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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.
- AHF and member organizations in Massachusetts raise money for Toxic Sludge victims in Hungary.
- 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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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! [read more]

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

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 George Pataki is spearheading efforts to raise money to assist the victims of the toxic "Red Sludge" disaster in Hungary. [Read more]

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. [Read more]

Upcoming Events

Cleveland, OH - INVITATION
Heveder Band June 11
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 Jótkénsági 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]

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
Galer Lane United Methodist Church
901 Galer Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-4097
Tickets: $20 - Contact for group rates!
The genius, 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 Romanian music and dance. Tastful and dance teaching will follow.

Heveder will be accompanied by two of Hungary’s most respected folkance performers Imre Deford and Florin Hali. Imre has been the lead solo dancer of Hungary’s renowned Ensemble since 1996. Florin has been a member of the Budapest Ensemble since 1996.

Contact: susanna.serev@yahoo.com
Read more and buy tickets ONLINE at: www.americanhungarianfederation.org/heveder

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: call 216-281-8727 or email: mahovlich@core.com
Magyarul: (440) 786-9093

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

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

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]
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

New Zsuzsa Hanto, book published: "Kitiltott Családok" (Banished families. Communist represssion 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
R.S.V.P. by (202) 362-6730/201 or email: 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
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] 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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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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