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NEWSLETTER

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Hungarian-American Club of New

Mexico

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Hungarian Community for our St. Stephen's Day celebration

You are cordially invited to join the
at the German American Club
on Sunday, August 14, 2011, 1-5 pm.
4821 Menaul Blvd. NE Albuquerque

The program includes greetings, speech, discussion,
poem, and raffle.

We will be serving **PALACSINTA** and **MELON**
with choices of jams, cottage cheese, and nuts.

Entry and food is \$5, \$2 for kids.

Cash bar is available at the German Club

2011 Upcoming

Events:

1956 October
Revolution
October 23
End-of-Year
Holidays
December 4
1848 Revolution
March 18/ 2012

Greetings from the

President

by Anna (Panni) Powless

Hello Magyarok. I am glad to be
back as President of the club
with Fred Griesbacher as VP, a
Betty Townsend as Treasurer
and Noemi Szegedi as Secretary
supporters who gather before
each event to plan and work to

make the next event and the
next newsletter to happen. We
had between 50 - 60 people at
tend our picnic last month at El-
lena Gallegos. In spite of predic-
tions of wind and smoke we had
a wonderful, sunny, and pleas-
ant afternoon – not to mention
the great burgers and the des-
erts people brought. There
definitely some favor-
ites. We have also decided that

in the future it will be better to advertise this the “new bread” and the establishment of event as starting at 12:00 with a definite time the “state” or “alkotmany”. But of course, in when we eat, but welcome to stay as long church, we celebrated St Stephen, our first as you like. I would also like to thank Gary king. On August 14th, we will serve and Jane Diggs for bringing the Hungarian “palacsinta” – always a favorite – and dancers to our March 15th event. They member the day with poems and music. For proved that they can still kick up a future events Simone and Richard Debbas storm. Their performance always brings a from Cafe Riviera will still continue to cater lot of energy and fun to our get-familiar and fabulous Hungarian dishes. together. We all enjoyed learning some simple steps which seemed not so simple to many of us.

Looking ahead in October we are talking about showing a full length movie on 1956 Our next event will be the celebration of St for those who are interested, and working on Stephen's Day on August 14th. Maybe some keeping our youngest members interested of you remember but when I was a child, with stories and games during our pro- during the 50's it was celebrated with fire- grams. I look forward to seeing you in Au- works on Gellert hegy, and little mention of gust. We welcome ideas, suggestions, and St Stephen. There was a lot of talk about help for all of our events.

KING OF HUNGARY reign: 997-1038 AD SAINT STEPHEN, THE GREAT

By Betsy Townsend

He was born circa 967-975 AD and named Vajk, which means leader in Turkish. Vajk was the only son of Prince Géza, the third duke of Árpád and Sáróit, the daughter of Gyula of Transylvania. Sáróit was a Christian. In 986 Prince Géza and their young son were baptized and Vajk became Stephen, named after the first Christian martyr. Géza and Sáróit oversaw his education.

Stephen at age 20 married Gisela, a sister of Duke Henry of Bavaria. The union assured westward ties, particularly with Rome, rather than Constantinople. In 997 Prince Géza died and Stephen succeeded him.

Pope Sylvester II was persuaded to grant Stephen the title of king. He was crowned First King of Hungary on Christmas Day 1001 AD. This legitimized Hungary as a kingdom.

King Stephen continued the expansion of Géza's social, religious and political transformations seeing the benefits of uniting with Europe. These efforts were not without con-

flict.

Under Stephen old tribal paganism and divisions were abolished and these scattered settlements were consolidated. Hungary was divided into counties headed by governors and private individuals could own land. The armed forces were under royal control. He invited Jewish and Muslim traders to build up the economy and ordered strict toleration of their religious beliefs. Hungarian coins were issued and the Latin alphabet was introduced. Stephen was the first Hungarian to write a literary work, “Admonitions to his Son.” He had hoped his son Emeric would succeed him to the throne, but this was shattered when Emeric was killed in a hunting accident.

King Stephen was definitely a man with a mission. His reforms lasted centuries beyond his reign. He brought the status of Hungary to nationhood. He has been described as an exemplar of compassion, justice, mercy, charity and peace.

King Stephen died in 1038 AD and was canonized in 1083. In Hungary his feast day is celebrated on August 20.

