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## COMING EVENTS IN THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY

**April 19, 2009 to February 28, 2010**— American Hungarian Foundation, New Brunswick, NJ. Exhibition featuring Hungarian Folk Art Collection. Events and related programs all year. For information and museum hours call: 732-846-5777.

**Saturday, June 13, 2009** — Westside Hungarian Reformed Church, 15300 Puritas Ave., Cleveland. Falusi Lakodalom (Village Wedding) sponsored by Lydia Ladies Guild. Time: 4:00 pm to Midnight. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$30.00 Adults—Child up to 14 years \$15.00. Dance only \$15.00. For reservations contact: Maria Vadacs 440-230-0636 or Aranka Hawaii 216-251-3763.

**Sunday, June 21, 2009**—**Father's Day** - International Goulash-Guylás Cook-off — sponsored by Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden to support the renovation of the gardens. Time: Noon to 5:00 pm at St. Emeric's Church. 1860 West 22nd Street. Admission \$8.00 advance—\$10.00 at door. See Attached flyer.

**Sunday, June 21, 2009**—**Father's Day Chicken Paprikas Dinner**— St. Elizabeth's Church, 9016 Buckeye Rd., Cleveland. Time: Noon—Adults \$15.00 and Children \$7.00. For reservations contact Ilonka at 440-944-1384 or Rose at 216-292-6875.

**Sunday, June 21, 2009**—**Father's Day Potluck Dinner**— Westside Lutheran Church, West 98th Street, Cleveland. Meat and beverages provided. Please bring family-sized side dish or dessert. Please contact church office if you are participating at 216-961-6895.

**Sunday, June 28, 2009** — Hungarian Cultural Center, 12027 Abbott Rd., Hiram, OH Soccer Game & Picnic in conjunction with Cleveland Magyar Athletic Club. Gates open at Noon. Music by Szinkron of Toronto from 2 to 6 PM. Bring lawn chairs to enjoy the game. Admission \$4.00 adults—children 16 under no charge.

**Sunday, July 12, 2009** — St. Margaret's, 4680 Lander Road, Orange Village, OH—Parish Picnic & Alumni Homecoming. Hungarian food available for purchase. Time: Starting at noon

**Sunday, July 12, 2009**— Christ Reformed Church, 2525 Copley Rd., Copley, OH Annual Picnic Time: Noon to 8:00 p.m. Hungarian food available for purchase. Music at 4:00 p.m by The Hungarians. No admission charge.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, July 26, 2009**

**Buckeye Road Nationality Reunion**  
Landerhaven of Mayfield Heights

Time: 1:00—5:00 pm

Hungarian-Slovak Dinner

Tickets presale only: \$50.00 per person— Music by the Hungarians

For reservations call: St. John Funeral

Home at: 440-232-1155 or Bob Taylor

at 330-468-6168

### SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST 29, 2009**

The Eastlake Captains Baseball team will feature "**Hungarian Heritage Day**" at the ball park. Our club has reserved 50 tickets. We already have reservations for 35 tickets sold. Please send in your request as soon as possible so that we can show how active the Hungarian Community is in Northeastern Ohio.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Goldie Juron

Twinsburg, Ohio

Daniel & Maria Kadar

Bedford, Ohio

Vince Nagy

Bay Village, Ohio

Karoly Fabian

Hinckley, Ohio

Laszlo Temesi

Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Judith Maji

Oakwood Village, Ohio

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Dear Friends:

I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful cards and get well wishes. Surgery was a success and I had to go to rehab for about 3 weeks (just could not get that right leg to do the things I wanted it to do). I am doing out patient therapy now and getting stronger every day. I may not be dancing in June BUT look out July.

We are ready to kick off the summer season with our first picnic on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be a shared picnic with CMAS, Cleveland Magyar Athletic Association. The soccer game will again be played at 3:00 p.m. and Szinkron, from Canada will be supplying the afternoons musical entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs. Spread the word, our club grounds are still a real "value for your dollar" in an afternoons enjoyment. For \$4.00 you can enjoy the beautiful outdoors, listen to one of the premier Hungarian bands available to us, the kids can enjoy the playground, and for a few dollars eat some of the best Hungarian food around. This season we also have a new "CORN HOLE" game that was made and donated buy Andy Geber. If you have not played this game this came be the time to try it out with a few of your friends.

Our garden committee has worked un-told hours on the preparation of the grounds, with still much more to do, but we are LOOKING GOOD. Thanks to our committee, Lou Borzy, Louise Bozsvai, Susanna Vizsolyi, Chris Kiggins, & Erzsie Geber.

