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6/3/2010 - **The 90th Anniversary of Hungary's Dismemberment:** Hungary declares June 4th a "National Day of Unity," AHF issues statement emphasizing the

effects of Trianon today: "Trianon is not only tragic history, it is a lingering tragedy which continues to affect the Hungarian minorities and historical communities living in the states neighboring Hungary even today." [[read more](#)]

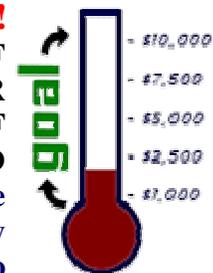


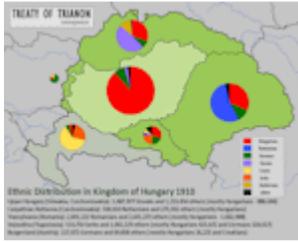
**FELHÍVÁS!**

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DISASTER  
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FUND**

**ACTIVATED! State  
of Emergency  
declared due to  
Devastating Flooding**

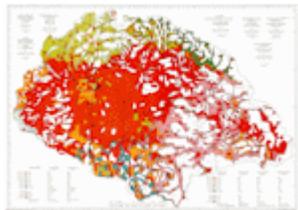
**in Hungary - Help now!** The American Hungarian Federation is joining forces with its sister organization in Hungary, the Amerikai Magyar Klub, under its "Amerikaiak a Magyarokért Közhasznú Alapítvány," to raise funds to help families affected by devastating





6/3/2010 - **The American Hungarian Federation issues statement Supporting Hungarian Dual Citizenship Law, Rebukes Unjustified**

**and Baseless Criticism:** "Slovakia, home to more than 500,000 ethnic Hungarians (10% of the population), has condemned this law. The Slovak condemnation is hypocritical, unjustifiable, and only consistent with the pattern of xenophobia and scapegoating for political expediency." [\[read more\]](#)



5/27/2010 - **Hungary grants citizenship to Hungarians living in historic ethnic Hungarian communities across**

**the present-day borders.** The American Hungarian Federation has long called for such a measure and feels that all Hungarians should have the right to claim citizenship. The law restores rights to millions of ethnic Hungarians that were stripped of their right to citizenship by the communist regimes. Slovakia protests. [\[read more\]](#)



5/11/2010 - **"Meggyőzni Washingtont..."** American Hungarian Federation president calls for even-handedness in media coverage on Hungary in *Heti Válasz* interview following Fidesz's landslide victory in

recently held parliamentary elections. "Miben tudna segíteni az amerikai magyar emigráció az óhazának, amikor a jobbközép győzelmét ismét fanyalognva fogadja az amerikai sajtó?" [\[tovább\]](#)



4/16/2010 - **AHF Congratulates Hungary on Successful First-Round Elections...** The Federation wishes the new government the best in

flooding. Hungary NEEDS YOUR HELP! Father Bojte Csaba joined the effort and targeted funds raised by the [Csíksomlyói pünkösdi búcsú](#) to help flood victims! **Do your part and add your name to the Wall of Honor and [\[DONATE NOW\]](#)**

The American Hungarian Federation  
Celebrating over 50 Years of Service - Establishment of 1959  
Magyar Északkelet-Európai Szövetség  
Amerikai és Magyarországi Magyarok Magyarországi Állampolgársági Bizottsága

**Kedves Barátok, Istenbékéi,**  
**Tisztelettel köszöntjük az Újszajkán 2010. június 2-án zajló 2010-es Magyarországi Állampolgársági Bizottsági ülést.**

**Please Help The Hungarian Victims of the 2010 Flood**  
**Send Your Tax Deductible Donation To AHF Today**  
100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE  
The ongoing Prime Minister declared a state of emergency in flood-hit areas in northern Hungary on Monday, the 28th. The declaration was necessary to help flood victims receive financial assistance from national sources.

Many roofs and doors have received serious damage and thousands of residents have been displaced in several parts of Hungary.

In the past 2,000 inhabitants have been forced to leave their homes. Most of the displacement occurred in the north-west, where 2,000 have been evacuated, some to rubber boats. National Disaster Authority spokesman Ferenc Kovács said: "We

Damage to the country's roads has total several hundred million forints, road management company Magyar Közút said. It is a nightmare. Saving percent of Hungary's roads have been flooded or washed out, the document added.

The 85. highway has been fully closed near Szék as a result of flooding and will remain closed for several days. The highway is a major route connecting Budapest and the main border crossing with Austria and Yugoslavia.

**Online and mail donations via:**  
[www.AmericanHungarianFederation.org](http://www.AmericanHungarianFederation.org)  
make checks out to the American Hungarian Federation and in the notes put 2010 Hungarian Flood Relief.

Relief supplies will be purchased and delivered by the American és Magyarországi Magyarok Magyarországi Állampolgársági Bizottsága and linked to the Hungarian Ministry of Education, European Federation Magyar Északkelet-Európai Szövetség, AHF/100.

