



MAGYAR TÁRSASÁG / HUNGARIAN ASSOCIATION

Az 63. Magyar Kongresszus / The 63rd Hungarian Congress

Magyar Találkozó / Árpád Akadémia / Árpád Rend

November 29-30, 2024 Friday, Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend
Crowne Plaza Cleveland Airport, 7230 Engle Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

2024 Congress Theme / 2024 Kongresszus témája:

“Hungarian Successes in the World” – „Magyar Sikerek a Nagyvilágban”



NOTE: This is the English translation of the Hungarian Congress Program.

- Programs in English are indicated by grey background shading.
- There is no charge for any of our sessions, except as noted Immediately below:
- Tickets required for the for the Friday evening performance, the Saturday luncheon with our keynote speaker, and the gala banquet / debutante ball. See our websites for ticket information, or email us and request to be put on the mailing list.
- The program may change; please check our website for latest updates: hungarianassociation.com or visit us on Facebook: facebook.com/HungarianAssociation Email: magyar.tarsasag@gmail.com

PÉNTEK, 29 NOVEMBER 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Az előadások a SUPERIOR teremben kerülnek megrendezésre, hacsak nincs másképpen jelezve.
All meetings will be held in the SUPERIOR ROOM, unless otherwise noted.

9:30		63. Magyar Kongresszus megnyitása / 63rd Hungarian Congress opening: Dr. Nadas Janos, Elnök / President
9:45	Téma ismertetés: 38 Hungary - Famous Hungarians	
10:15	<p>Lél Somogyi (Cleveland): "More with Digital Intelligence and Robotic Power - AI in Our Present and Future"</p> <p>About the Speaker: Lél Somogyi is the Secretary-General of the Árpád Academy and a long-time editor of <i>Krónika</i>. He is an author of books and articles on Hungarian historical and cultural topics and a frequent speaker at Hungarian commemorations. Lél began his career when large computers were starting to give way to smaller ones, at a time when people still considered these machines as mere gaming devices. He earned a degree in computer engineering and a master's in management information systems from Case Western Reserve University. He worked as a consultant at what is now Ernst & Young (EY) and witnessed the advent of personal computers and the so-called "killer app," spreadsheet programs. His interest in computers began during the era of mainframes, when everything we do today was still considered science fiction. Back then, he was motivated by the promise of human-level artificial intelligence and robots, but had to wait until today for exponential changes to occur. He has always been fascinated by the future benefits of IT technology, including artificial intelligence and robots. Over his nearly 50-year career, he currently works as a project manager at Progressive Insurance, where he leads pioneering work with a team of data science engineers in the fields of data and artificial intelligence.</p>	

10:45



Dóra Solymosi (Cleveland): “A Memoir: From Heaven to Hell to Hope” (book release, in English)

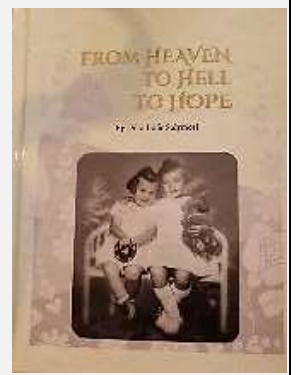
Dóra in her office at Baldwin Wallace University, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures., 2003. Retired in 2020.

About the presenter:

Dóra Solymosi is a retired professor who spent 20 years teaching German in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Baldwin-Wallace

University. Before that, she taught French and German for seven years in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures at John Carroll University. She also

coauthored a German grammar book. Beyond academia, Professor Solymosi was deeply involved in the Hungarian Scouts Association in Exeteris, where she led leadership training camps and taught leadership skills. She was also active in Cleveland’s Hungarian Girl Scout troop number 34, where she taught Hungarian history and participated in camping trips. Additionally, Dóra has delivered lectures at the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum, focusing on the history of Hungarian music, and the history of Transylvania.



11:15



Mike Sakal (Dayton): “Dayton Hungarians: Their Stories, Glories and Folklore” (book release, in English)

About the presenter:

Mike Sakal is a second-generation American Hungarian. His grandparents, Mike Szakal and Anna Kolarik, immigrated to the United States in the early part of the 20th Century. Their families settled in the West Side Hungarian neighborhood of Dayton, Ohio, where Mike and Anna met. They married in 1920 and established a large family. Of the homes in which they lived on Dayton’s West Side, in one of them they lived down the street from the aeronautical laboratory of Orville Wright, who invented flight with his brother, Wilbur.



Mike is an award-winning journalist, investigative reporter and columnist in both Arizona and Ohio, where he has won numerous awards with organizations such as The Associated Press, the Arizona Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Arizona and Cleveland Press clubs and the Arizona Newspaper Association.

