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## AHF eNews, March 2011

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- [INVITATION / MEGHÍVÓ](#) - Boston, May 1st - Fundraiser, reception, and film screening of "The Soviet Story" to benefit victims of the Toxic Sludge Disaster.
- [INVITATION / MEGHÍVÓ](#) - Washington, DC, May 14th - Májusi Magyar Bál / Hungarian May Ball, Jótékonysági Est (Benefit Night)
- [AHF honors Col. Ferenc Koszorus, Sr.](#), and Hungarian Heroes of the Holocaust, reflects on Holocaust Memorial Month.
- [AHF Supports Voting Rights](#) for all Hungarian Citizens
- The American Hungarian Federation of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., holds [annual commemoration of the 1848 War of Liberation](#). New Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, Dr. George Szapary, delivers keynote address.
- The [2011 Washington Hungarian Ball](#) to raise funds for Hungarian nursery school in Bácskossuthfalva, Vojvodina (Vajdaság)
- **alert!** [AHF Disaster Relief Fund](#) surpasses \$225,000.00! But the effects of flooding and Toxic Sludge are NOT OVER!! See how your support is helping the victims. Add your name to the Wall of Honor!
- DVD RELEASE of 8-time-award-winning documentary [Torn from the Flag!](#)
- [1956 National Memorial](#) - A continuing call for support and donations to finally have a fitting national memorial in the nation's capital!

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AHF is an all-volunteer, non-partisan, 501(C)(3) educational and charitable organization focused on common ground issues. Serving the community since 1906, we need your support! *Only in unity can we find strength!* [\[join and support us!\]](#)

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## AHF Headlines



3/23/2011 - **AHF honors Col. Ferenc Koszorus, Sr., and "Hungarian Heroes of the Holocaust,"** reflects on **Holocaust Memorial Month.** AHF honors the millions of lives lost and the untold suffering

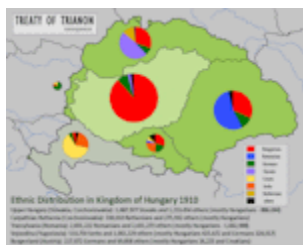
caused by Nazism and Communism. But even during the horrors of WWII, stories of resistance to Nazi atrocities emerged. When Hitler's patience ran out with the conservative leaders in Budapest and their peace-feelers and contacts with Western allies, Nazi Germany invaded Hungary in March 1944, drastically changing the situation of Hungary and the Jews. Col. Koszorus ordered his First Armored Division into action against Laszlo Baky and pro-Nazi forces in July 5, 1944, preventing the coup and the deportation of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Budapest. This unparalleled action was the only case known in which an Axis power used military force for the purpose of preventing deportations. [[read more](#)]



**Strength can only be found in unity!** [Please join and support](#) your AHF, an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(C)(3), charitable organization serving the community since 1906. Your donations may be tax deductible.



**Boston, MA**  
**Stuart Street Playhouse**  
**INVITATION / MEGHÍVÓ**  
**May 1st, 2011, 4:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**A fundraiser, reception, and film screening to benefit victims of the Toxic Sludge Disaster.** Distinguished guests include his Excellency Dr. George Szapary, Hungarian Ambassador to the United States and the Honorable Karoly Dan, Consul General of Hungary in New York.  
**BUY TICKETS ONLINE NOW!**  
[\[read more\]](#)



3/20/2011 - **AHF Supports Voting Rights for all Hungarian Citizens...**

In a [Heti Válasz](#)

**HetiVálasz.hu** article, AHF President Frank Koszorus, who, later this week, will represents AHF at the



**EXCLUSIVE SCREENING!**  
Fundraiser to help Toxic Sludge Victims in Hungary  
Sunday, May 1st, Reception begins at 4:00 pm  
Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart Street, Boston

**BOSTON** (OFFICIAL SELECTION) **BLACK NIGHTS** (OFFICIAL SELECTION) **SEDONA** (OFFICIAL SELECTION)

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE!**  
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**The SOVIET STORY**  
A film by EDVINS SMORE

This is a story of an idealism, which helped the Nazis to fight, Jews and which strengthened its own people on an industrial scale.

Announced by the White, the power triumphed on May 8th 1945. Its victims were made silent, and the complete story of Europe's most horrendous regime has never been told. Until now...

