

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!

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Diaspora Conference

I was fortunate to be invited to the founding conference of the Hungarian Diaspora Council on November 17, 2011. As one of fifty-one Hungarian leaders living outside Hungary, I went to Budapest and felt honored to represent Minnesota Hungarians at this historic event.

Hosted by the Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban, the twelve delegates from the United States, as well as those from other parts of the world, attended a series of informational, brainstorming and decision-making meetings at the ornate building of Hungarian Parliament. The delegates and representatives of the government discussed many issues of interest and concern as they pertained to the life and livelihood of the 4-5 million Hungarians of the Diaspora. Two

issues were adopted as being of paramount concern to both the Diaspora and the inhabitants of modern Hungary.

To improve communication and networking, a Hungarian Register has been created. It is a worldwide, on-line bulletin board where any individual or group can post and publish questions, concerns, interests, plans, opinions, programs and activities. The Register has both English and Hungarian sections. To encourage members of the Diaspora to become citizens of their country of ancestry, a Dual-Citizenship Program has been established as a process of applying for and receiving Hungarian citizenship. This process has been shortened and made more efficient.

I urge all of you with

Hungarian origins and/or interest in Hungarian culture to support and participate in these grand endeavors. The Register is now available on-line. To promote and expedite the Dual-Citizenship process, Minnesota Hungarians and the Hungarian Government have organized a visit to Minnesota by the staff of the Consulate on February 10-12, 2012. For further information, please visit our website.

Finally, I would like to thank the Prime Minister's staff for inviting me to Budapest. I would also like to thank the members of the Minnesota Hungarians for granting me the privilege of representing them at this historic moment, as leadership of Hungary has realized the imperative to unite the people of this culturally enriched land whether they live within or without its modern borders.

Csilla Grauzer, President,

Hungarian Register

"All is hard for one, but nothing is impossible for many"

(Count Széchenyi István)

hungarianregister.com

The Hungarian Register works as a website, but means a lot more. Its pri-

mary purpose is to reach out to Hungarians wherever they live in the world. The idea of creating a Hungarian Register emerged from the fate of Hungarians as they have become a world-nation in the course of storms of history. Our confession is that we will not declare

off any Hungarians of the world. Our special mission is to address all those Hungarians who do not speak Hungarian any more. Therefore, the Hungarian Register will be available in an English version as well; and further on in Spanish.

Carpathian Folk Festival T-shirts and DVDs are available for purchase

T-shirt — \$15
DVDs
Festival Concert \$18
Farewell Concert \$18
Adult Workshop \$10
Kid's Workshop \$10
Festival Highlights \$13

Bring the children in costume and join to the Kids Club's Costume show –the show starts at 5:45 pm

They played for Pope Benedict XVI, now they are here to entertain you, sit back and enjoy!

Upcoming Events—mark your calendar

TÁNCHÁZ

Date: January 21, 2012
 4:00 pm Workshop
 5:30 pm Children's Dance
 6:00 pm Dance Party

Location: Unity Church-Unitarian
 732 Holly Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55104

Admission: \$10/person, under 17 free

Live music by **Szaszka Band**
 Food sold separately.

Mixers, Waltzes, Csárdás, Party Games, Village-style dances



CARNIVAL DINNER AND COSTUME PARTY

Date: February 11. (Saturday) 2012
 (social hour at 5pm, dinner at 6 pm)

Location: Unity Church-Unitarian
 732 Holly Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55102

Special guests: *HE Ambassador Károly Dán, Consulate General of Hungary in New York*
dr. Zita Bencsik, deputy consul general
Zsófia Trombitás, consul

COSTUME CONTEST! MASKS! DANCING! RAFFLE!

Dinner tickets:

Paid members - \$ 25
 Non-member adults - \$ 35
 Paid member retirees - \$15
 Non-member retirees - \$ 20
 Children above 8 &
 students with student ID - \$15
 Children under 8 years of age - free

DINNER MENU

Dinner reservation:

Phone: Csilla Grauzer (612) 554-6227
 E-mail: minnesotahungarians@gmail.com
 Check: Minnesota Hungarians, Inc.
 11705 Live Oak Dr., Minnetonka, MN, 55305

RAJKÓ ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The essence of Roma music in Hungary or anywhere else in the world: spontaneity, improvisation and drawing a smile or a tear from the listeners.

The program includes folk and popular music selections, also selections from romantic and classical composers like Monti, Hubay, Dinicu, Khachaturian, Offenbach, Suppé, Strauss or Rossini – just to name a few.

The musicians are:

Lőrinc Danyi – violin, Mata Tamás – violin,
 József Toldi – violin, Antal Suki – clarinet,
 Benedek Suki – vilola, Gábor Matyi – bass

Special guest artist: Sándor Kuti – cimbalom

Date:
 February 16. (Thday) 7 pm

Location:
 Armenian Church
 203 North Howell St.,
 St. Paul, MN, 55104

Ticket prices:

\$20—In advance
 \$25—At the door

[Order your tickets online!](#)

[Visit our website!](#)

Consular Days in the Twin Cities

The Consulate General of the Republic of Hungary in New York organizes extramural consular days in the Twin Cities on the 10th, 11th and 12th of February, 2012.