[www.AmericanHungarianFederation.org](http://www.AmericanHungarianFederation.org)

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## Upcoming Events

6/5/2010, New Brunswick, NJ: 35th Annual Hungarian Festival sponsored by the Hungarian Civic Association. 11 - 8pm, along Somerset Streets



(from Division to Bethany Streets. More information call (732) 846-5777 or [\[download the flyer\]](#)

6/20/2010, Cleveland, OH: 2nd Annual Great International Goulash (Gulyás) Cookoff to benefit the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland. Sunday, June 20, 2010, 12 noon - 5:00 pm



achieving democratic ideals, promoting genuine and mutually beneficial trans-Atlantic relations, restoring moral values, eliminating the massive corruption, revitalizing the country's economy and supporting the rights of the Hungarian minorities living in countries bordering Hungary. These are the very values the Federation has consistently and publicly supported. [\[read more\]](#) [\[tovább\]](#)

St. Emeric Church  
1860 West 22nd Street  
Cleveland, OH 44113

**Deadline to enter as as chef: June 10!**

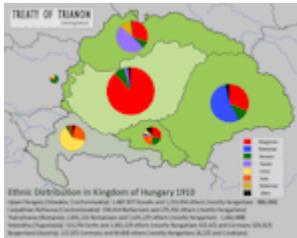
More info at

[www.hungarianculturalgarden.org](http://www.hungarianculturalgarden.org)

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## Cultural News & Member Events

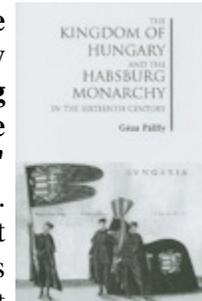
Members can announce a Hungarian cultural event, by contacting the [AHF Cultural Affairs Committee](#), Zoltan Bagdy, Chair



4/7/2010 -- **AHF article on Autonomy for Romania's Hungarian Communities published in Foreign Policy Review...**The article entitled,

"Autonomy: The Path to Democracy and Stability in Romania," makes a compelling case for the recognition of autonomy as a means of strengthening democracy and stability in Romania. It also argues that the US and Europe should support autonomy for ethnic groups. [\[read more\]](#)

**New Book: "The Kingdom of Hungary and the Habsburg Monarchy in the Sixteenth Century,"** by Dr. Géza Pálffy. from the author: "két esztendő fordítási és nyomdai munkálatait



követően megjelent másfél évtizedes kutatásaim alapján írott, angol nyelvű, összegző monográfiám a 16. századi Magyar Királyság történetéről." **Buy it now on AHF's Amazon Store!** [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



4/2/2010 - **American Hungarian Federation Co-Sponsors Screening of "The Soviet Story..."**

a riveting film that tells the story of the Soviet regime and its unspeakable crimes, such as the Great Famine in Ukraine, the Katyn massacre and the medical experiments in the Gulag. The film also describes the collaboration between Stalin's Soviet Union and Hitler's Nazi Germany up until the time Germany invaded the Soviet Union, a collaboration often ignored or forgotten. [\[read more\]](#) and [\[buy it now\]](#) on our Amazon Store! [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

## Looking Back... AHF History

**"Justice for Hungary" - a historic flight** calling attention to the tragic [Treaty of Trianon](#). In 1931, papers all over the world reported on the front page that two Hungarian



pilots, Alexander Magyar and George Endresz (Endres), had crossed the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to Hungary in a Lockheed-Sirius airplane named "Justice for Hungary." The flight was intended to call attention to the



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! [\[read more\]](#)

[dismemberment of Hungary](#) after World War I. It marked the first time that an airplane crossing the ocean had radio contact both with the starting and landing aerodromes. It was also the first time such a flight was used for political purposes. [\[read more\]](#)

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**Simon, Paul M:** "The Old lady and the Fawn," the first bilingual edition of "Őreg 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: A Novel of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution" [\[read more\]](#)



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

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## Strength can only be found in unity!

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## AHF Members' Corner

### Featured Member:

**The Honorable Helen M. (Ilona) Szablya** is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Hungary for the States of Washington,



Oregon, and Idaho based in Seattle. Born and raised in Budapest, Hungary, she is an award-winning author, columnist, translator, lecturer, and publisher. The number of her English language publications exceeds 700 and some, such as "[The Fall of the Red Star](#)," an award-winning story of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution through the eyes of an "illegal" boy scout troop, are available on the AHF Store.



Read [\[more about her\]](#) and buy her books on the AHF Store 

### 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](http://www.hungary1956.com)



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

ground issues!

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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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Woodside NY 11377

For technical assistance, contact [bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org)

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There's enough action, intrigue, passion and character development to fill a half-dozen regular novels or Hollywood movies."  
[[read more and buy it!](#)]

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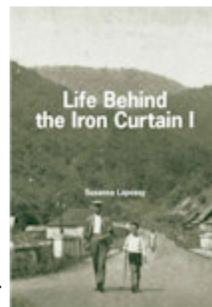
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**Author Susanna (Zsuzsanna) Láposy is a Freedom Circle Member of the American Hungarian Federation.** Her book, the first part of a trilogy entitled



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

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