Dayton Hungarians is Mike’s first book. He ultimately plans to market this comprehensive history to colleges and universities for Ohio History, Dayton History, Ethnic Studies and Urban Studies courses. He is grateful for all of the support for the book from the Old Troy Pike Community Church (formerly the Hungarian Evangelical Church of Dayton, Ohio), the many gracious people he conducted interviews with to preserve the rich Hungarian history of Dayton’s West and North Side Hungarian neighborhoods and its churches, and for the permission and use of the priceless vintage photographs in the book that came from the Dayton Hungarian families themselves and archives at Wright State University in Dayton, the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Dayton History Company at Carillon Park in Dayton.

Mike currently works as a contract journalist and as a substitute teacher in Northridge Local Schools in Dayton. After the formal release of *Dayton Hungarians*, he plans to return to a full-time position in communications or research. Mike currently resides in Dayton, where he is active with the Magyar Club of Dayton, the Hungarian Reformed Church of Lorain, Ohio near Cleveland, the Dayton Hungarian Festival Club and with numerous local history organizations such as History of the Daytonians and Ohio Hungarians Facebook pages.





11:45



Elizabeth Révy (Cleveland): “Tai Chi demo” (in English)

About the presenter:

Elizabeth Revy was born in Hungary and has always lived an active, healthy lifestyle. She practiced yoga for decades until she discovered Tai Chi Easy about ten years ago after she retired. It was love at first sight, so much so that within a short period of time she became a Tai Chi Easy / Medical Qigong Practice Leader. Since then, she holds several classes every week on the West Side of Cleveland, including outdoor sessions in the summer. Tai Chi Easy is a simple mind-body-breath self-care practice which awakens the inner healer. Anyone can do it, anywhere, anytime, at any age. (The presentation will be in English.)

<p>12:15</p>	<p>Ismerkedő fogadás: A Magyar Társaság szeretettel várja a Kongresszus minden résztvevőjét.</p> <p>Hungarian Tastes Reception, hosted by the Officers & Board Members of the Hungarian Association</p> <p>Háziasszony: / Hostess: Pintérmné Dr. Pereszlényi Márta (Cleveland)</p> <p>Terem / Meeting Room: Middleburg Hts.</p>	
<p>1:15</p>	<p>Dr. Judit Kerekes (New York): "Lottyka's Successful Century in a Pedagogical Dynasty"</p> <p>About the Speaker::</p> <p>Judit E. Puskas, Ph. D., P. Eng, Professor AIMBE, IUPAC and NAI Fellow External member, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Co-inventor of the polymer coating on the Taxus drug-eluting coronary stent, implanted in over 10 million people Professor Puskas' research is focusing on the integration of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment with breast reconstruction, in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic and Semmelweis Medical University of Hungary. In 2012 was one of the five winners of the GE Healthymagination Breast Cancer Challenge Award, selected from 400 international applications. She is the winner of the 2017 Charles Goodyear Medal, the most prestigious award given by the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society. She joined the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE) at the Ohio State University as a tenured Full Professor in January 1, 2019. She was named Distinguished Professor in January 2020. She was elected to be a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 2023. Her extensive professional credentials and accomplishment can be accessed here: https://fabe.osu.edu/our-people/judit-e-puskas; and https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HW0_2LUAAAJ and https://cancer.osu.edu/find-a-researcher/search-researcher-directory/judit-puskas</p> <p><i>With the Distinguished University Professor Award from Ohio State University. To Professor Puskás's left, John W. Zeiger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and to her right, Walter Carter Jr., President of Ohio State University</i></p> <p><i>A kép dr. Puskás Judit archívumából származik / Photo from Dr. Judit Puskás's private collection</i></p>	 
<p>1:45</p>	<p>Dr. Judit Kerekes (New York): "Lottyka's Successful Century in a Pedagogical Dynasty"</p> <p>About the Speaker:Judit Kerekes moved to America several decades ago and is the head of the Mathematics Department at the City University of New York. In addition to her professional work, she has played and continues to play a significant role in American Hungarian communities and in the development of Hungarian language skills among children living there. She was a member of the New York Hungarian Theatre for 20 years and led the Hungarian Summer School Camp as an officer of the Hungarian Scout Association Abroad for 10 years, where children had the opportunity to learn and practice the Hungarian language and culture. She established the American Hungarian Summer University for children who leave weekend Hungarian schools at age 14, involving local adult Hungarians in camp life to strengthen literary, historical, and ethnographic backgrounds. She has taught in several Hungarian schools and served as an advisor to Hungarian kindergartens. She is the Secretary-General of the American Hungarian Federation, a curator of the Americans for Hungarians Foundation, and a member of the Diaspora Council. She has twice been elected leader of the Association of Canadian–American Hungarian Schools. She is one of the founders and currently co-chair of the American Hungarian Schools Meeting, which reaches 33 Hungarian schools in 22</p>	

