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How Hungarian Citizens Abroad Can Vote: Dr. Janos Horvath's Awareness Campaign. [Magyarul]

2/18/2006 - **Hungarians Abroad voting in Hungarian Parliamentary Elections for the first time... Dr. Janos Horvath, on US Tour to help voters understand the procedures as DEADLINE approaches.**

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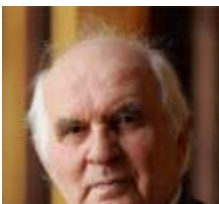
2/22/2006 - **AHF encourages all to participate in Janos Horvath meeting in Washington DC!** The Hungarian Reformed Federation of America invites all to the Kossuth House to discuss the upcoming elections in Hungary and the opportunity for Hungarian citizens living in the United States to participate in the elections.

When? March 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

About the meeting:

János Horváth, a senior member of the Parliament of Hungary representing the Fidesz-Hungarian Civic Party, is going to visit several North American Hungarian communities between February 26 and March 6. The key purpose of his trip is to underline the significance of the upcoming general Parliamentary elections to be held in April in Hungary, and to spread the news to those Hungarians with voting rights that they may cast their votes at the Hungarian Embassies and Consulates abroad including those in the US and Canada for the first time if they mail their requests with the selected location to the appropriate local authorities in Hungary within the somewhat restrictive statutory deadlines.

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Horváth János, a Fidesz-Magyar Polgári Szövetség országgyűlési képviselője aki egyben a magyar Országgyűlése korelnöke is,

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Property Restitution in Serbia-Montenegro: June Deadline Approaches

US Embassy reports: "Serbia and Montenegro is one of the last countries in the region to tackle the difficult issue of restitution of property seized or expropriated by the former communist governments. Private American citizens, and other claimants, are often frustrated by the lack of progress on this issue.

The U.S. Embassy continues to raise this issue with government officials at the highest levels. Restitution of seized or expropriated properties differs, depending upon whether the property is located in Serbia or Montenegro." [[Read Details in English](#)]

Szerbiában nem az igazi a restitúció

Szerbiában egyelőre várat magára a II. világháborút követően vagyontól megfosztottak kárpótlása. Törvény még nem született a kártalanításról, de egy jogszabály tavaly nyár óta érvényben van, melynek értelmében 2006. június 30-áig a kárvallottaknak vagy leszármazottaiknak be kell nyújtaniuk a Szerb Köztársaság vagyoni jogi igazgatóságának az ellenszolgáltatás nélkül elvett vagyonuk visszaszármaztatására vonatkozó igényt, a megfelelő dokumentáció kíséretében.

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Featured Member

látogatást tesz számos észak-amerikai magyar közösségnél a február 26. és március 6. közötti napokban. A legfontosabb célja a látogatásnak az, hogy aláhúzza az áprilisban soron következő magyarországi parlamenti választások jelentőségét, és hogy minden érintetthez eljuttassa a hírt arról, hogy első alkalommal a szabad parlamenti választások történetében a választójoggal rendelkező magyar állampolgárok a magyar követségeken és konzulátusokon is leadhatják a szavazatukat, ideértve az Amerikai Egyesült Államokban és Kanadában található külképviseleteket is, ha erre a vonatkozó kérelmeket a meglehetősen korlátozó jogvesztő határidők betartásával postázzák a megfelelő magyarországi hatóságnak. [[tovább](#)]

Laszlo "Laz" Buda
is the son of
Hungarian
immigrants and is a
native of Cleveland.



Laszlo is Chairman of the Friends of United Way-Hungary Committee and active in the Cleveland Hungarian community regularly reciting poems at the 1848 and 1956 commemoration events. He successfully co-lead the fundraising efforts for "Hungarians for the International Childrens Games" (HICG) which brought over 110 teen athletes, coaches, and officials from seven Hungarian cities to Cleveland and Washington DC in August 2004.

