

Welcome to the electronic newsletter of the Minnesota Hungarians, published for members and friends of the Minnesota Hungarians. Look for your issue with interviews, news, upcoming events and more!

Wishing you a joyful Easter. May your life be full of blessings!

Minnesota Hungarians



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Spring Gala & Commemoration of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848 —March 9, 2013

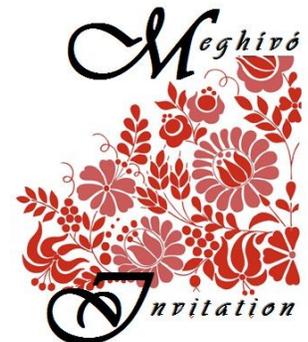
Date: March 9 (Saturday), 2013
(program at 5pm, dinner at 7 pm)

Location: Unity Church-Unitarian
733 Portland Ave., St.Paul, MN 55104

Honorary guest: *dr. Zita Bencsik*, deputy consul general of Hungary in New York

Please extend this invitation to your friends as well and come together!

COMMEMORATIVE NOTES!
NATURALIZATION CEREMONY!
VIDEKI DANCERS PERFORMANCE!



MENU

Appetizer assortment
Mixed Green Salad
Roasted Hungarian Sausage
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Transylvanian Goulash
Dessert; Coffee

Wine and beer available for purchase.
Kids or vegetarian menu available upon request. Please RSVP (612)554-6227 or minnesotahungarians@gmail.com

DINNER PRICES:

| | Prepaid price | At the door price |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Paid member adults | \$30 | \$35 |
| Non-member adults | \$35 | \$40 |
| Paid member retirees | \$20 | \$25 |
| Non-member retirees | \$25 | \$30 |
| Children above 8 & Student (with student ID) | \$15 | \$15 |
| Children under 8 | free | free |
| Admission after dinner (after 8:30 pm) | \$5 | \$5 |

Payment options: **Check or PayPal**

PayPal: visit our website; go on the Spring Gala page and pay for your tickets

Check: *Minnesota Hungarians* (11705 Live Oak Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305)

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March 15, 1848

The Hungarian Revolution of 1848 was one of many revolutions that year and closely linked to other revolutions of 1848 in the Habsburg areas. The revolution in the Kingdom of Hungary grew into a war for independence from Habsburg rule.

Many of its leaders and participants, including Lajos Kossuth, István Széchenyi, Sándor Petőfi, József Bem, are among the most respected national figures in Hungarian history, and the anniversary of the revolution's outbreak, on March 15, is one of Hungary's national holidays.

Sándor Petőfi: National Song

*Rise up, Magyar, the country calls!
It's 'now or never' what fate befalls...
Shall we live as slaves or free men?
That's the question - choose your 'Amen'!
God of Hungarians,
we swear unto Thee,
We swear unto Thee - that slaves we shall no longer be!*

BÓBITA—a fun program for all of our children where they would learn about Hungarian culture through folk dancing, language lessons, games and stories. This new program targets the school age children.

Baby News

Daniel Oliver Church son of **Judit Baranyi Church** and **Kevin Church** was born on **March 1, 2013**



Charlotte Vasas daughter of **Zsofia Czeglédi** and **Viktor Vasas** was born on **March 6, 2013**



Congratulations!

2013—The year of the Hungarian schools beyond the borders



Upcoming Events—mark your calendar

- March 8-10, 2013**— Consular Days
(Excel Offices, St. Louis Park)
- March 9, 2013**— Spring Gala Dinner/Commemoration of 1848
(Unity Church-Unitarian)
- March 23, 2013**—Kids Club/Bobita
(St. Anthony Community Center)
- April 20, 2013**—Kids Club/Bobita
(St. Anthony Community Center)
- May 2-5, 2013**—Festival of Nations
(RiverCentre, St. Paul)

Festival of Nations

The Festival of Nations is the largest and longest running multicultural festival in Minnesota, celebrating cultural diversity with food, music, demonstrations, exhibits and dance.

May 2-5, 2013

Saint Paul RiverCentre, Saint Paul, MN

2013 Festival of Nations theme: **Children, Our Past and Our Future**

Taking pride in the richness of diverse cultures in our community the participating nationalities with 90 ethnic groups presented their delectable foods, brilliant folk dancing, fascinating cultural exhibits, folk art demonstrations and an international shopping bazaar. You can travel the world under one roof as over fifty cultural exhibitors will stamp your passport! This is a fun and interactive activity for the whole family. Don't forget to pick one up your passport from any of the information booths.

Tickets: Advance tickets will be available April 2nd through May 1st 2013 at all Twin Cities Byerly's locations or at the International Institute of Minnesota.

Advance Adult: \$11.00

Advance Youth 16 and under: \$8.00 (5 and under free with adult admission)

Tickets at the door:

Adults: \$13.50

Youth 16 and under: \$8.00 (5 and under free with adult admission)

Nostalgic Identities: German Refugees from Hungary on Film

Date: March 11 (Monday), 2013 **Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: [710 Social Sciences](#) 267 19th Avenue S Minneapolis, MN 55455

Cost: Free

The Center for Austrian Studies will host producer, writer and director Professor John Swanson, who will give a lecture "Nostalgic Identities: German Refugees from Hungary on Film"

On **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.** join us for the movie screening of "**About a Village: Children of the High Woods**" and post-film discussion with Professor Swanson. It is a story of adults returning to the Hungarian village that they were forced to leave as children in 1947.

