was enjoyed by many parishioners and WPA members.

Congratulations to WPA member John Paul LaFlame on his recent promotion from SPC4 to Sergeant E5. Sgt. LaFlame is currently stationed at Camp Carroll in South Korea.

If you have any family members interested in life insurance and becoming members of the WPA, please call Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970 or Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211. We have GREAT benefits, and we are a GREAT Fraternal Organization.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Diane M. Torma

Branch 296 congratulates our Branch President Ron Balla on his reelection to the WPA Board of Directors at the General Convention held on Sept. 3 to 5 in Pittsburgh. Congratulations also to all newly-elected Board members. We wish you all the best during your term.

Happy October birthdays to Branch President Ron Balla, Matthew Charles, Dorothy Dinzeo, Boris Gosciejew, John E. Lovasz and all of our branch members. Hope you have a great day.

Happy anniversary wishes to John and Gertie Simon, who will celebrate 64 years of marriage on Oct. 24. John and Gertie were married in Leechburg on Oct. 24, 1943, in the Hungarian Reformed Church by the Rev. Steven Szoke. Best wishes to John and Gertie on this impressive milestone. It was

also great to see John at the 7th Annual WPA Picnic--he travels all the way from Georgia each year to attend.

Congratulations are in order to first-time grandfather Jim Charles Sr. and great-grandparents George and Irene Charles. They welcomed a new baby girl, Teagan O. Charles, who is now a new member of the WPA.

We also welcome all new members, including: Anthony Gentile, Finn Goring, Haley McCreary, Jonathan McCreary, Colton Spohn, Levi Spohn, Jesse Spohn and Ella Volpe.

The Christmas party will once again be held at the Springdale VFW and is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 9. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled day.

For information about William Penn Association's life insurance and annuity products, call Noreen Fritz at 412-821-1837.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Vincent Frank

The fall season is in full swing now, and we hope you are enjoying the beauty as Mother Nature is showing her best and brightest of the autumn foliage.

Branch 800 wishes all of you a Happy Halloween on Oct. 31. It's trick-or-treat night, so when the kids come knocking on your door, have a little treat for them. We all have to drive carefully on Halloween night, for the children will be running from house to house as they seek goodies.

Birthday greetings go out to member Phyllis Aiken who is 75 years old this October. Phyllis enjoys working with crafts, helping with senior citizens and attending the branch's social events every year. Mrs. Aiken sees to it that her husband Bob gets to the meetings. We appreciate that, Phyllis. May God bless you always.

We also extend belated birthday greetings to longtime member Carmen J. Piccirilli who celebrated his 80th

birthday in September. Carmen tells me that he is one of only two surviving shoe repairers in Blair County. He is among the last practitioners of a dying profession; another casualty of our "throw-away" society. He has owned Al's Shoe Shop in Hollidaysburg for 57 years. He said 50 years ago there were 52 shoe repair shops in Blair County; now there are only two.

What a wonderful time our branch members and their families had socializing at our branch's annual picnic in August at Highland Park. The weather, food, fellowship and gifts could not have been better. Thanks to all members for helping to make it a success.

Keep in mind that there has been a change as to when daylight savings time begins. It will begin Sunday, Nov. 4. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed the Saturday before. Also, replace the batteries in your home's smoke detectors.

Our branch's annual memorial Mass for our deceased brother and sister members will be held Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2000 - 12th Ave., Altoona. This has been a tradition for so many years. Please make a special effort to join us.

Before you know it, it will be time for our branch Christmas party. This year's party is set for Sunday, Dec. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 26. Call me at 814-695-0213 to reserve your place. All members, their family and their friends are welcome.

The branch meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m. will include the election of branch officers for the year 2008. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

If you want to purchase excellent life insurance at a fair price, or if you are interested in an annuity for your retirement, then please check out what the WPA has to offer before making any final decisions. Call Bob Jones in Altoona at 814-942-2661 for more information on how the WPA can help you and your family.

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Branch 8114 President Kevin Slike (center) joined his fellow branch members in honoring two branch officers who will be retiring after many years of loyal and dedicated service: Branch Treasurer Robert V. Donahue (left) and Branch Secretary Arthur A. Aaron.

