

## AHF eNews, June 2011 [Download the PDF]

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- The AHF Cultural Committee sponsors night of [Transylvanian Folk Music with Heveder!](#) Cleveland is next!
- The [6th Annual Hungarian Charity Ball](#) raises funds for worthy causes, including the Bácskossuthfalvi Református Óvoda.
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- AHF remains concerned that authorities continue to raise barriers to divide residents of [Szelmenc, the Village Cut in Two "A kettévágott falu."](#)
- American Hungarian Federation Participates in [Central and East European Coalition Advocacy Day](#) on Capitol Hill... CEEC issues 2011 Policy Brief.
- **Alert!** [AHF Disaster Relief Fund](#) surpasses \$230,000.00! 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 Headlines



6/4/2011 - **On the 91st Anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon, AHF remembers the ill-**

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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!](#)]

## Strength can only be found in unity!

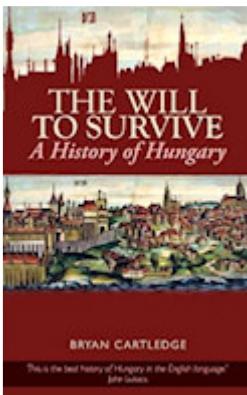
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advised treaty and publishes essay by Sir Bryan Cartledge who called the treaty "the greatest catastrophe to have befallen Hungary since the battle of Mohacs in 1526." Over the course of its more than 100-year history, the American Hungarian Federation has commemorated the Treaty of Trianon, highlighting the gross injustices wrought by that treaty (better described as a diktat) and the entire Versailles so-called peacemaking. Trianon continues to plague the region. Sir Bryan Cartledge is also author of *The Will to Survive: A History of Hungary* (2007 and published by Columbia University Press in 2011) a highly acclaimed volume by the former British diplomat. Buy it now on the AHF Amazon Store!



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**6/1/2011 - The AHF  
Cultural  
Committee  
sponsors night of  
Transylvanian  
Folk Music with  
Heveder! We are**

proud to announce that the genuine, virtuoso, EMKE Award-winning Heveder Folk Music Band from Transylvania has finally come to America! The group, accompanied by two of Hungary's most respected folkdance performers Irén Deffend and Flórián Hajdú, wowed the audience at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda, MD on June 1st. Cleveland, Ohio is the next stop. [\[read more\]](#)



# 5/14/2011 - The 6th Annual Hungarian Charity Ball



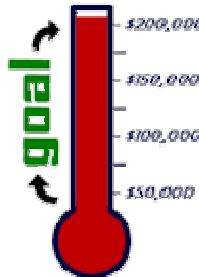
# **Environmental Disaster in Hungary! Governor Pataki Designates AHF as one of three**



**organizations to receivedonations for the  
“Red Sludge” fundraising effort - At the  
request of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor  
Orban, former New York Governor 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** [\[Read more and HELP FLOOD\]](#)



## Upcoming Events

**Cleveland, OH - INVITATION  
Heveder Band June 11  
Hungarian Folk Music Concert**

**Hungarian Folk Music Concert**  
The AHF Cultural Committee Sponsored  
the band for the Friday, June 3rd  
performance in Washington DC. ***But the***  
***tour continues in Cleveland on June 11th!***  
Don't miss this great event!

**raises funds for worthy causes...** The American Hungarian Federation and the Hungarian Scouts of Washington sponsor the annual Jótékonysági Est (Benefit Event). This year, recipients included the Hungarian Reformed Church Nursery School in Bácskossuthfalva (Bácskossuthfalvi Református Óvoda) in the formerly Hungarian region of Vajdaság. Founded in 2005 and located in the formerly Hungarian region of Vojvodina, this is the only such school officially recognized by Serbian authorities. Despite the official recognition, Serbia has refused to extend any financial support. [\[Read more\]](#)