Consular Days in the Twin Cities

The Consulate General of Hungary in New York is organizing Extramural Consular Days in the Twin Cities.

Magyarország New York-i Főkonzulátusa kihelyezett konzuli napokat tart Minneapolisban.

Date/Időpont: **March 8-9-10, 2013**

Location/Helyszín: **Excel Offices**

5009 Excelsior Blvd. Suite 154,
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Appointments: can only be requested through the Consulate via email and by phone. For passport related matters, please first contact one of the Consulate officers directly, through their email address listed below.

For appointments please contact the Consulate

zbencsik@mfa.gov.hu

vsass@mfa.gov.hu

msmid@mfa.gov.hu

hucons.NYF@mfa.gov.hu

Phone: 212-752-0669, 212-752-0661

The goal of the Consular Days is to bring the simplified naturalization procedure to interested parties and to give an opportunity to individuals to enquire about other consular administrative issues such as:

- Hungarian Citizenship,
- Passport Information,
- Obtaining Certificates from Hungary
(Birth, Marriage, Divorce Records, etc.)

For more information please contact us. We would be happy to assist you.

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Smithsonian Folklife Festival—Hungarian Heritage

The **Hungarian Heritage: Roots to Revival** program at the 2013 Smithsonian Folklife Festival will highlight the vitality of Hungary's cultural heritage. It will bring to the National Mall in Washington highly skilled masters and apprentices from rural Central Europe who maintain the traditional knowledge acquired in their native environments. The Festival program will also bring musicians, dancers, and artisans from more urban settings who have revived many of these older traditions to make them part of their daily lives.

The *Hungarian Heritage* program will provide a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the rich and authentic traditions of *Magyars*, to better understand the significance of the Hungarian folk revival movement, and to serve as a meeting place for folk aficionados from around the world.

June 26-30, 2013 and July 3-7, 2013

The Festival is held outdoors on the **National Mall in Washington, D.C., between the Smithsonian museums**. There is no admission charge.

http://www.festival.si.edu/2013/Hungarian_Heritage/index.aspx

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Donations in 2012

Through the generous donation of members and friends, fundraising dinners and other activities provide an opportunity to provide assistance to various worthy projects. Some organizations and individuals that the MN Hungarians have helped are:

- Hungarian-American Community
- Unity Church Unitarian, St. Paul, MN
- Déva Orphanage, Transylvania (continuous donations via the Déva Orphanage Fund)
- Supporting two csángó students with scholarship for a school year
- Alzheimer's Associations, MN
- Peace Lutheran Church, Lauderdale, MN
- Ethnic Dance Theater, St. Paul, MN
- Hungarian Human Rights Foundation
- Sandor Vago Painting
- Bethlens Communities, Pansilvania

In Memoriam

Kálmán János Govrik (1943—2013)

Known as Ócsi by family and the Hungarian community, and "Kal" by his friends, his great sense of humor, happy disposition, sharp intellect, and passionate Hungarian spirit will be remembered by all.

To a grateful family, he was the source of love, laughter, and happiness.

„Ócsi's "Hungarian" spirit", attitude, and humor have been truly remarkable and inspiring always. He has always been so proud to be Hungarian, instilling his love, pride, and passion for all things Magyar in every one of his nine children.” - Miki Govrik

Membership

The Minnesota Hungarians welcomes all Hungarian-American and friends to become active members of our community. To become a member or to renew your membership for 2013, write a check payable to the Minnesota Hungarians and send it to:

Minnesota Hungarians**11705 Live Oak Drive****Minnetonka, MN, 55305****2013 membership fees are as follow:**

Family: \$30, Individual: \$20, Student: \$10,

Family with Kids Club membership: \$60,

Retired: \$15

Your membership fees or donations are tax deductible. Your membership is important to us. Thank you for your continued support. The Minnesota Hungarians can exist only with your help and participation.

Kids Club

The Kids Club welcomes every child and parent who wishes to learn Hungarian and would like to participate. Our next Kids Club event is going to be in March, we celebrate Easter with Easter egg hunt, Easter sprinkling, and music. Visit our website for more information or contact us via e-mail:

mhkidsclub@gmail.com

Get involved!

Volunteers are needed for the Festival of Nations (May 2-5, 2013) to help out in the Hungarian Kitchen and the Hungarian Cultural Exhibit. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us via e-mail.

Photo Gallery

Visit our website and see our pictures from past events, like Rajko Concert, Kids Club and Christmas Party.

Easter tradition

A couple of decades ago men poured water on women in rural areas and women wore folk costumes. Boys often dragged girls to the well and poured water on them with pail. Sometimes they washed them in creek. The possible reason for this very old tradition is that people believed in the cleaning, healing and fertility effect of water.

Easter is a 2-day holiday in Hungary. On Monday boys and men visit all of their women relatives, friends, neighbors. Boys in small groups, fathers with their sons, or single men leave early in the morning and their "tour" last all day long. They greet girls and women with shorter - longer poems (mostly with a funny poem about "Easter sprinkling") and sprinkle them with cologne. Women must be well-prepared, they treat men with dessert and beverages - and with hand-painted eggs.

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