Branch 8114 Clarion, PA

by Noreen Fritz

It's amazing how many members have telephoned me thinking that something happened to me because I didn't have the branch news in the September issue. Please allow me to explain. Branch 8114 is in the process of electing new officers because of the retirement of Bob Donahue and Art Aaron. The branch news deadline is one month prior to the publication. The annual steak fry was on Aug. 26, so until the meeting that was held after the steak fry, I didn't have current information.

The steak fry was well attended and the food and fellowship was excellent as usual!

Bob Donahue has been treasurer of the Clarion branch for 42 years, and Art Aaron has been secretary for 20 years. At the gathering, they announced that they wish to retire.

The current branch President Kevin Slike said that he would like to continue as branch president. Kevin is a one-of-a-kind person. He is so dependable at his position as president, and I have heard about all the

people that he helps around the Clarion area, especially the elderly.

There were several speakers at the meeting. The Rev. Monty Sayers talked about the history of the former Catholic Knight's of St. George and the importance of keeping the branch together by electing replacement officers for the treasurer and secretary positions. He also talked about the importance of young people, especially newlyweds, to be insured. He is very enthusiastic in setting new goals for the branch and, when time permits, will set a date for me to talk at a seminar to the young people of the Immaculate Conception Congregation concerning the importance of life insurance. Father Monty, with his unique sense of humor and ideas, is really a blessing to Branch 8114.

Lifetime members Donald Schmader and Gordon Rice, using their excellent communication skills, had very complimentary words concerning the WPA in their presentations at the meeting.

Gordon talked about the benefits of becoming a member, the special juvenile certificate and the scholarships for the student members. Donald (the man that never ages) is extremely knowledgeable on the

growth of the William Penn Association, and it was refreshing to hear his valuable contribution to the meeting.

Both Donald and Gordon played an important part in the growth of the Catholic Knight's of St. George/William Penn Association membership. At the end of May 2008, the branch will be entering into its 100th year of existence.

The WPA, the National Officers, Board of Directors and I would like for Bob Donahue and Art Aaron to know how much we appreciate all that they have done for us. We appreciate all the time and effort that they have devoted to performing the duties of their respective positions. They have held the branch together for many years. Their important fraternal contributions are held in high regard by all. Thank you for all your volunteer services.

Branch birthday's for October are: Kurt Huefner, Carl Beckwith, Chrystal Pierucci, Carl Hepler, Laura Beichner, Ryan Hartle, Ed Steiner, James Bauer, Edward Dechant, Robert Martin, Julie Schill, Alex Struble, Richard Petrotte, Art Aaron, Christopher Black, Harold Seitz, Irene Schaeffer, Joseph Groner and Edward Dechant.

Happy belated birthday greetings to the members that I missed in September: Louise Schmader, Cheryl Huefner, Marcy Hurst, Mark Lambing, Robert Wiant, Frank Schaeffer, Gerald Schmader, Marion Wolbert, Krista Sunderland, Kenneth Mechling, Kimberly Callander, Shane Gallo, Justin Fague, Brad Huefner, Deborah Faller, Mildred Lambing, Colin Donahue, Samantha Schill, Florabell Best, Regis Huefner, Rodney Steiner, John Aaron, Sr., Gordon Rice, Andrew Lahr Jr., Joseph Lahr, Kathleen McElravy, William Rice, Karen Heinrich, John Slike, Zachary Best and James Callihan.

If you have questions on life insurance, tax-deferred annuities, IRA's, transfers, or direct pension rollovers, or if you have news to share, then you can contact me at 412-821-1837 or write to me at P.O. Box 15060, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. My e-mail address is noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

In Memoriam

We ask you to pray for the eternal rest of all our recently departed members listed below:

AUGUST 2007

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Elvira V. Granese
Julia Kaszas
John L. Raboczka
Helen Stefan
- 0009 HAZLETON, PA
Margaret Barnasevitch
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ
Maryanne T. Gothie
- 0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Mary Taylor
- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Helen Barbara Paul
Elizabeth A. Piwowski

- 0024 CHICAGO, IL
Elizabeth Hede
Paul Pinta
Mary Viszneki
- 0044 AKRON, OH
Mary E. Kungle-Black
William J. Lukach
- 0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Allen Fleming
Charles Polyi
Steve Sabo
- 0071 DUQUESNE, PA
Andrew Breger
- 0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Joseph C. Merkel, Jr.
- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Priscilla Colter
Elizabeth Szigeti
- 0098 BETHLEHEM, PA
Helen Handwerk
Helen Strelecki