Much work has been done on the Sör Ház (Beer House). We have added new cement, which of course took many man hours of digging to prepare and spread. Thanks a million times to Steve Kekedy, Attila Laszlo, Lajos Mezosi, Andras Geber, Steve Bayan, Steve Molnar, our "foreman" Ignaz Strobl and his son George.

We have had many lawn mower difficulties this season, to which end the membership and board voted to purchase a new commercial lawn mower. I want to thank Mr. Fuery for helping out with his own lawn mowers to cut all of the grounds just before the 16<sup>th</sup> of May as the grounds were being used for several events. Young Andy Geber's government class had a "pig roast", end of school picnic on May 14<sup>th</sup> and a reunion was held at the grounds on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Keep in mind, the club grounds are available for club members events. Birthday parties, weddings, graduation parties, showers or just a family reunion. All you need to do is write a letter to the board with the details of when, how long, & what and the board will act on it as soon as it can. Our club grounds are a fun place to share with family and friends.

We will be having a work party at the grounds on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and give a hand. The leach bed still needs a little TLC in the form of weed pulling and trimming the edges. We are also in need of some "spruce-up" painting. So there are many little jobs that only need the help of a few good hearts. Please join us.

Preparation for the picnic on the 28<sup>th</sup> also needs HANDS. I wish we could personally call everyone to ask for you help, but that is impossible—so please do not wait to be called—just come. We will be working on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and of course Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. We also need our wonderful bakers to BAKE for our bakery booth.

A very special thank you to those club members that used the H & R Block coupon from the Hirek or shared it with someone. We just received a check in the amount of \$425.00. THANK YOU — THANK YOU— keep this in mind for next year, also to Liz Lewis for bringing this fund raiser to our club's attention.

On a personal note, dear friends my sister Elizabeth and I wish to thank all of you on your very generous support of our family on the recent loss of our sister Eleanor Smith. Our brother-in-law, Elmer "Butch" and his children Sarina and John also wish to thank all of you for sharing our grief. Many of you will remember Eleanor as the "cabbage roll" lady serving at our picnics, with always a ready smile and a cute come-back to those she served. She will be greatly missed, not only by our family but the many friends she made through the club.

Remember the Goulash Cook-off at St. Emeric's on Father Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mary Jane Borbey will be representing our club so be sure to stop and sample.

Send in for your tickets for the Hungarian Heritage Day at the Captains Game in Eastlake on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are still accepting e-mail addresses for sending the Hirek. We can save a little postage and help "GREEN" our environment.

Support as many events in our community as you can, as you can see from the UPCOMING EVENTS page they seem to be getting fewer.

Where have all the Hungarians gone????????????????????

Magyar szeretettel, Mary Jane

**Speedy Recovery !!!**  
Laddie Mantz Steve Duzs  
Carole Takacs Dorothy Sekeres  
Elizabeth Jambor

**BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

- Allen, Kathleen
- Allen, Valory
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- Balogh, Jim & Carolyn
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- Biro, Zoltan
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- Boldizsar, Goldie
- Borzy, Louis
- Bozsvai, Louise
- Brockman, Elvira
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- Gombas, Karoly & Edeltraud
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- Grega, Leonard
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- Kelemen, James
- Kiggins, Christine
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- Mestrists. Zoltan & Marcia
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- Pasztor, Helen
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- Takacs, William
- Temesvary. Andras & Magda
- Louis Verhas
- Vizsolyi, Suzanne

**Total Donations \$13,768.85**  
If you wish to make additional pledge contributions, please forward them to:

**HCC Building Fund**  
Mrs. Katherina Kekedy  
10320 Lindsay Lane  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1st	John Darida
2nd	Steve Tisza Lou Brozy
3rd	Maria Gulyas LaVerne Miklos
4th	Jozsef Szilagyi Carol Horvath John Rakoczy
5th	Steve Racz Liz Lewis John Uray
6th	Sanwa Szilagyi
8th	Phil Lucchese
9th	Frank Babin
10th	Edith Takacs
11th	Laszlo Temesi Veronica Sechler
12th	Elisabeth Biro Arpad Vitberg Iren Krim Steve Marshalko
13th	Aaron Taricska
16th	Elizabeth Farkas
17th	Steve Kekedy
18th	Clare Taricska
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20th	Tom Grekar John Miklos
21st	Carolyn Balogh George Danko
22nd	Maria Horvath Dennis Rooney
	Darlene Nevelos
23rd	Arthur Martin Vili Fekete Barbara Danko
25th	J. Ted Tomak Helen Duzs Olga Fekeshazy
28th	Katalin Dienes
29th	John Burkovics
31st	Richard D. Feury, Sr. Andy Luckay

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the Aaron & Clare Taricska on the birth of their twin daughters April 25th. The girls are name Roksana Ilka and Grace Frances. God grant all of them health, blessings from above and a wonderful future.