MAY 2011 TRAVELS

steve borbas

Paris is still enchanting. But the friendliness of the natives is something new. People at the next table in a restaurant, the bus driver, people in the subways are willing to talk and help. There are also many lovely gardens and interesting buildings. Parc Citroen, Jardin du Bercy, the old cemeteries are worth walking through. The Arab Center, the new Main Library, a new bridge, LeCorbusier Center, the area around Pompidou Center is unique additions to the older Paris.

We rented a Renault Twingo (half the size of most American cars, but comfortable and fast) to drive south to Provence. This province includes the French Riviera, the south Rhone River, many villages, and the lavender and sunflower fields made known to us by Van Gogh and other Impressionists. Over the week, we traveled to the cutest villages, many hanging off mountains, with tight narrow streets, geraniums in windows, little old ladies sweeping the streets clean, the smell of baguettes and fruits, and everyone walking about. The morning markets in some village or another show off unique vegetables, the tastiest strawberries, olives of all tastes and colors, soaps, spices, meats, fish, cloth and mundane household things. The lavender fields were not in their colors yet, but I could imagine the inspirations for the painters.

The 2 day drive to Budapest was full of beautiful vistas, along famous name places, like Cote d'Azur, Cannes, Nice, Monaco, Genoa, Verona, and Venice. Then through Slovenia. What a lovely surprise, with tall mountains and deep valleys, dense forests, neat and cute villages with bikes and walkers, well kept houses and gardens. The back roads were narrow curvy ups and downs. Traveling on the expressways require buying

"vignettes" for the car windshield, so you don't get a ticket. The same in Hungary and Austria - they can be bought at toll booths and gas stations. Gasoline was about \$6.50/gallon, yet driving was cheaper than trains and more convenient.

Hungary was an interesting mix of being home, families, beautiful sites, comfort.....and an overwhelming pessimism about the country, the rising costs, the extremist politics now and before and the job market. The costs generally are around 75% of the US but salaries are 25%. The political scene is extremism - before it was too left, now too right and it seems to be back and forth at each election. Where is the middle ground of compromise? Why does each successive government spend most of its energy on eliminating previous decisions, instead of looking forward? Apparently the middle ground parties have now disappeared. Is there hope? According to some of the "wise men" at the Hungarian Academy, our poor little country will see many more worse days.

One unique experience in Budapest was going to a Tanc Haz - Dance Hall. There are 5 of them in the City and on Thursdays they open for dancing. We watched a class learning Csango dances and later hundreds of young people piled in to dance to the live band for hours. Great to see them keeping the culture and traditional dances alive. After visiting with the Rezler Institute for Mediation at a conference, traveling around to visit relatives and small villages, attending a lavish wedding of one of the Rezler students, and enjoying a number of spas, we wheeled through Austria to Munich to visit some friends, then to Ronchamp's beautiful chapel in France and then home from Paris. Some 2200 miles of driving, thousands of photographs, hundreds of interesting meals and a lifetime of great memories.

Gyula. (The historical Spa City).

Gyula with its busy tourism is one of the most popular resort towns of Hungary, the center of tourism in county Békés. The town is ideal for relaxation due to its pleasant climate, shady parks and peace.

It is one of the most important cultural centers of the south of the Great Plain, as it is rich in monuments and the relics of the historical past.

The main attraction of the town is the Castle Bath established in the 200 year old 21 acres park - a nature conservation area - of the former Almássy mansion. In 1985 it was classified as a medicinal bath and with its 19 pools it was awarded the classification of a four-star - the highest category - open-air and medicinal bath by the Hungarian Association of Baths. It has been developed continuously and it offers new, indoor pleasure pools, new medical treatments, a children's water paradise, 50 meter competition swimming pool, a wellness center, a bubble bath, and a wave bath for visitors.

Next to the Bath you can find the other main attraction of Gyula from the 15th century, the only intact Gothic brick castle of Central and Eastern Europe. The castle museum is open to the public. Downstairs you can find the castle prison, larder, baking house, blacksmith's workshop, pottery workshop, which is also a museum pedagogical room, wine bar and a chapel.

Upstairs visitors can see the rooms belonging to the lord, lady, and the commander of the castle, as well as the office, the reception of the sanjak bey, an armory, the halberdier's room and the knights' room.

One of the most frequently visited attractions of Gyula is a one-storey town house built in empire style on the corner of Erkel Square, which houses the famous Százéves

cukrászda 1000 year old confectioner's which has been run since 1840.