1956in**2006**

Laci is raising funds for United Way Hungary by riding his bicycle 1956 miles by October 23, 2006. He is seeking pledges/sponsorships in this 50th anniversary year of the Hungarian Revolution. "Laz" rode 1210 miles last year, so this would be 50% more - quite a physical challenge! Read more about him on [[Featured Members](#)]



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hosts reception in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. American Hungarian Federation

issues statement. "For 12 days in 1956, the Hungarian people caught a fleeting glimpse of their independence. Armed with little more than a love of liberty, the impatient patriots of Hungary rose up against the mighty Soviet empire," noted Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during a commemoration of the 1956 Revolution at the Department of State's Benjamin Franklin Room on February 13, 2006. The American Hungarian Federation was represented by over 15 of its members. *The Federation honors the true heroes of the 1956 Revolution* -- those who were unwilling to compromise and who, against overwhelming odds and standing alone, made tremendous sacrifices for the cause of freedom, democracy and independence. [[read more](#)]



New Jersey

Book, Reception and Exhibit – “The Hungarian Legacy In America” On view February 26 – March 26, 2006

"The Hungarian Legacy in America," an exhibition presenting the 50 year history of the

**AHF Statement**

"One consequence [of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution] was the solidly Stalinist Romanian government's virtual liquidation of the Hungarian-language Bolyai University in Romania, which was implemented by the

secretary of the Central Committee, Nicolae Ceausescu." [\[read more\]](#) or [\[download the statement\]](#) (PDF requires Acrobat Reader)



1956 Statue in the Nation's Capital... AHF's 1956 Commemoration Committee is seeking your help to erect a statue in Washington, D.C. devoted to the heroes of the Hungarian Revolution. The AHF plan calls for an actual-size statue to be placed

prominently in Washington while we raise funds for its bronze replacement. Seen here, renowned sculptor Gyuri Hollosy unveiled his prototype design at the AHF meeting last April. Help us! Contact

bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org and join the 1956 Commemoration Committee!

American Hungarian Foundation opens with a reception on Sunday, February 26, 2006, at 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Museum of the Foundation, 300 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ. The exhibition runs from February 26 through March 26 and presents the documentary and pictorial record of the Foundation's 50 years.

First shown last September in Budapest, Hungary, the exhibition there was part of the three day international academic conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Foundation at the National Széchenyi Library.

Contact: Patricia L. Fazekas, Curator
732.846.5777
plf@ahfoundation.org [\[read more\]](#)

Florida

Naples, FL: Hungarian American Club of Southwest Florida - Disznótoros Vacsora

The Hungarian Village Feast will be held at the Three Oaks Banquet Hall at 20991 Three Oaks Parkway in Naples, FL on Saturday, 2/26/2006 at 6:00 pm.

The "Csarda" menu includes Hurka, Hungarian Sausage and Paprika Potatoes. Music and Dancing. Cost is \$25.00/members, \$30.00/non-members. Contact Phyllis Evva (239) 593-9513

Naples, FL: The American Foundation for Hungarian Youth and Culture - raising funds with 1956 Commemorative Car Ribbon Freedom Magnets

The Foundation supports education and awareness of Hungarian Culture in Naples and in Hungary, primarily among youth. They are also making plans to commemorate the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. Support the cause by purchasing Ribbon Car Magnets to commemorate the 1956



1/28/2006 - **AHF Leadership Conference in Venice, Florida...** AHF members met at the Hungarian Christian Society's Hungarian Club in Venice to discuss 2006/2007 plans, how to improve coordination at both a local and national level, and events related to the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. Representatives from Florida organizations presented their activities. Andy Evva and Frank Dobos of the American Foundation for Hungarian Youth and Culture and the Naples Hungarian Club, respectively, provided a multimedia overview of their remarkable recent activities that include extensive plans for 1956 commemorations and a short video on the 1956 Revolution set to powerful rock music with lyrics subtitled in English to appeal to the younger generation. AHF VP Kalman Nagy of the Venice Hungarian Club proudly showed participants AHF's 1956 memorial which he spearheaded and funded



with almost \$10,000 (seen here with Executive Committee chair Dr. Paul Szilagy) and unveiled on October 23, 2005 as Hurricane Wilma approached. Istvan Peterman and participants exchanged idea on how to best serve new Hungarian immigrant communities. At the end of the conference, the Hungarian Christian Society Donated \$1000.00 to support AHF's national efforts. [\[read more\]](#)