**EXCLUSIVE SCREENING!**  
Hungarian Toxic Sludge Disaster in Boston  
Event May 1st, 2011  
Smart Street Pictures, 200 Brattle Street Boston  
**(BOSTON) (BLACKOUT) (THE SOVIET STORY) (SECONDS)**

**The SOVIET STORY**

5/2/2011 - AHF and member organizations in Massachusetts raise money for Toxic Sludge victims in Hungary... At the event held on May 1st, 2011, the Boston community came together to help victims of a toxic waste reservoir rupture in Hungary. A legacy of its communist past, it is Hungary's worst ecological disaster. The 2010-2011 AHF Disaster Relief Fund has now raised over \$225,000.00. Speakers at the event included Event Chair, James Buzgo; AHF Executive Chairman, Bryan Dawson; and New York Consul General, Ambassador Karoly Dan.

The highlight of the evening was the showing of a short documentary of the disaster and the full-length documentary by Latvian director Edvins Snore entitled, "The Soviet Story." The riveting film tells the



#### Washington, DC: INVITATION

**Heveder Band - Hungarian Folk Music Concert**  
Friday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm  
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church  
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-4099  
Ticket: \$20 - Discount for groups online!



The genuine, virtuoso, EMKE Award-winning Heveder Folk Music Band from Transylvania (Rumania) is finally coming to America! Expect a breath taking concert & dance show that will make you fall in love with authentic Transylvanian music and dance. Táncház and dance teaching will follow.



Heveder will be accompanied by two of Hungary's most renowned folkdance performers Irén Delfend and Flórián Hajdú. Irén has been the lead solo dancer of Hungary's Honvéd Ensemble since 1996. Flórián has been a member of the Budapest Ensemble since 1998.

Contact: suszanna.seress@yahoo.com  
Read more and buy tickets ONLINE at:  
[www.americanhungarianfederation.org/heveder](http://www.americanhungarianfederation.org/heveder)

**Heveder Band**  
Heveder Band was formed in 2002 in the Hungarian city of Celldömölk (Mátra-Mecsek), located in the Eastern part of Transylvania (Romania) where the band's name originates. The musicians are dedicated to learning music from the old masters living in remote villages.



Serving the Community since 1906,  
the Hungarian Community of Cleveland  
is an all-inclusive 501(c)(3)  
non-profit charitable organization.  
Contributions to the Hungarian Community  
Fund may be tax deductible. Please  
consult your financial advisor.

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Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 8:00 PM

St. Emeric's Church Hall  
1860 West 22nd St. Cleveland OH 44113  
(next to the WestSide Market Parking Lot)

Admission: \$15 [Students \$ 10]

For Information and Reservations:

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#### INVITATION:

**Washington, DC, 6/17**

**The Embassy of the Republic of Poland and The Embassy Series cordially invite to Great Singers of**



**Hungary and Poland:** a concert of

Hungarian and Polish folk songs, duets and operatic arias featuring MAGDALENA WÓR (mezzo soprano from Poland) and SZABOLCS BRICKNER (tenor from Hungary) GEORGE PEACHEY (piano) In honor of Poland's assuming of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from Hungary.

story of the Soviet regime and its unspeakable crimes, such as the Great Famine in Ukraine where an estimated 7,000,000 people were starved to death, 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. Proceeds from the event go to support the efforts of the Hungarian Knights of Malta which have been assisting victims directly since the disaster began. [[read more](#)]



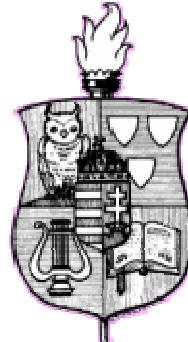
4/27/2010 - AHF remains concerned that authorities continue to raise barriers to divide residents of Szelmenc, the Village Cut in Two "A kettévágott falu." In 2004, AHF, working closely with member the Center for Hungarian American Congressional Relations (CHACR), worked to publicize the fate of villagers of Szelmenc, the "Village Cut in Two" / "A Kettévágott Falu." But the very same Schengen guidelines used to open the border seem to have raised new barriers. [[read more](#)]



