

Spring 2011



**Hungarian-American Club of New  
Mexico  
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**2011 Upcoming  
Events:**

**Magyar Picnic  
June 12**

**St Stephen's  
Day  
August 14**

**1956 October  
Revolution  
October 23**

**End-of-Year  
Holidays  
December 4**

**Greetings from the Presi-  
dent**

Hello Magyarok. Happy 2011 to all. It's been many months since our last full newsletter, so we hope to treat you with lots of info and good reads. This is also my last Greeting to you as we'll have Elections at our March 20 celebration for new officers. We'll also collect Membership fees for 2011, so please bring your checkbook.

This will be a big celebration with chicken paprikas, nokedli, cucumber salad and cake done by Simone and Richard Debbas from Cafe Riviera, Gary Diggs and the Hungarian Dancers bringing us new dances from the Village of Szek, a talk about the March 15, 1848 Revolt, poems, election, raffle and socializing. Hope to see you there.

The club held excellent events in the last 6 months. The October 23 celebration included Tibor

Remenyik speaking about the events of 1956 in Budapest, a poem recited by Bea Gaspar and great food. The Holiday celebration only had appetizers and deserts, always yummy, and then Santa came by to give little presents to good kids (thank you Fritz Griesbacher and all his Elves.).

The Club sent a year-end gift to help the Hungarian orphans and poor. Ambassador Bokor Balazs wrote a wonderful book, "Tavolban Magyar". He interviewed 56 Hungarians (me too) west of the Mississippi, those who escaped during the Revolution.

About the election - the four candidates at this point are Panni Powless for President, Fred Griesbacher (aka Santa) for VP, Betsy Townsend for Treasurer and Noemi Szegedi for Secretary. Other nominations will be accepted at the March event. If you hear of any news, please give me a call at 265-7088.

## **Revolutions in 1848 and now-freedom of the soul.**

By Noémi Szegedi

The European Revolutions of 1848, known in some countries as the Spring of Nations, or Springtime of The Peoples, or the Year of Revolution, were a series of political upheavals throughout Europe. Described by some historians as a revolutionary wave, the period of unrest began in France, with the French Revolution of 1848, and soon spread.

Although most of the revolutions were quickly put down, there was a significant amount of violence in many areas, with tens of thousands of people tortured and/or killed.

These revolutions arose from such a wide variety of causes that is difficult to view them as resulting from a single coherent movement. Numerous changes had been taking place in European society throughout the first half of the 19th century. Both liberal reformers and radical politicians were reshaping national governments.

Technological change was revolutionizing the life of the working classes. A popular press extended political awareness and new values and ideas, such as popular liberalism, nationalism and socialism. For example, in France, the February Revolution was driven by nationalist and republican ideals among the general public who believed that the people should rule themselves. It ended the constitutional monarchy of Louis-Philippe, and led to the creation of the French Second Republic. Their rallying cry was Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.....

The March Revolution in the German States took place in the south and the west of Germany with large mass demonstrations. They primarily demanded German national unity, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, arming of the people and a national German parliament.

Denmark had been governed by a system of absolute monarchy since the 17th century. After King Christian VIII., a moderate reformer died, the new king, Frederick VII. met the liberals' demands and installed a new cabinet that included prominent leaders of the National Liberal Party. The national liberal movement wanted to abolish absolutism but retain a strongly centralized state. The king accepted the new constitution, agreeing

to share power with a bicameral parliament called the Rigsdag.....

Schleswig was part of the Danish monarchy, but remained separate from the Kingdom of Denmark. The Germans of Schleswig took up arms to protest a new policy announced by Denmark's National Liberal Government, which would have fully integrated the duchy into Denmark.....

From March 1848 through July 1849 the Habsburg Austrian Empire was threatened by revolutionary movements, which often had a nationalist character. The revolutions either wanted to achieve autonomy, independence or even hegemony over other nationalities.

A short civil war in November 1847 transformed Switzerland into a federal state.....

In Greater Poland, a military insurrection took place against the occupying Prussian forces.....