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View trailer at [www.sovietstory.com](http://www.sovietstory.com)  
Buy the multi-language DVD at [WWW.AMAZON.COM](http://www.amazon.com)

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Hungarian Permanent (Standing) Conference Diaspora Subcommittee (MÁERT) in Budapest, said, "Enabling Hungarian citizens to vote [is a] democratic means of uniting a divided nation without endangering anyone and a practice that is consistent with the practices of other states in Central and Eastern Europe and elsewhere. [[read more](#)]



3/15/2011 - **The American Hungarian Federation of Metropolitan Washington,**

**D.C., holds annual commemoration of the 1848 War of Liberation.** Hungarian Ambassador George Szapary's Keynote Address was a welcome paradigm shift in Hungarian official policy toward Hungarians in the diaspora. AHF President Frank Koszorus reflected on what Kossuth's legacy means to us today: "Let us reach out and find all who want to participate [to] ensure democracy for all Hungarians and advance the foreign policy interests of our great American homeland." [[read more](#)]



3/7/2011 - **The 2011 Washington Hungarian Ball to raise funds for Hungarian nursery school in Bácskossuthfalva**

: Founded in 2005 and located in the formerly Hungarian region of [Vojvodina](#), this is the only such school officially

**Washington, DC**  
**INVITATION / MEGHÍVÓ**  
**May 14, 2011**



**The 6th Annual**  
**Májusi Magyar Bál**  
**Hungarian May Ball**

**Jótékonysági Est (Benefit Night)**

This year's proceeds will support a Nursery School in Bácskossuthfalva (Bácskossuthfalvi Református Óvoda in the formerly Hungarian region of Vajdasag, now known as the province of Vojvodina, Serbia) under threat of shutdown, the AHF's Hungarian American Education and Culture Fund, and Wounded Veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. [[Read more](#)] and buy tickets online!



**FELHÍVÁS! ALERT!**  
**SUPPORT THE AHF DISASTER RELIEF FUND!**

**Environmental Disaster in Hungary! Governor Pataki Designates AHF as one of three organizations to receive donations for the "Red Sludge" fundraising effort - At the request of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, former New York Governor**



recognized by Serbian authorities. Despite the official recognition, Serbia has refused to extend any financial support. See the video and [\[Read more\]](#) about the 2011 Hungarian Ball!



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

## Featured Member Books

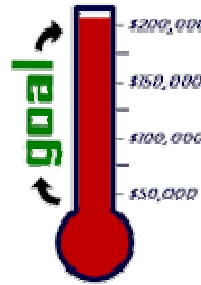
AHF features books and articles written by distinguished AHF members. AHF encourages all members to submit scholarly essays, books, and other materials which will be featured on our [Publications](#) page. 1956 Revolution-related materials are also featured on [www.hungary1956.com](http://www.hungary1956.com)

George Pataki is spearheading efforts to raise money to assist the victims of the toxic "Red Sludge" disaster in Hungary. [HELP TOXIC SLUDGE](#)

[VICTIMS NOW!](#)



**The 2010 AHF Disaster Relief Fund has raised over \$225,000.00 to help victims of devastating flooding and Toxic Sludge in Hungary!**



The American Hungarian Federation joined 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 flooding. **Do your part and add your name to the Wall of Honor** [\[Read more and HELP](#)

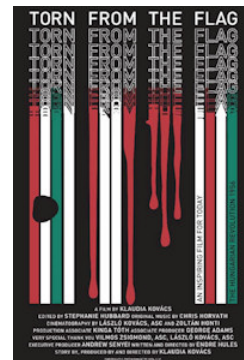
[FLOOD VICTIMS\]](#)

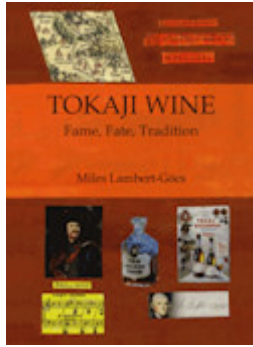


## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**We are thrilled to announce the DVD RELEASE of 8-time-award-winning documentary TORN FROM THE FLAG!**


**Klaudia Kovacs' multi-award-winning sociopolitical historical documentary is about the international decline of communism and**





**Tokaji Wine: Fame, Fate, Tradition: A Journey into Tokaji Wine History** - By AHF's Miles Lambert-Gocs. This is a book that Wine Spectator called "the most comprehensive reference book on

Tokaji available in the English language."