- 0127 JOLIET, IL
Martin Kocsis
Joseph Nemeth
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Norma Hyzer
Francis J. Nowak
Fred M. Slater
- 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Rev. John G. Engler
Mary Matusan
- 0174 SCRANTON, PA
Raymond Steppe
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Maria Laky
- 0226 MCKEESPORT, PA
John J. Pacsuta
James E. Vennebush
- 0248 MONAVILLE, WV
Tony S. Szabo
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Geraldine Meli

- 0310 LYNCH, KY
Hanna Roland
- 0349 WEIRTON, WV
Robert F. Welling
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Joseph J. Holzer
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Frank Joseph Dervali
Norman P. Dolmovich
- 0720 DEDHAM, MA
Louise M. Egan
Helen G. Estes
- 8014 PITTSBURGH, PA
Anthony Mutschler
- 8036 SCOTTDAL, PA
Helena Bodnar
Louis Bodnar
Elizabeth Molnar
- 8286 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Philomene Watson
- 8340 DUNDALK, MD
Olga B. Kessler

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

AUGUST 2007

- Branch - Donor - Amount**
- 8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$5.00
13 - Brian J. Demko - \$28.00
13 - Mary I. Papp - \$2.08
14 - John Kuskovich - \$5.00
14 - Betty F. Fortner - \$2.00
14 - Megan E. Glass - \$5.00
14 - Justin T. Glass - \$5.00
18 - John Varga - \$10.00
18 - Rosemary Mroozian - \$5.00
18 - Amelia K. Polakowski - \$2.04
18 - Katalin A. Peters - \$10.00
19 - Paul Behory - \$10.00
19 - Michael S. Lancsak Jr. - \$15.00
26 - Melissa M. Steh - \$2.00
26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
28 - Maria E. Schauer - \$5.57
28 - Cynthia A. Garovich - \$10.00
40 - Irene Ivan - \$20.00
59 - Margaret I. Martin - \$2.00
89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$3.06
89 - Elizabeth Orosz - \$2.16
89 - Robert W. Junker - \$2.00
89 - Mary C. Junker - \$2.00
129 - Lindsay M. Lewis - \$5.00
129 - James R. Lewis Jr. - \$5.00
129 - Debra A. Lewis - \$5.00
189 - Angie L. Nutial - \$2.00
189 - Mollee M. Nutial - \$2.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
226 - Dennis S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
226 - Robert W. Serena - \$5.00
226 - Angela J. Kushto - \$5.00
296 - Richard Olex - \$2.00

- 296 - Stella J. Premick - \$2.00
296 - Madelyn Wislie - \$3.80
336 - Charles S. Johns - \$2.21
336 - Margarita R. Rader - \$25.00
352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
720 - Michael E. Laswell - \$10.00
723 - Ryan E. Godbout - \$2.43
725 - Adeline P. Scagliarini - \$3.00
8286 - Mildred Deshields - \$10.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$255.77**

AUGUST 2007

- Donor - Amount**
- Thomas Kalupanov - \$100.00
Frank Petohazi - \$10.00
William J. Bero - \$33.57
Paul J. Snyder III - \$15.00
Margaret Yuhouse - \$5.00
Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA - \$65.00
Cookbook Sales - \$1,305.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$1,533.57**

IN MEMORY OF AUGUST 2007

- Donor - Amount**
(In Memory of)
- M/M E. E. Vargo - \$25.00
(Elizabeth Iams Lovasz)
Elizabeth R. & Gail Nagy - \$25.00
(Elizabeth Iams Lovasz)
M/M Thomas F. House - \$50.00
(Richard Miestkowski)
Frank J. Radvany - \$50.00
(Rev. T. V. Manning)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00
(Helen Novak, Joseph Berczel, Jolan Ladanyi, Helen Bond, Helen Kadykowski, Anthony Perruzzi, Raymond Ostrosky)
- TOTAL for Month = \$275.00**