A Magyar Köztársaság New York-i főkonzulátusa **2012. február 10-én, 11-én és 12-én** kihelyezett konzuli napokat tart Minneapolisban.

A konzuli napok elsődleges feladata, hogy közelebb vigye az **egyszerűsített honosítási eljárást** az érdeklődőkhöz.

Az egyszerűsített honosítás azoknak a magyar származású embereknek jelent elsősorban megoldást, akik, vagy akiknek felmenői valamilyen oknál fogva elveszítették magyar állampolgárságukat. (Területelcsatolás, esetleg megfosztás, elbocsájtás stb.)

Az egyszerűsített honosítási eljárás illetékmentes. (A kérelmezőnek költsége csak az esetlegesen felmerülő fordítások, ill. hitelesítési eljárások kapcsán adódhat.)

A kérelemnyomtatványhoz csatolni kell:

— a kérelmező születési anyakönyvi kivonatát **eredeti vagy hiteles másolat formájában**
— a kérelmező családi állapotát igazoló okiratokat (pl. házassági anyakönyvi kivonat) **eredeti vagy hiteles másolat formájában**, valamint

— a magyar származást igazoló dokumentumokat (pl. szülők, nagyszülők születési anyakönyvi kivonatai, egyházi igazolások, katonakönyv, stb.) - **A magyar származás igazolásánál fontos, hogy a leszármazási láncolat végig követhető legyen.**

— egy magyar nyelven kézzel irt önéletrajzot és
— egy darab igazolványképet.

A kérelem benyújtásához szükséges űrlapokat megtalálja a Minnesota Hungarians weblapján.

A kihelyezett konzuli napokon - az egyszerűsített honosítási kérelmek mellett, - egyéb állampolgársági és konzuli ügyekben is lehet felvilágosítást kérni.

[Bővebb információ, időpont kérés - a honlapunkon.](#)

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Helyszín: **Excell Offices** 5009 Excelsior Blvd. Suite 154, St. Louis Park, MN, 55416

Linder's Fundraising

We are going to have our fundraising weekend with Linder's in May, until then you can purchase Linder's gift cards on our Farsang/Carnival Dinner Party. The Linder's gift cards can be used on our fundraising weekend in May or any other time during the year (Valentines Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.) their flower and gift selections are extraordinary.

With the purchase of the Linder's gift cards on our February Farsang/Carnival Dinner Party, you support our organization. **15% of the Linder's gift card sale comes back to the Minnesota Hungarians.** It will not cost you anything extra, yet you are supporting us! Look for the Linder's table at the Farsang/Carnival Dinner Party. **Thank you!**

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Donations in 2011

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:

- Tooth Fairy Project—Hungary and Transylvania
- Sludge Fund—Hungarian Red Cross
- Déva Orphanage, Transylvania (continuous donations via the Déva Orphanage Fund)
- Supporting one csángó student with scholarship for a school year
- Unity Church-Unitarian

Thank you!

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 10, at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. More than 35 children were registered to this program. Many thanks for to all the volunteers for helping with this event! Program participants: Rachel Bryant, Szofi England, Botond Igyarto, Sophie Koerner, Attila Konkoly, Ibolya Konkoly, Marta Matray, Emese Pilgram, Austin Tomlinson, , Reka Vajna, David Vincze, Zsolt Vince, and the Kids' Club. On behalf of the program organizer, Zsuzsánna Igyártó and the Minnesota Hungarians Board Members I would like to thank you for participating in our Christmas program on December 10, 2011.

Special thank you to Zsuzsánna Igyártó for coordinating program part! Special thank you to Betty Czettisch for organizing the involvement of the Kids Club in the "Christmas Tree" story. Special thank you to Ilona for preparing the Gift Bags for the Kids from year to year! Special thank you to Jim for offering your help for the Mikulas roll! Thank you for the Nemeth Family for hosting the potluck reception! Thank you to Eva Kish and Lisa Torvik for assisting Zsuzsánna Igyártó in the program preparation! [Christmas Party Photos are available on our website.](#)

Thank you for your continuous help at our events and programs.

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 2012, write a check payable to the Minnesota Hungarians and send it to:

**Minnesota Hungarians
11705 Live Oak Drive
Minnetonka, MN, 55305**

2012 membership fees are as follow:

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

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 February, we celebrate Farsang/Carnival with costume contest, donut eating contest, come in costume and join to the fun. Visit our website for more information or contact us via e-mail:

mhkidsclub@gmail.com

Baby News in 2011: Adam Vasas, Rita Suranyi, Adam Bihary, Michelle Church

Get involved!

Volunteers are needed for the Farsang Dinner (February 11, 2012) to help in the kitchen with the food preparations and with the serving. Please, send us an e-mail if you are willing to help, and we can put your name on the volunteer schedule. Volunteers are needed for the Festival of Nations (May 3-6, 2012) to help out in the Hungarian Kitchen and the Hungarian Cultural Exhibit. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us via e-mail.