"Congrats continued ~~~~~ Steve Racz was blessed with his first great granddaughter and our treasurer Kathy Racz Allen and her husband Bill with their first granddaughter Dalila Patricia Turon born May 19, 2009.

**ETHNICITY AND POLITICS:  
THE HUNGARIAN EXPERIENCE IN CLEVELAND  
(continued) By: Dennis Frigyes Fredricks**

Jack P. Russell was born, Paul Ruschak. He built a career in politics that spanned 29 years in Cleveland city government. He was the longest running councilman of Ward 16, and served 11 years as President of City Council. In his early campaigns he displayed a rare quality of showmanship that blended the local Hungarian pride with the hard truths of ballot box victory. He could stage a dancehall entry to befit a European prince. His advance crew would arrange it with the house band that when the doors flew open, Jack's entrance would be timed with a flourish of music. The band pumped the stirring strains of the "Rakoczy March" as the young Russell glided in amidst goose bumps and applause.

Russell was a newspaper reporter's eternal source of news. He was brash, intimidating, but jovial and warm. His ten gallon hats, Havana cigars and black Fleetwood Cadillac gave him an aura and a style. For campaign literature he used the broadsides of four-story buildings. For the Buckeye boy with little higher education, he was called to Harvard University to lecture on urban politics. The ethnic from the wrong side of the tracks was selected by CBS as the subject of a nationally televised documentary on big city politics. Other Hungarian Councilmen to serve the area were Jack's brother, William Russell, as well as Stephen Gobozy and Stephen Gaspar. The Hungarian judges were widely acclaimed throughout their jurisdiction for their strong sense of human compassion coupled with their positive stands on law and order. In sheer number they were surpassed only by the Irish in their strong representation on the bench.

Louis Petrash, affectionately called "Mr. Magyar," Joseph Stearns, the Kovachy brothers, Blanche and Robert Krupansky, all were to achieve distinction as exemplary judges and respected community leaders. Pokorny family patriarch, Frank Sr., served as the district representative to the Ohio General Assembly. His son, Frank Jr. also served as State Representative and Cuyahoga County Commissioner. The Legislative district was also spoken for by State Representatives Joseph J. Horvath, Julius J. Petrash and Julius Krupansky. John Nagy was appointed Cleveland's Commissioner of Recreation, an influential post he has held through seven mayors' administrations.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1st	Viola Toth
2nd	George Keppler Bernard Lukco Janet Orban
4th	Sandy Pogan Louis Schnierer Ignac Strobl Marge Stuerzenberger
5th	Andy Tajgiszer Joseph Pasztor
6th	Valory Allen Laszlo Albert
9th	Elizabeth Suto Rita Lesko
11th	Julia Farago
12th	Andras Temesvary
13th	Louis Takacs, Jr.
14th	Geza Lendvay
17th	Janet Tajgiszer Jutka Fenyes Lillie Tozser
19th	Alan Varga
20th	Gary Simpson
22nd	John Kenczler Anna Torday
24th	Dr. James Sechler
25th	Mary Bank
26th	Jim Balogh Henry Roberts Szuzsanna Simon-Benedek Violet Visnicky
27th	Annabelle McCandlish
30th	Linda Burkovics
31st	Ed Bihary John Leidli Lajos Torkos Daniel Knippenberg, Jr.

**Max Kiss**— Hungarian pharmacist and inventor of the famous Ex-Lax! Hungarians are a pretty relaxed bunch!

**LOCAL HUNGARIAN RADIO  
PROGRAMS**

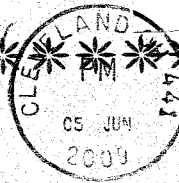
**WKTX - 830** on the AM Dial - Mon-Fri. 5:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday 3:00-5:00 p.m. — Sunday—1:00-3:00 p.m. Hosted by Miklos and Maria Kossanyi  
**WKTL - 90.7** on the FM Dial - Struthers, Ohio Saturday 12:00-1:30 p.m.. Hosted by Tibor Check Family  
**WUJC - 88.7** on the FM Dial - Cleveland, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday "Bocskai Radio". Hosted by Daniel Kadar  
**WCSB - 89.3** on the FM Dial - Cleveland 11:00-12:30 pm. Saturday. Hosted by Bob Kita .  
**WCPN - 90.3** on the FM Dial - Cleveland, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday evening. Hosted by Andrea & Andras Lazar  
**WAPS-91.3 FM**—Magyar Musor—(Hungarian Program) Sunday Morning—Akron—8:00-9:00

**Eleanor Ragany Smith  
1943-2009**

Beloved wife of 42 years to Elmer, loving mother of Sarina (husband Doug), John (wife Lori), Edward (deceased) (wife Jackie), grandmother of Merissa, Benjamin and Trevor. Sister of Mary Jane Molnar, Elizabeth Huszti, and the late Margaret Sir and Helen Drotos. Sister-in-law Valory and Brian Allen and Frank and Cheryl Smith. Aunt and friend of many. Devoted member of Hungarian Cultural Center of NE Ohio.