In Wallachia, a Romanian liberal and romantic nationalist uprising began in June 1848, closely connected with the unsuccessful revolution in Moldavia. fighting against the regime, the abolition of boyar privilege.....

In Hungary, a group of Magyar nationalists fought for political autonomy from Austria. On March 15th, 1848 the Pilvax Society, a group of young nationalists started the revolution at a demonstration in front of the National Museum. The famous poet, Sándor Petőfi was a member of the society. His poem, the National Song, inspired the people, and became the symbol of the fight for the freedom. The young nationalists had developed 12 demands that the Hungarian nation wanted They were:.

Let there be peace, liberty and concord!

1. We want freedom of the press, abolition of censorship.
2. A responsible government in Buda-Pest.
3. An annual parliamentary session in Pest.
4. Civil and religious equality before the law.
5. A Hungarian National Guard.
6. A joint sharing of tax burdens.
7. The cessation of socage.
8. Juries and representation on an equal basis.
9. A national bank.
10. The army must swear to support the constitution, our soldiers must not be dispatched

abroad, foreign soldiers must be removed from our soil.

11. The freeing of political prisoners.
12. Union with Transylvania.

Thousands of people were shouting their demands. When the crowd rallied in front of the Imperial Governing Council, the representatives of Emperor Ferdinand agreed to sign the 12 points.

These 12 points resonated with the Magyar longing of unity and connection with their heritage. This expresses their ancient birth-right of freedom and self determination. The soul of the magyar is not based of nationalism but rather based on a worldview. That's why our nation can never submit to oppression. In our history, the nation survived the Turkish, the Austrian, the Russian pressure, and now they still struggle against depression, alcoholism, and economics. Our people are like a tailor, we try to sew the fabric of the modern reality with the thread of our traditions. In contemporary Magyarország it is shown by the revival of kinship ties to our relatives. By organizing tribal councils, we renew the old traditions in the modern world, and are constantly searching for our cousins and reject foreign influences. Our

brotherhood is based on love of freedom, renewing ties to the east instead of only the west. We remember that we came from the east, and our philosophy is based on eastern ideas.

The revolution of 1848 became this symbol. I've recently come from our country and feel the need to report that once again there is a similar political influence that led our people into defeat in two world wars. Once again, our politicians point to scapegoats and raise the fear of others. By losing sight of our traditions, the same outcome may happen with our country.

Hopefully our people learned from the past and will find a middle path between extremism and economic collapse.

I am not a historian and I am young, but this is what I see happening in our country today. I apologize if my analysis is not the same as yours, but I do see parallels to the past. I look around our world and see what is happening in the Middle East and Northern Africa and I feel the need to speak out. It is touching how the people are fighting for their human rights and freedom nowadays. Hopefully the world will come out from the darkness of oppression, fear and poverty and people will live in freedom and peace.

## NEWS FROM THE BOTTLE

by Steve Borbas

- Our last 2 events have been partially sponsored by Joe Galko and Panni Powless. Thank you for your contributions into the Club treasury.
- The German Club has asked that we invite more of you Magyars to German Club events, with live music for dancing and listening, excellent meals and good company. As Associate Members you can attend these events. Upcoming events are on Saturday evenings, dinner at 5:30, dancing between 7 and 11 pm.
- These are the upcoming celebrations: March 19 - St Patrick's Party:  
April 2-Vienna Ball  
April 16 - Roaring 20s  
May 7 - Maifest  
May 21 - Cinco de Mayo
- June 18 - Western Night  
July 9 - Patriotic Party  
If interested, please call me at 265-7088, so I can inform you more about each event.
- I mentioned before that we will hold elections on March 20. We have asked some of our members to be candidates, but the election is open and others may also throw their hats into the ring. If you would like to be considered, please inform our Election Committee, Mr. Deneb Teleki at 892-7786.
- Simone and Richard Debbas, owners of the Cafe Riviera have prepared the food for the October event, to our great appreciation, and will cook for March 20. Food is always an important ingredient at Hungarian functions. In our newsletters we always include a recipe. Over the years, these included Chicken Paprikas, Gulyas, Palacsinta, and so on.