4/13/2011 - American Hungarian Federation Participates in Central and East European Coalition Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill... CEEC issues 2011 Policy Brief: The Advocacy Day involved meetings with key staffers in both the Senate and House of

June 17, 2011  
7:30-10:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.)  
Embassy of the Republic of Poland  
2640 16th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Free parking at the Scottish Rite Temple  
(2800 16th Street NW)  
More information at:  
202-234-3800 ext. 2165 or [[e-mail](#)]

**INVITATION: Sarasota, FL, 12/2: Celebrating the Franz Liszt Bicentennial: The Kossuth Club Presents: "From Liszt to Ligeti: 200 Years of Hungarian Piano Music" with Piano Virtuoso LÁSZLÓ BORBÉLY**



Friday, December 2nd at 7pm  
at the Glenridge Auditorium  
7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota, FL 34238  
[\[read more\]](#)



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 the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. *Torn from the Flag* was the last film of legendary cinematographer

Representatives in the U.S. Congress where issues such as democracy development and human and minority rights; Russian influence; and visa waivers were discussed. [read more]



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]

## 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)



New Zsuzsa Hanto, book published: "**Kitiltott Családok**" (Banished families. Communist repression of "class enemies" in Hungary)

Hantó Zsuzsa az elszenvedők és

**László Kovács.** As Klaudia and krew 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]

## 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:  
[www.huembwas.org](http://www.huembwas.org)  
R.S.V.P. by (202) 362-6730/201  
or email: [rsvp.was@kum.hu](mailto:rsvp.was@kum.hu)

## 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]

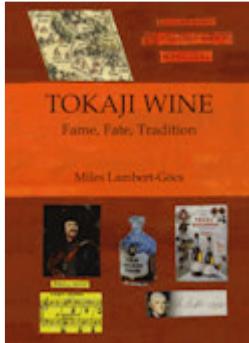


## AHF Members' Corner

### Featured Member

visszaemlékezők emlékeit is magában foglaló könyv történész szerzője nem kevesebbre vállalkozik, mint az 1950-ben és 1951-ben vidékről és Budapestről a kommunista rezsin által kitelepített, kitiltott családok szenvédéseit, megpróbáltatásait, nem egyszer pusztulását mutatja be.

[[tovább](#)]



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](#)] or [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.

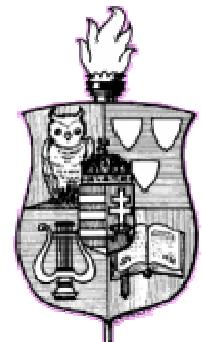
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**Born in Budapest, Éva B. Kisvarsányi was a Junior at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest in 1956, majoring in geology. She participated in the students' march on October 23 under the banner of the University as the 1956 Hungarian Revolution began.**



After November 4, she and her husband, Géza Kisvarsányi, waited in vain for a month for help from the West, and escaped to Austria in December. The Kisvarsányi's arrived in the United States on January 16, 1957, and moved to Missouri. Eva continued her study of geology at the University of Missouri, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology in 1958, followed by a Master of Science in Geology in 1960 from that institution. From 1959 to 1993, she was employed at the Missouri State Geological Survey, rising from the rank of research geoJogist through Section Chief to Assistant Director. She has published more than 100 scientific research papers, maps and books in the field of Precambrian geology. She retired in 1993 and moved to Sarasota, Florida where she is the Executive Director of the Hungarian American Cultural Association, Inc., the Kossuth Club of Sarasota, and founder and editor of the Club's newsletter, The Hírmondó. Her books are available on the AHF Amazon Store!

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FREEDOM '56 is derived from a wealth 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 

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**"The Porcelain Figurine" (A Porcelánbaba) by Eva Mecs.** [[read more](#)] and [Buy her book now](#) on the AHF Amazon Store 



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



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



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



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