How did a wine from a remote corner of Europe gain unparalleled fame worldwide? This is the central question answered on virtually every page of *Tokaji Wine: Fame, Fate, Tradition*, a new book that promises to be a touchstone for all future writing on Tokaji. The world's first botrytis wine, Hungary's Tokaji won an enviable reputation centuries ago. But never before have the development of its winetypes and the story of its ups and downs in fame and prestige been presented so fully in English. [\[read more\]](#) and [Buy his books now](#) on the AHF Amazon Store 



**Scarlett Antaloczy's "FREEDOM '56: True Stories of the Hungarian Revolution"**... is a timely compilation of true accounts of the Hungarian freedom fight of 1956. What started out as a personal family

tribute to Scarlett's parents blossomed into a worldwide journey leading to a host of discoveries and the posing of serious questions about civilization, global domination and political agendas. FREEDOM '56 is derived from a wealth

the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. *Torn from the Flag* was the last film of legendary cinematographer László Kovács. As Klaudia and crew continue their '56 AROUND THE WORLD campaign, the public-use DVD continues to be available for rental in the USA, Canada and now in Australia and New Zealand for educational screenings. (Kindly note that private/personal-use DVDs may not be used for group/public screenings.)

[\[Buy or Rent\]](#) this historic film, movie posters, post cards, and invite the producer to your event! [\[read more\]](#)

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**Oklahoma City, OK  
Torn from the Flag Film Screening!**  
4/7, Thursday  
6:30 pm  
IAO Gallery  
706 W. Sheridan Street

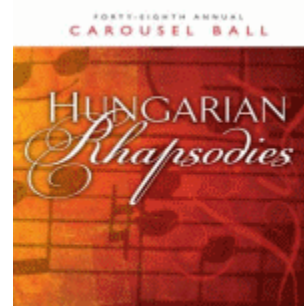


Discount Tickets for \$15 available online:  
[Click here for tickets!](#) [\[read more\]](#)

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**April 30, 2011 - New Brunswick, NJ, American Hungarian Foundation's Carousel Ball!**

Come and join us on April 30th, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ for the 48th Annual Carousel Ball for the Benefit




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of interviews and submissions of first-hand information from survivors and friends of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 against the Soviet occupation and the Hungarian Communist party. These are the personal experiences and reflections of individual contributors, from all walks of life and from all over the world, who looked back across more than fifty years of history to share their still-vivid memories of the Revolution with readers of FREEDOM '56. [\[read more\]](#) and [Buy her book now](#) on the AHF Amazon Store 



**"The Porcelain Figurine" (A Porcelánbaba) by Eva Mecs:** How often does it happen, that letters thought to be long-lost, gently passed into oblivion, with pictures and a steadily unfolding love story suddenly,

unexpectedly re-emerge? This near miracle is what occurred with Ildikó, prompting her to start on a quest to find that first love from whom she, as a seventeen-year-old, received 38 wondrous letters with beautiful poems in 1970's Hungary. [\[read more\]](#) and [Buy her book now](#) on the AHF Amazon Store 

of the American Hungarian Foundation! Attached is the invitation and RSVP card for your convenience. Please contact us with any questions at [info@ahfoundation.org](mailto:info@ahfoundation.org) or by phone: (732) 846-5777 [\[download the invitation\]](#)

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**ONGOING Washington, D.C. - Péter Bacsó Film Club, Tuesday's, 7pm**

Embassy of Hungary  
 2950 Spring of Freedom Street, N.W.,  
 Washington, D.C. 20008  
 Dress code: Casual

For further information:

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 R.S.V.P. by (202) 362-6730/201  
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**Looking Back... AHF History**

**WWII and the American Hungarian Relief Program...**

The American Hungarian

Relief Program, under the auspices of the American Hungarian Federation, collected and sent \$1,216,167.00 in clothing, medicine, foodstuffs and money. In all, 200,000 care packages were sent by countless local and national groups. Total estimated costs of the relief program exceeded three million dollars. [\[read more\]](#)



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**Kitty Gogins: "My flag Grew Stars"** by [\[Read more\]](#) about the book or purchase the book on 



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


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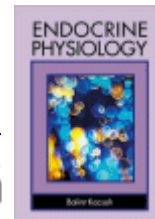
### Featured Member

**Balint Kacsoh , MD, PhD,** is a professor of histology at [Mercer University's Medical School](#) in Macon, GA where he joined the faculty in 1992. He and his wife, a pediatrician in private



practice in Macon, both came from Hungary in 1986 and hold dual citizenship. They have three children, the oldest already in university. They are members of the Hungarian

Reformed Church. He is the author of the medical book, "Endocrine Physiology." [Buy his book](#) on the AHF Amazon Store! 



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**Simon, Paul M:** "The Old lady and the Fawn," the first bilingual edition of "Öreg néne ozikéje" (Hungarian)

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**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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