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3/22/2010 - **AHF President discusses Slovak Language Law** with OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Knut Vollebaek

and submits follow up letter: "...[Slovakia's] actions include the gerrymandering of the administrative division of Slovakia so that Hungarians are in the minority; adopting a resolution proposed by extremist [Jan Slota ratifying and confirming the Benes decrees](#); and refusing to rehabilitate Janos Esterhazy, who as leader of the Hungarian Party in Tiso's Fascist Slovakia was the only Member of Parliament to vote against the deportation of Jews in 1942, yet who died in a Czechoslovak prison after the war."

This is the latest in a series of efforts aimed at publicizing and overturning this law [[read more](#)]



Büszke, hogy magyar? Írja be a 2010 népszámlálási íven!

Proud to be Hungarian?

Identify in the 2010 census!

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Cultural News & Member Events

Members can announce a Hungarian cultural event, by contacting the [AHF Cultural Affairs Committee](#), Zoltan Bagdy, Chair [[cultural news](#)]

4/1,

Washington, DC: AHF, the [Joint Baltic American National](#)





3/16/2010 - **20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Kossuth Bust in the US Capitol...** AHF and members of the community joined

Congress, the Hungarian Embassy, and the Lantos Foundation in a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the unveiling of the Kossuth Bust in the US Capitol, a gift from AHF to the people of the United States. [\[read more\]](#)

[Committee](#), and Alex Gallery present the award-winning film, "The Soviet Story." See the award-winning documentary the Economist Magazine called: "...the most powerful antidote yet to the sanitization of the past. The film is gripping, audacious, and uncompromising." [Buy it now](#) on AHF's Amazon Store! amazon.com or

[\[read more\]](#)



3/15/2009 - **Hungarian Americans commemorate Hungarian National Day.**

President Obama sends [congratulations](#). The 1848 Hungarian Revolution, under its leader Louis Kossuth, sought to throw off the Austrian Yoke. It failed after Russian intervention, but its impact on the United States is felt even today [\[read more\]](#)

5/15, Washington, DC: SAVE THE DATE for the 5th Annual Hungarian Ball / Magyar Bál benefiting Wounded and Recovering



Soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital and the Hungarian Parochial School in Vaján, Slovakia, to help maintain the community's Hungarian Cultural Heritage and Language! 6 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel 44610 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147

[\[buy tickets & read more\]](#)



3/12/2010 - **AHF holds 51st annual General Assembly meeting** - AHF held its 51st annual meeting at the Hungarian Reformed Church in New Brunswick, New

Jersey, during March 5-6, 2010. Federation leaders presented their annual reports; participants discussed various operational and policy issues; decisions were reached with regard to various issues, including financial contributions the Federation provides; and a new slate of officers was also elected. [\[read more\]](#)

5/8, Boston, MA: the 2010 Hungarian Ball to benefit Boston's Bartok Bela Hungarian School, **Boskola!**

[\[more\]](#)



4/15, San Fransisco, CA:

Jenö Jandó in a solo piano recital performing the music of Chopin and Schumann, at the Green room of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center 401 Van Ness Avenue

Tickets (\$28 regular/\$18 students) available by contacting

matraimusic@comcast.net



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[\[more / tovább\]](#)

3/9/2009 - **Proud to be Hungarian? AHF issues Census Alert.**

AHF urges Americans of Hungarian ethnicity, background and

cultural heritage to identify on the 2010 US

AHF Culture Corner
4/1 - 4/3/2010, Washington, DC: Ivan Fischer, the National Symphony

Orchestra's Principal Conductor will conduct the choral-tour-de-force, Bach's Mass in B minor, with renowned vocal soloists and the University of Maryland Concert Choir. Tickets (202) 467-4600.