1/26/2006 - **Hungarian Reformed Federation's Washington Branch sponsors 1956 Roundtable Discussion...Participants**

share their 1956 experiences. AHF members joined 1956 Freedom Fighters and Washington-area Hungarians in a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Washington Chapter of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of American (HRFA). Branch Manager, Frank Kapitan (seen here), opened the discussion and asked participants to share their personal experiences related to 1956 and discuss the lessons learned and implications of the revolution in today's world. **AHF member Zsuzsa Toth transcribed those experiences** which can be found on our Website (direct link at the end of article)

Participants included Imre Toth, last surviving Secretary of the Revolutionary Committee for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Imre Nagy government, and Per Bang Jensen, whose UN diplomat father died mysteriously after outspokenly supporting the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. AHF's Bryan Dawson-Szilagy remarked that "unity" and "common purpose" was the lesson to learn from the heroic fight for freedom. [\[read more\]](#)



Chartered by Congress in 1896, HRFA, a fraternal organization offering life insurance and financing, is one of the Hungarian-American community's most important and enduring organizations.

Fight for Freedom. It says "USA 1776 / Hungary 1956: Freedom is not Free." Magnets cost 1-4 magnets cost \$5.00 each, with quantity discounts. Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated. Contact Andrew Evva, President at (239) 593-9513 or asevva@aol.com

Ohio

1956in2006
1956 Miles to Help Hungary

AHF's Laszlo "Bolond" Buda is raising funds for United Way Hungary by riding his bicycle 1956 miles by October 23, 2006. He is seeking pledges/sponsorships in this 50th anniversary year of the Hungarian Revolution. "Laz" rode 1210 miles last year, so this would be 50% more - quite a physical challenge! Contact him at lazbuda@yahoo.com

Hungarian Scholarship Fund

The American Hungarian Federation recently added \$1000.00 to its effort at raising funds to the Hungarian Scholarship Fund that supports ethnic Hungarian students in the successor states in the Carpathian Basin. The Federation gave \$5000.00 in 2005, and needs your support to surpass that number. Known as the "Professor Paprika," Bela Bognar grows and sells paprika to raise money. [\[read more\]](#) about the Hungarian Scholarship Fund.

Massachusetts

**Boston Magyar Bál / Hungarian Ball,
April 22nd**

Join in an evening of Hungarian Dance



1/22/2006 - **Baltimore Reception to raise funds for Freedom Dance: The Movie - an animated film about the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.**

About 40 people gathered to meet Edward Hilbert, Steven Fischer, and Craig Herron and to hear more about their remarkable film project. The artists are selling original artwork and stills from the film to raise funds for the film which is near completion. Based on the actual drawings by Edward Hilbert, child star of "Meseauto," the film chronicles Edward's experiences as freedom fighter and refugee. The Hungarian Embassy's Károly Dán and AHF Vice President Bryan Dawson-Szilagyi gave speeches supporting the film and honoring the heroes of 1956. [\[read Bryan Dawson-Szilagyi's Speech\]](#) or [\[read more\]](#) about Freedom Dance.



and Food at the Hungarian Ball of 2006. The Boston Hungarians invite you to celebrate and support "Boskola," the weekend Hungarian school for children in Lexington. Plans include a delicious dinner with dancing, a raffle and silent auction. Hungarian ethnic and dance music of all genres will be performed by Mr. Újvári Miklós and his orchestra, the excellent band who performed for the 2004 Ball. The Ball will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel in Needham, MA. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$60 students

For tickets or more information, contact Ildiko Juhasz at ziaj@rcn.com or see the website www.bostonmagyarbal.com

Exhibition on 1956 Hungarian Revolution in downtown Boston's Prudential Center

Dr. Gabor Garai, Honorary Hungarian Consul in Boston, is planning and exhibition that aims to educate the public about the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. The Prudential Center agreed to provide an well-trafficked area for the display. Planned is a photo exhibit and other artifacts.