- This time, I'll throw in something different - Fozelek. Tough to translate, maybe sauce, or roux or ..... Fozelek is usually a simple vegetable meal. During the 40s and 50s, when meat was scarce and expensive in Hungary, most of us (my family certainly) ate a lot of fozelek. So here's one recipe, suggested by our long ago president we loved, Edith Pacsirta Shultz:
- Creamed Spinach 4 x 10 oz packs of frozen chopped or fresh spinach

3 whole cloves of garlic  
 1 cup water  
 3 tbsp oil or butter  
 3 tbsp flour  
 2 cups milk

Cook spinach & garlic in water. Slowly brown flour in butter/oil. Add milk slowly, stirring all the time, then add spinach, cooking gently for 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt (I add paprika because that's the Hungarian way). Jo Etvagyat.

### **Budapest: The spa capital**

By Peter Hutás (Rezler Scholar at UNM)

Budapest bears the title of Spa Capital since 1934. A total of 118 drilled wells and natural springs are to be found, providing together about 18.5 million gallons of water every day. The mineral content and temperatures of these waters vary between 70 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

The history of thermal baths in Budapest goes back to Roman times. They built the water supply system in present-day Óbuda, the former Aquincum (the Roman name), and connected it to the heat sources. The remains of the water supply are still to be seen. Relics have remained also from the time following the arrival of the Hungarians. These include for example the 'warden' at the springs of the Szent Gellért Mountain that was named for the daughter of King Endre II, Saint Elisabeth. The culture of baths flourished in the XVI. century during the time of the Turkish occupation. Several special spas remain from that time. That is the reason why our capital bore the name 'the Mekka for the rheumatic'.

Today 15 thermal spas are available in Budapest for the people who want to relax, get well, socialize and bathe. Some luxury hotels even, have their own thermal bath, such as the Ramada Plaza Óbuda, the Thermal Hotel on Margaret Island, and the Corinthia Royal in downtown. The most famous baths in the City are:

The Széchenyi Thermal Spa is one of the biggest and most beautiful complexes in Europe. This

was the first spa on the Pest side. It was discovered by Vilmos Zsigmondy, a mining engineer. Wells were drilled at Varosliget, in the heart of the City. Today there are 18 pools. The large outdoor one in the middle is 80 degrees F, while the pools next to it are 100 degrees in winter. If you are a serious chess player, you can also demonstrate your skills sitting in the warm water. Whirlpool, water-jet massage, and a round water perfusion system make the external part of the bath more enjoyable. The thermal sitting pool inside is 100 degrees, the 7 social thermal pools are 80 degrees, and next to these are 6 social steam pools and saunas.

Most favored by tourists is the Gellért Thermal Bath that has been built in the Art Nouveau style and opened its gates in 1918. A wave pool and whirlpool were later. The internal part of the spa was decorated with Zsolnay ceramics. The water supply is inside the Gellert Mountain. The indoor part of the spa is 78 degrees, while the sitting pool is 96 degrees. The guests can also choose from 8 indoor thermal pools. the external wave, the sitting pool and a pool for children.

The Rudas Turkish Bath remained as was during the Turkish rule in the XV century. Below the 30 feet diameter dome, held up by 8 columns, is an octagonal pool. Since 1936 only men were allowed to visit this bath. Since the end of the renovation in 2005, women can also use it on Tuesdays and on the 'common' days. The swimming pool that operates as a medical pool and has a sauna also was built in 1896. There are 6 steam

pools with increasing temperatures from cold to hot. The swimming pool is 84 degrees. It were the Knights of Saint John, healing and nursing sick people, who settled in the area of today's Lukacs Bath in XII century, then came knights from Rhodes and Malta. These people built spas next to their monasteries as well. It was in the Lukacs Bath that the first medical spa hospital of Budapest was opened in 1979. There are 2 swimming pools, 75-90 degrees, health pools, and one weight bath pool of 96 degrees. Wellnes facilities are also available for the visitors. The other important Turkish bath in Budapest is the Király Bath. The construction of the bath started by Arszlán Pasha. Its water supply comes from the surrounding area. The comfort of the