**Nyugodon Békében**

Hungarian Cultural Center of  
Northeastern Ohio  
P.O. Box 847  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
June-July 2009



ATTENTION !!!!!!!  
CLUB MEETING  
Club Grounds  
12027 Abbott Rd., Hiram, OH

June Meeting  
June 30, 2009 7:00 PM  
July Meeting  
July 28th, 2009 7:00 PM

Genealogy Club Meeting Wed. June  
24,  
Solon Library, at 7:00 p.m. Speaker  
from Western Reserve Historical Society  
on resources available.

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### Kantor Pal Humoros levelek—Negyedik Level Valas

**Kedves Jósi:**

Reméljük egészségileg rendben vagy. Irtad, hogy igen izzadsz. Azt is olvastuk a leveledből, hogy te oda mégy ahol a szél fúj. Sokáig beszélgettünk az urammal de nem bírjuk elképzelni mit csinálsz a széllal. A héten volt a falunkban egy erős vihor. Biztosan élvezted volna mert itt is volt nagy szél.

Zavarba hoztál a Bilivel kapcsolatban. Nekünk van egy nagy bili és egy kis bili, de a kettő nem ér többet száz forintnál. Hivatalosan átszámítva amerikai pénzre mér 5 dollárba se kerül. Nem értjük Amerikában miért olyan drága a bili. Jula Nénéd unokatestvérének a veje takarító a herendi porcelán gyárban. Ő azt mondta, hogy 100 dollárért ők még tájképet is festenek a porcelánra. Ő szakértő a dologban. Azt gondolja, hogy talán aranyból készül és azért van 1000 dollar felett a költség.

Biztos vagyok benne, hogy már te is milliomos vagy régen. Azt hallottuk, hogy Amerikában majdnem minden magyarnak van gyára. Ha neked már csak a kis bilire van szükséged a boldogsághoz, és ősszel az is meg lesz, akkor igazán jó dolgod van. Talán már nem is dolgozol.

Mi csak küszködünk a falunkban. A vetést, aratást, kapálást es betakarítást gépek végzik ugyan, de egy vacak autóra hat hónapot kell várnunk. Te segíthetnél rajtunk. Ha ott befizetnél vagy 3000 dollárat, vagis három Bili árát, akkor azonnal megkapnánk az autót. Minekünk már csak a kocsi hiányzik a boldogsághoz.

Szeretettel: **Bócsi Ángyod**

Utóirat: Most jutott eszembe, hogy Fehér Borcsa megyen látogatóba a nagyapjához a nyáron Kaliforniába. Te ott vagy közel Ohióban. Elvehetnéd feleségul. Férjet keres. Szeretene Amerikában maradni. Ha van egy pár óra időd eredj át hozzá. Jól járnál vele. Szlovákul is beszél, és igen szépen tud dalolni.



# BUCKEYE ROAD NATIONALITY REUNION

**Sunday, July 26, 2009 - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.**

Landerhaven - Mayfield Heights, Ohio

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

(Reservation Cost: \$50.00 per person)

Please make checks payable to:

## **Buckeye Road Nationality Reunion**

Mail payment and form to:

Buckeye Road Nationality Reunion  
c/o St. John Funeral Home  
923 Broadway Avenue  
Bedford, OH 44146

*(Reservations accepted through May 31, 2009 or until event is SOLD OUT)*

**Due to DEMAND, the reservation deadline has been EXTENDED  
and seating was INCREASED to 500.**

### **For More Information:**

Visit the reunion website: [www.BuckeyeRdReunion.com](http://www.BuckeyeRdReunion.com)

Or contact the committee members below:

St. Benedict's

Chuck St. John (440) 232-1155

Mark Zamiska (216) 381-2685

St. Elizabeth's

Mary Spisak (330) 487-1800

Bob Taylor (330) 468-6168

St. Margaret's

Nick Repie (440) 376-4999

or (800) 798-9674

St. Ladislav

Ted Laufik (440) 845-1071

Bob Stofko (440) 846-1302

- Enjoy a "Hungarian-Slovak" sit-down dinner of roasted half chicken served with green beans, redskin potatoes and salad.
- Stuffed cabbage, kolbasz and sauerkraut will be served family style.
- People will be seated 10 to a table.



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