states, involving more than a thousand children. They provide further training for weekend Hungarian schools, where not only those with teaching qualifications work with children. They assist with online professional lectures and organize an annual conference, either in-person or online, related to a specific topic (Kerekes 2014), inviting renowned experts from Hungary. In addition, Judit Kerekes supports the success and professional advancement of Hungarian emigrants and promotes awareness and protection of Hungary's good reputation. She has also contributed significantly to American Hungarian churches. She maintains a close connection with her homeland, is a regular speaker at professional conferences, and facilitates cooperation between domestic and American universities and researchers. Her motto is: "What matters is not what I do, but what we can achieve together." Dr. Kerekes Judit (New York):
 „Lottyka sikeres száz esztendeje egy pedagógusdinasztiában”

2:15



Krisztina Csermely (Toronto): "The Book as a Dramatic Motif"

About the Speaker:

Krisztina Csermely was born in Budapest, but shortly after she started elementary school, the 1956 revolution broke out, and she continued her education in exile in Toronto, Canada. She was raised in the Hungarian community in Toronto: among the congregation of St. Elizabeth's Church at masses and events. Since childhood, she has been an active member and twice team leader of the 42nd St. Kinga Girl Scout Troop (part of the Hungarian Scout Association Abroad). She was briefly a member of the Kodály Ensemble folk dance group and was often found in the audience of the popular Hungarian Operetta Theatre directed by Sándor Kertész in Toronto. She graduated from the University of Toronto with degrees in English Literature and Egyptian Archaeology. The war situation in the Middle East thwarted her career as an archaeological researcher, leading her to a completely different path. For twenty-five years, she worked in "show business" as an employee of the Canadian Radio, Television, and Film Writers' Guild, later as a freelance entrepreneur representing film and television writers. Fate took her in another direction when she was hired by the Toronto Catholic School Board to work with intellectually disabled children, where she realized she had found her calling. At the same time, she enrolled in classes with Dr. György Bisztray, head of the Hungarian Department at the University of Toronto, and systematically expanded her knowledge in Hungarian grammar, literature history, drama, and film subjects. Now retired, she lives with her husband, Gyuri Brenner, in a small village from where they make a weekly 300 km round trip to Toronto to maintain their Hungarian connections. Csermely Krisztina (Toronto): „A könyv, mint drámai motívum.”

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 4:00





Gyermek Családi Program
 Szentkirályi Krisztina (Cleveland) szervezésében



Theme — "Hungarian Successes Around the World"... quizzes, games, crafts board games for older participants ...






Terem / Ballroom 3,4



<p>2:45</p>		<p>Gábor Mózsi (Chicago): "HYPE Network - How to Engage the Next Generation?"</p> <p>About the Speaker:</p> <p>Born and raised in Budapest, during his high school years, he visited the United States, including the Itt-Ott camp, where he drew a lot of inspiration. In 2015, he moved to Chicago, where he found a new home, attracted by family ties and the city's vibrant Hungarian community. Originally trained as a photographer/photojournalist, he currently works as an operations manager for a multi-state portrait studio chain, earning recognition for his creative and managerial expertise. His commitment extends beyond his professional life; he actively participates in social events and charity functions, demonstrating his dedication to the community. Since 2023, Gábor has been the president of the Hungarian Club of Chicago and is also a co-founder of the HYPE Network, launched in 2024.</p> 
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<p>3:30</p>	<p>Questions on Hungarian history, geography, sports, and literature</p> <p>Organizers and Program Leaders:</p> <p>Éva Dömötörffy (Cleveland) and Ildikó Peller (Cleveland)</p>	 
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<p>4:00 – 6:00</p>		 <p>Family Dance House Solomon Ilona (Cleveland) rendezésében</p> <p>Terem / Meeting Room: Ballroom 3,4:</p> <p>A rendezőről:</p> <p>Ilona Solomon: An active member of the 34th Zrinyi Ilona Scout Troop, dance instructor for the scout ball opening dance, planner of the scout Christmas program, and one of the planners/helpers for the Cleveland Regös group's performance. She is a member of the Öröm Dance Group. Mother of five children, she lives with her husband Sebastian in Kirtland, Ohio.</p>	
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4:15