Donations received during the 24th Annual Golf Tournament

- Donor - Amount**
(In Memory of, if applicable)
- Daniel L. Galbraith - \$5.00
Louis Gingerich - \$200.00
Robert Harbison - \$20.00
(Mike Summers)
Jeff & Cassie Holmes - \$100.00
(Donna M. Griffin)
Carol Horvath - \$150.00
(Lou Horvath)
M/M Thomas F. House - \$25.00
(Liz Piwowski)
M/M Thomas F. House - \$25.00
(Elizabeth Iams Lovasz)
Kathleen Hughes - \$50.00
(Alex Chobody)
Jack Kelly - \$20.00
M/M Andrew W. McNelis - \$25.00
(Elizabeth Iams Lovasz)
Richard A. Rader - \$5.00
M/M Frank J. Radvany - \$50.00
James W. Robertson - \$100.00
(Mary Jane Robertson)
M/M Mark C. Schmidt - \$50.00
(Happy Birthday Anna Kertes)
Paul & Andrea Snyder - \$50.00
Michael F. Tomcsak - \$160.00
M/M Stephen J. Varga - \$160.00
M/M E. E. Vargo - \$100.00
(In honor of 50th wedding anniversary)
William S. Vasvary - \$300.00
Verhovay Home Assn. #336 - \$25.00
Virginia Volter - \$10.00
- TOTAL for Period = \$1,730.00**

Donations received during the 36th General Convention

- Donor - Amount**
- Anonymous - \$500.00
James D. Ballas - \$50.00
William J. Bero & Family - \$500.00
Michele Daley-LaFlame - \$100.00
George & Matilda B. Dozsa - \$50.00
Leo Hannah - \$250.00
Robert M. & Jean Jones Jr. - \$200.00
Joseph A. Kaminski - \$100.00
Nancy M. Kovach - \$100.00
Ernest J. Mozer Jr. - \$100.00
Paul & Andrea Snyder - \$50.00
Ruth D. Toth - \$100.00
E. E. Vargo - \$100.00
(In honor of Home Office employees)
Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$15,000.00
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$500.00
(In honor and with thanks to all our delegates)
Br. 48 New York, NY - \$100.00
Br. 76 Philadelphia, PA - \$200.00
- TOTAL = \$18,000.00**

IN MEMORY OF Received during the 36th General Convention

- Donor - Amount**
(In Memory of, if applicable)
- Ronald S. Balla - \$125.00
(Beloved Chad Balla)
Margaret H. Boso - \$500.00
(Charles & Brad Boso, husband & son; mother and dad Dave & Margaret George)
Dana J. Chapman - \$50.00
(Ben Bero)
Dianne & George S. Charles Jr. - 1,000.00

Recent Donations

(Mary E. Jackson)
Irene B. Charles - \$100.00
(Parents)
Steven F. Charles - \$50.00
(Donna M. Griffin)
Steven F. Charles - \$100.00
(Mary E. Jackson)
Dennis A. & Kathy M. Chobody - \$1,000.00
(Alexander Chobody)
Laslo Corba - \$50.00
(Jozef Corba & Katalin Corba)
Terezija Corba - \$50.00
(Karoly Simon Sr. & Karoly Simon Jr.)
Arlene J. Csoman - \$100.00
(Parents & brother Helen, Alex & Allen Kovacs)
Endre Csoman - \$100.00
(Parents)
Glenn W. Davenport - \$50.00
(Irma Nagy Davenport, mother)
Glenn W. Davenport - \$50.00
(Denise Davenport, daughter)
Glenn W. Davenport - \$50.00
(Donna M. Griffin)
Glenn W. Davenport - \$50.00
(Bob Robison)
Debbie Evans - \$25.00
(Darrell Hepler, Father)
Steven R. Evans - \$25.00
(Eugene & Doris Evans)
Ethel F. Fodor - \$200.00
(Louis A. Fodor & Cmdr. L. C. Fodor)
Malvene C. Heyz - \$50.00
(Richard W. Heyz)
Richard L. Hornyak Jr. - \$100.00
(Julia Hornyak)
Michael J. Horvath - \$40.00
(John Pecsí)
Robert L. Horvath - \$50.00
(John Pecsí)
Barbara A. House - \$250.00
(Rev. Thomas V. Manning)
Thomas F. House - \$250.00
(Joseph Vasko)
Frank C. Hrabar Jr. - \$200.00
(Michael Hrabar)
Mary Huthansel - \$100.00
(Walter Huthansel)
Robert A. Ivancso - \$350.00
(Frank & Irma Ivancso)
Charles S. Johns - \$100.00
(Deceased parents)
Dorothy H. & Ernest W. Kedves - \$100.00
(Deceased members of Kedves & Yuhás families)
Anna Kertesz - \$150.00
(Albert G. Kertesz)
Nickolas M. Kotik - \$200.00
(Living & deceased members of the Kotik family)
Shirley J. Kotik - \$100.00
(Betty Masterson, mother)
Robert Kovach - \$100.00
(William J. Kovach)
Caroline H. Lanzara - \$100.00
(John Lanzara, husband;