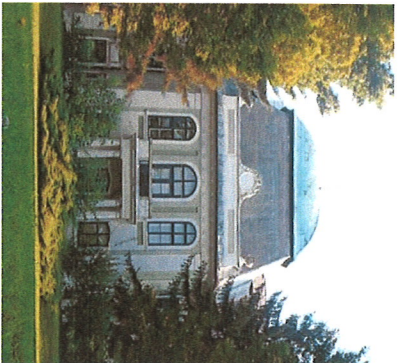
In the neighboring Ladies house you can see an exhibition presenting the lifestyle of high society living in the 19th and 20th centuries. Other sights of the town include the Greek Orthodox church with a unique, and beautiful exhibition based on the inheritance of painter György Kohán, a winner of Kosuth prize, as well as the beautiful churches and monuments of the town.

Ferenc Erkel one of the greatest Hungarian composers, the founder of Hungarian opera, the composer of our national anthem was born in Gyula. His house of birth is a museum today.

The Bath City hotels, pensions, camping sites and private accommodations are excellent for the participants of conferences and programs. The "Ask me" Information and Help Animator service aims to improve the tourism services of the town. Its young workers give information and recommend programs for active relaxation to the visitors and their children by providing a mobile playhouse and a tourist bus. Apart from bathing, excursions and entertainment, the town also offers gastronomic specialties. Visitors can taste and buy not only the world famous sausages of Gyula, but other prize-winning products of the local meat processing factory.

The classified health-resort Castle Baths' medicinal water of 72 °C welling up from the depth of 2005 meters is applicable primarily for locomotor diseases of abrasive origin, chronic nervous complaints, rehabilitative treatments after accidents and surgical interventions as well as chronic inflammatory gynecological diseases with outstanding effect.

For information visit www.gyula.hu



The original
Manor

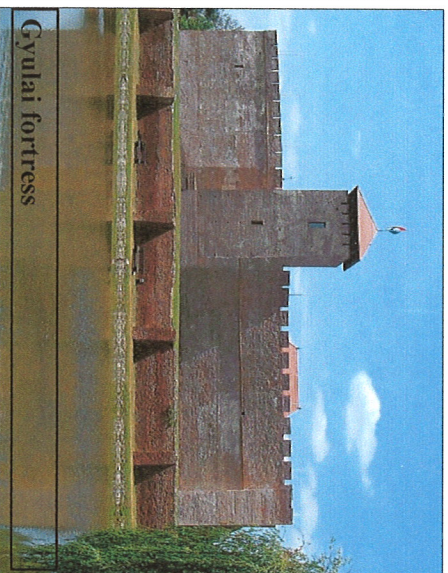
A couple of quotations & jokes.

- You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean - if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty. Gandhi
- Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Mark Twain
- I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day. Frank Sinatra

• Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. Benjamin Franklin

You Know You're Hungarian.....

- When you use sour cream more than ketchup.
- When you have a funny accent in every other language you speak.
- You can eat ANYTHING deep fried (with breadcrumbs on it).
- When you have a nameday and no one foreign understands what that is,
- When Paprika is just as important as salt & pepper on the table & in food



Gyulai fortress

HA NEM HARAGSZOL ÉRTEI

Borbás Gyula

Nagyon messze megyek hazulról!
Meggeresek egy csendes kis helyet,
Ahol régen az én bolond szívem
Annyit búsult és annyit nevetett.
Szét tekintek majd az esti korzon
És megnézem az öreg patikát. -
Meggérdezem: él-e még egy asszony,
És szereti-e még az ibolyát?
Ha azt hallom, hogy éi: elkerülőm!
De ha meghalt: meglátogatom
S ezt a néhány, kék ibolyaszálat –
Ha nem haragszol – a lábánál hagyom.

Couple more quotes by Hungarians.

When she hates me, I love her, when she loves me, I hate her. No other alternative.
Péter Esterházy
In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities. - Janos Arany
Depth must be hidden. Where? On the surface. - Janos Arany
Competitions are for horses, not artists. - Bela Bartok

TURÓS CSUSZA

Cook, drain and set aside

4 BACON STRIPS, coarsely chopped

Keep reserved BACON FAT in pan over very low heat.

Cook and drain

8 ounces WIDE NOODLES

Mix immediately with hot BACON FAT

Toss in

1/2 C COTTAGE CHEESE

Top with

1/2 C COTTAGE CHEESE

1/2 C SOUR CREAM

Sprinkle with

cooked, crumbled BACON

Serve immediately while still hot.

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