Census and asks all organizations to distribute a one page flyer on how to do it [\[read more in English\]](#) [\[tovább magyarul\]](#)



Continuing News: **AHF continues call for support of a 1956 Statue for 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 with his prototype design is renowned sculptor Gyuri Hollosy, who was responsible for the Boston Liberty Square memorial. At the recent Capitol Reception honoring 1848, Congressman Tom Lantos mentioned his intent to place a 1956 memorial in Washington. We must ensure this remarkable design is selected! [\[read more\]](#)

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The latest member books added:



Lapossy, Susanna (Zsuzsanna): [Life Behind the Iron Curtain](#). [\[Read more\]](#) about the book or purchase the book on [amazon.com](#)



Simon, Paul M: "The Old lady and the Fawn," the first bilingual edition of "Öreg néne ozikéje" (Hungarian) Order now at [Simpa Books](#)



Professor Peter Hargitai's [Daughter of the Revolution: A Novel](#) (2006 - A story of a brave freedom fighter - a 14 year-old girl) [\[read more\]](#)



Rebecca McEldowney's "Soul of Flesh:

4/16/2010, Washington, DC: The Takacs Quartet performs works by Haydn, Beethoven and Schumann. Pianist Joyce Yang also appears. Music Center at Strathmore, in North Bethesda, Maryland. Tickets (301) 581-5100

Looking Back... AHF History

The Kossuth Bust in the United States Capitol...

"The spirit of our age is Democracy. All for the people and all by the people. Nothing about the people,

without the people. That is Democracy, and that is the ruling tendency of the spirit of our age." - Louis Kossuth, spoken before the Ohio State Legislature, February 16, 1852, more than a decade before Lincoln's [Gettysburg Address](#). Kossuth was the leader of the [1848-1849 Hungarian War of Liberation](#) against Austria commemorated on March 15th, [Hungarian National Day](#).



To celebrate and commemorate the friendship and shared values



between the people of the United States and those of Hungarian descent, the American Hungarian Federation commissioned a bronze bust of Lajos Kossuth and offered it to U.S. Congress. [\[read more\]](#) and *hear Kossuth speak on an authentic recording!*

A Novel of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution" [\[read more\]](#)



Dr. Katalin Kadar Lynn's "Tibor Eckhardt in His Own Words: An Autobiography" [\[read more\]](#)

Strength can only be found in unity!

Please join AHF and work together on common ground issues!

There are two easy ways to Join and Support us!

1) Online Processing (fastest):



Contribute or join online! AHF accepts all major credit cards and checks. AHF is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Your donations may be tax deductible. Your information is secure not shared with anyone. [\[Join Online Here\]](#)

2) The Old-Fashioned Way:

If you are uncomfortable or unable to process an Internet transaction, download the [AHF Membership Registration Form](#) and mail it in with your check payable to "American Hungarian Federation." NOTE: If you are sending a donation for a specific fund, please be sure to include that on the form. (You do not need to become a member to donate):

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For technical assistance, contact bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org

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AHF Members' Corner

Featured Member:

Steve Bognar, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and 2010 Oscar Nominee

for "The Last Truck," a documentary about the closing of a General Motors



plant in Moraine Ohio. He is also the son of a proud father, and AHF Scholarship Committee Chair, Bela Bognar, a.k.a., "Professor Paprika."

Read more about him on [\[Featured Members\]](#)

Featured Book

AHF has begun featuring articles written by distinguished AHF members. AHF encourages all members to submit scholarly essays, books, and other materials which will be featured on our [Publications](#) page. 1956 Revolution-related materials are featured on www.hungary1956.com



The current selection is Banjin, the latest novel by acclaimed Emmy nominated cinematographer Andrew Laszlo... One reader wote:

"BANJIN picks up more than 200 years after Shogun. The year is 1843. Another shipwreck. A Japanese boy, Masahiro, is blown in storm away from his village to a



desolate island, rescued by American whalers and brought to New Bedford, Massachusetts in a voyage that would make Conrad, Melville or Dana proud. As John Mong, the boy is well educated at Exeter, advises Congress, goes back to sea, joins the Gold Rush in California, and returns home to Japan. He becomes Lord Tanaka Masahiro, and helps open Japan to the west as a leading character

in the Meiji Restoration.

There's enough action, intrigue, passion and character development to fill a half-dozen regular novels or Hollywood movies."

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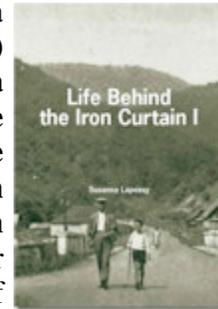
Author Susanna (Zsuzsanna)

**Láposy is a
Freedom Circle
Member of the
American
Hungarian**

Federation. Her book, the first part of a trilogy entitled

"Life behind the iron curtain" contains lesser-known facts about 20th century Hungary as seen through a middle-class family.

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