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Since 1972 the William Penn Association has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarship grants to its young members attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Our scholarship program is just one of many benefits available to our members. To learn more on how membership in the WPA can benefit your family, call your local WPA representative or our Home Office, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.

Kathleen Sarosi, sister)
Lynn M. Lanzara - \$100.00
(John Lanzara, father)
Margaret M. Leonardo - \$300.00
(My loved ones)
Martin S. Malloy - \$100.00
(Cyril I. Malloy Jr.)
Ralph F. Manning - \$100.00
(Rev. Thomas V. Manning)
Andrew W. & Marguerite McNelis - \$500.00
(Donna Griffin & Luke Krawchyk)
August J. Molnar - \$200.00
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Helen Molnar - \$250.00
(WPA members who died in 2007)
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(Gus G. Nagy)
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(Katherine Novak & deceased family members)
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(Katherine Novak)
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(Richard Miastowski Sr., grand-father; Richard Miastowski, uncle)
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(John Pecsí)
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(Deceased family members)
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(Mary Jane Robertson)
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(My brother, Geza Sera)
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(Albert, Teresa & Lajos Tokar)
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(Mary B. Tomcsak)
Michael F. Tomcsak - \$100.00
(Tomcsak family)
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(Donna M. Griffin)
Elaine M. Toth - \$100.00
(Husband John S. Toth Sr.)
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(Mr. Vasko)
Elmer W. Toth - \$100.00
(Helen Toth, mother)
Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec - \$100.00
(In honor of parents Ruth & Elmer W. Toth and in memory of Michael & Mary Ann Maskarinec)
Nancy S. & Richard W. Toth - \$100.00
(Joseph L. Vasko, father)
Nancy S. & Richard W. Toth - \$100.00
(John S. Toth Sr., father)
Nancy S. & Richard W. Toth - \$50.00
(Donna Griffin)
Teresa Toth - \$50.00
(Toth & Gazdik families)
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(Anna Varga)
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(Steve & Anna Varga)
Betty & Al Vargo - \$100.00
(Joseph Vasko, John "Jack"

Lippert, Rev. Thomas Manning)
Betty & Al Vargo - \$100.00
(Parents M/M Julius Hartman & M/M Louis Vargo)
Laura B. Vargo - \$25.00
(Grandparents M/M Louis Vargo & M/M Michael Kascsak)
Robert J. & Elizabeth M. Vargo - \$200.00
(M/M Louis Vargo & M/M Michael Kascsak)
Kenneth E. Walewski - \$100.00
(Frank Bero)
Kenneth E. Walewski - \$100.00
(Ben Bero)
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(M/M Louis Vargo & M/M Julius Hartman)
Erin E. Ward - \$250.00
(George Paul Ward & Albert Oris)
Frank J. Wukovits Jr. - \$500.00
(Parents Frank & Gladys Wukovits and my good friend Illustrious Member Alex J. Horvath)
Br. 15 Chicago, IL - \$50.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ - \$200.00
(Carl & Evelyn Nemeth; Julius Bodnar)
Br. 27 Toledo, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 28 Youngstown, OH - \$25.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 89 Homestead, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 129 Columbus, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 132 South Bend, IN - \$100.00
(Deceased branch members)
Br. 226 McKeesport, PA - \$100.00
(Sandy Zsemko)
Br., 296 Springdale, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased members)
Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA - \$100.00
(Our deceased members)
Br. 705 Mayville, WI - \$50.00
(Gladys Lippert & Jack Lippert)
Br. 8020 McKees Rocks, PA - \$100.00
(In honor of living & deceased branch members)

TOTAL = \$16,400.00

William Penn Association Foundation

**ST. EMERY'S
CEMETERY FUND
AUGUST 2007**

Donor - Amount

John F. Simon Jr. - \$10.00

TOTAL for Month = \$10.00

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