Ildikó Antal-Ferencz (New Jersey): "Being Hungarian in America" (Book Presentation)
In the form of an interview with Zsolt Bede-Fazekas (Toronto), the owner of the only Hungarian-language bookstore in the Western diaspora



About the Speaker:

Ildikó Antal-Ferencz is an economist, freelance journalist, and blogger, as well as a mother of three. Her writings

*primarily focus on family; she enjoys conducting in-depth interviews and reporting on cultural events, charitable causes, and public affairs. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been running a personal blog titled Ígyírokén ("This is How I Write"), and she has contributed to several interview collections, edited and hosted radio programs, and participated as a host in roundtable discussions and conferences. Since July 1, 2022, she has been living in the United States (in New Jersey) with her family, having moved there due to her husband's job. Over the past two years, she has written more than 200 articles in Hungarian and English about Hungarians living in the North American diaspora (individuals, families, local communities, and diaspora-level organizations). The first selection of these articles was published in December 2023, and the second in August 2024, in interview collections titled *Being Hungarian in America I* and *Being Hungarian in America II*, published by Bocskai Radio in Cleveland. She is currently working on the third volume and an English-language selection.*

4:45



MŰVÉSZETI KIÁLLÍTÁSOK, KÖNYVKIÁLLÍTÁS, Ünneplés megnyitás: Terem: Huron
Főrendezők: **Dömötörfy Éva** (Cleveland) és **Ludányi Nádas Panni** (League City, TX)
Nyitva pénteken és szombaton
A kiállítást a tisztikar tagjai rendezik, és felváltva látják el.



Formal Opening: ARTISTIC EXHIBITS, BOOK EXHIBITS – „HUNGARICUM” CONSIGNMENT SALES “All Things Hungarian Sale”

Friday and Saturday / Huron room

Organized by Eva Dömötörfy (Cleveland) and **Julie Nadas Ludanyi** (League City, TX) with the help of the program committee

HUNGARICUM: szépművészeti festmények, herendi porcelán, magyar kerámia, magyar motívumos blúzok, hímzett és rátétes terítők, magyar nyelvű gyermekkönyvek, magyar irodalom remekművei



HUNGARICUM: (items characteristic of Hungarian culture) fine art paintings, art prints, Herend porcelain, Hungarian ceramics, clothing with Hungarian motifs, embroideries, Hungarian language children's books, Hungarian literary works

Kiállítások és megemlékezések

- ❖ Rezső Darvas (Miercurea Ciuc, Transylvania), award-winning photographer, Transylvanian Landscape Exhibition
Compiled by Lóránd Csibi (Cleveland)

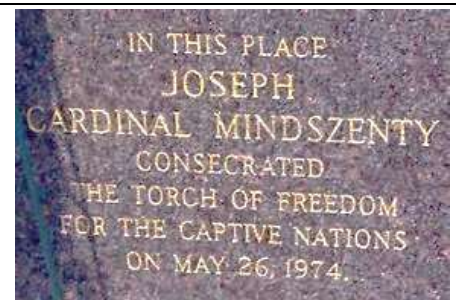


Rezső Darvas, Photographic Artist: Born in Miercurea Ciuc, he completed his primary education in the music and arts class at Petőfi Sándor School, and later graduated from the metalworking program at the former No. 4 Industrial High School. He worked as a postal employee for over 30 years. He has been connected to photography and all its aspects since childhood, with his grandfather as his role model. He has been photographing professionally since 2003 and has participated in several trainings, starting with the photography course at the Csiksomlyó Kalot Association, followed by a two-year photography vocational training, and also attended the Géza Vámszer Folk School in Miercurea Ciuc. Since 2011, he has been a member of the Prisma Photo Club in Miercurea Ciuc. In addition to his solo exhibitions, his works have also appeared in joint exhibitions organized with the Prisma Photo Club. His artistic photographs have been selected for several photography competitions, earning him recognition and awards for his talent. He is the "church event photographer" for the Roman Catholic parish in Csíkzsögöd. He loves capturing the wonders of nature but is also drawn to event photography, capturing human faces, moments, vanishing traditions, and the beauty of the female body through nude photography.