Continuing news - **AHF providing free Websites on the 1956 Portal (www.hungary1956.com)** to member organizations as they prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. If you know of any organization or



group planning events for the commemoration of 1956, please contact us. The American Hungarian Federation is sponsoring the

1956 Portal as part of its goals to coordinate and assist member organizations across the country.

The 1956 Portal serves as a central information resource for 1956 activities as our community prepares for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. The Portal also includes **Audio and Video files!** If you have additional photos or have plans you would like to promote, contact us! Write to [Bryan Dawson](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org) at bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org

[See www.hungary1956.com]

Featured Video

"Freedom Dance" retells the inspiring story of a Hungarian-born artist named Edward Hilbert who (with his newly wedded wife, Judy)



made a dangerous escape from occupied Hungary in 1956 during the violent Hungarian Revolution, taking refuge in the land of Edward's dreams: America! Throughout their 4 months on the road, Edward, the child star of the Hungarian classic film "Meseauto," kept a journal in cartoon form illustrating various episodes from his adventure. The

Maryland



Note: You will need the free RealAudio Player to see these videos. Click [\[here\]](#) to download.

"Five Days of Freedom in Budapest" - "Budapest is in revolt. With uncontrolled fury, crowds set fire to Russian flags... The impossible has happened. A handful of heroes has shaken the communist world to its foundations." (5.2 Mb)



[See [more audio and video files](#)]

Continuing news - **A Centennial Celebration! The American Hungarian Federation turned 100 - Join and help us represent the interests of our community!** The American Hungarian Federation (AHF), was founded in 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio. Among the oldest ethnic organizations in the US, AHF was established as an association of Hungarian societies, institutions and churches to "defend the interest of Americans of Hungarian origin in the United States." The American Hungarian Federation strives to unite the American Hungarian community through work that supports common goals. AHF is a national, non-partisan, independent umbrella organization representing the interests of the Hungarian American community. *Members are reminded to send dues before March 31st.* [\[more about us\]](#)



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filmmakers need your financial support to complete this unique project and are even selling original artwork by the artist and stills from the film. [\[read more\]](#)

Attention Hungarians who came to the US during World War II or the 1956 Revolution: *Alert!*

AHF Member Barbara Lanciers is a theatre artist (performer/director/choreographer) from New York City and a recent transplant to Baltimore, Maryland. She is working on the creation of a performance piece based on her grandmother's escape from Budapest to the US in 1944. The project is entitled, "Leaves with A Name." Barbara is in conceptual stages. If you are interested in helping her or being interviewed, contact her at blanciers@googlemail.com

California

AHF's Dr. Istvan Tuba The Third Resource: A Universal Ideology of Economics; A Tribute to the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. The universal Tuba Doctrines will revolutionize man's thinking about world economics (2005). Available on the [\[AHF bookstore\]](#)

In Memorium

AHF President Emeritus, Entrepreneur, Freedom Activist, and 1959 US "Citizen of the Year," George K. Haydu, passed away after long illness. The death of this great humanitarian and leader is a major loss



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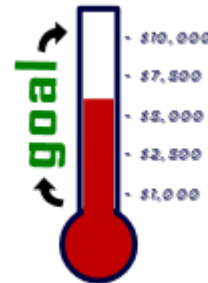
for the Hungarian-American community and to all his many friends. Despite many death threats and being shot in the leg during "Loyalty Day" parade in New York City, George was undeterred in his efforts to bring freedom



to Hungary and comfort to refugees. [[read more about George Haydu](#)] or see [[All Memorials](#)]

Disaster Relief Wall of Honor

We've reached the \$6500.00 mark! Who is giving to the Disaster Relief Fund? AHF would like to publicly say "thank you." [Click here](#) to see and then [join us](#) to help our community!



Featured Link: Do you think you know something about famous Hungarians? Think again! See "Nobel Prize Winners and Famous Hungarians" on www.thehungarypage.com

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