guests is served by 75-120 degree health pools. The outdoor Dagály Bath started operation in 1948, and was extended with a 50 yard long swimming pool in 1956. There are two 78 degree swimming pools, aside from a thermal health pool, and a variety of other health pools, wave pool and kids' pool..... The Dandar Bath is also a major spa. Opened in 1930, it has pools 78-100 degrees..... The Rac Bath is now under reconstruction.....The beaches along the Danube River, such as Csepel, Csillaghegy, Palatinus, Paskál, Pünkösdfürdő, and the Roman beaches are summertime cold water destinations. We hope that you take the time to visit all or many of these Spas in Budapest. There are many others throughout Hungary.

**Couple of old timer jokes.**

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. As they reached the altar and the waiting groom, the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, 'When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?' Artie said: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader and a great family man.' Eugene commented: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.'

John said: 'I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'



### **Hungary denied the accusations.**

The 202 sq m (2,174 sq ft) carpet was unveiled by the Hungarian government in the atrium of the building where officials from the 27-member EU hold their summits.

The carpet - made by artist Livia Papai and approved by the Hungarian government - features Hungarian kings, composers and scientists.

But it was the 1848 map that drew immediate criticism.

Austrian MEP Ulrika Lunacek said the map - in the middle of the composition - represented current Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's "intention to overcome the Treaty of Trianon".

"It is a very backwards view of Mr Orban, not at all in the direction of a common European future. It is also a complete misinterpretation of EU's current challenges," she added.

Ioan Mircea Pascu, a lawmaker from Romania, said that "such gestures are likely to fuel nationalistic reactions within the EU, at a time when the union is most in need of solidarity".

However, a spokesman for the Hungarian EU presidency dismissed the allegations.

"The carpet is basically a timeline of cultural, historical and scientific symbols or images of Hungary," Marton Hajdu told the EU Observer.

It is not the first time that the centre-right government of Mr. Orban has caused controversy.

It introduced a new citizenship law - which took effect this month - making it much easier for ethnic Hungarians living abroad to get Hungarian passports.

Some politicians in Slovakia - which has a large ethnic Hungarian minority - were upset.

### **The economy is so bad that:**

- I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- I ordered a burger at McDonald's and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"
- CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
- If the bank returns your check marked in sufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.
- Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.
- Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names. A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.
- Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
- Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.
- The Mafia is laying off judges. Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.
- Congress says they are looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!
- I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Lifeline. I got a call center in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck!

## Kaplony Ucca.

By Borbas Gyula

Akar merre setaltal is –  
Hova-merre?...egyre megy!  
A te vagyad, a te celod  
Eg uccaba vezetett.

Ez az utca Kaplonyutca,  
Van benne egy kirakat;  
Azt gusztaltad, nezegetted  
Minden istenadta nap.

Apro pincsik laktak benne,  
Selyemszoru olebek,  
Mint a gyermek, oly virgoncok  
S bolcsek, mint az oregek.

Volt koztuk egy selyem-bundas  
Husszu-fulu, sarga pincs,  
Amilyennek hetorszagon  
Sehol-sehol parja nincs!

O volt a Te idealod,  
O volt a te mindened!  
Ez a pincsi kellett volna  
Mindenaron Teneked.

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Purpose: To foster Hungarian culture among those residents of new Mexico who are of Hungarian descent, related people of Hungarian descent, or who may have Hungarian affiliation, but who are interested in preservation of ethnic cultures such as Hungarian, which may become lost without organizational effort.

**You are cordially invited to join the  
Hungarian Community for our 1848 Revolution  
celebration at the German American Club  
on Sunday, March 20, 2011, 1-5 pm.  
4821 Menaul Blvd. Albuquerque**

**The program includes greetings, food, the Hungarian Dancers,  
speech, poems, raffle and a surprise.**

**The meal is  
Chicken Paprikas. Nokedli, Cucumber Salad, and Cake**

**Meal and entry is \$10.00 adults, \$ 5.00 under 12.**

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