Kiállítások és megemlékezések

Figure 1
Cardinal Mindszenty leads a ceremonial groundbreaking in Cleveland, Ohio in 1974.
PHOTO: Wikimedia Commons



50 éve járt köztünk Mindszenty József bíboros 1974 tavaszán

Kiállítások és megemlékezések

- ❖ The 300th Anniversary of the Birth of Hussar Colonel Mihály Ábriczy Kováts, compiled by Zsuzsanna Győri (Cleveland)



6:30



Fogadás („cash bar”) az Irodalmi és Művészet előtt és után. Terem: Ballroom
Cocktail party before & after “Literary & Artistic program” (cash bar).
Meeting Room: Ballroom



Péntek este nyitva lesz a kiállítóterem a Művészet megkezdéséig (7:00). Terem: Huron
Exhibit Room open Friday evening until Literary program begins at 7:00 pm.
Meeting Room: Huron

7:00



Our Evening Performance, Friday, November 29, 2024,
direct from Budapest, Hungary – presenting

András Péter Kovács,

known as: “The man whom fate destined to be a stand-up comedian”

Member of the Dumasínház Company, the nationally known popular
comedy club, and the Hungarian equivalent of the stand-up comedy genre.

The performance will be IN HUNGARIAN. Tickets online or at the door. Meeting Room: Ballroom 1, 2

Kovács András Péter „KAP”

Dumasínház neves magyar humoristája.

„Úgy tűnik, magáról mesél, de mindvégig rólunk beszél, és mindvégig igaza van!”
Az előadás magyar nyelvű lesz. Jegyek elővételben kaphatók online, vagy az ajtónál.



András Péter Kovács, briefly known as KAP, is a Hungarian humorist and writer with a Karinty Ring, recognized as one of the representatives and founders of stand-up comedy in Hungary. He is one of the oldest members of the Dumasínház troupe. He completed his secondary education at József Attila High School and Budai Cistercian Saint Imre High School, graduating in 1996. He graduated from the Faculty of Law at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in 2001 and completed his doctoral program in 2004. He taught legal history and media law at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary and legal informatics at ELTE's Faculty of Informatics. However, after his humorist career took off, he left teaching.

8:30



**Reception / Fogadás;
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**Dr. Ladányi Fine Arts Competition, Coordinator Dr. Gyula Nádas (Chicago)
Dr. Ladányi Imre Művész pályázatok megtekintése,
Dr. Nádas Gyula (Chicago) rendezésében**

Terem: / Meeting Room: Ballroom 1,2

9:15

**Magyar Kongresszus, szombat, 2024 november 30
Hungarian Congress Saturday, November 30, 2024**

Kongresszus Második Napjának megnyitása


Opening remarks: Dr. Nádas János, elnök/president

Az előadások a SUPERIOR teremben kerülnek megrendezésre, hacsak nincs másképpen jelezve.

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9:30




Iván and Áron Németh (Erie, PA): "The Importance of National Sentiment in Soccer - In Which Country Were the Hungarian National Team Players Born?" and "The Members of the Hungarian National Team Who Were Not Born in Hungary"

About the Speakers:
Iván Németh - Graduated from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and later studied Applied Intelligence at Mercyhurst University in Erie. He and his wife have three children, and he works at Logistics Plus in Erie.



Áron Németh - Studies at Cathedral Prep High School in Erie and is in the 11th grade. He was born in Hungary and attended kindergarten and school there. He plays soccer and the piano, and he plans to attend university in Hungary.


10:00




Tamás Novoszáth (S. Carolina): "The Path of My Life: Sports, Studies, Business, (Sports)"

About the Speaker:

Tamás Novoszáth was born and raised in Szeged in 1997. His entry into the world of water sports, specifically swimming, was inspired by family traditions. He spent a significant part of his athletic career in Szeged. In 2016, when he first traveled to the USA, his family moved to Budapest so that his siblings, who are also swimmers, could continue their sport in the capital. Tamás later received a sports scholarship to the University of South Carolina, where he pursued both his swimming career and his undergraduate and master's studies. After graduation, he decided to stay in the USA to take advantage of American opportunities. He currently works as a Senior Business Data Analyst at a Japanese multinational company in Atlanta while also launching his own businesses. (Tamás Novoszáth: Senior Business Data Analyst | MS Business Analytics | BS Finance-Real Estate | Former D1 Athlete | UofSC Alum)



10:30




OUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, presenting in English:

**Lecturer and Author:
Geza Tatrallyay**

"Three Cold War Escape Memoirs and Other Stories"

About the speaker:
Geza Tatrallyay, distinguished lecturer and author, will be speaking in English. He is a prolific author. In keeping with our theme of "Hungarian Successes in the World," Geza was the Canadian épée fencer the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Geza escaped with his family in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution, immigrating to Canada the same year. He grew up in Toronto, attending the University of Toronto Schools, where he was School Captain. He graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Human Ecology in 1972 (after taking a break in his studies to work as a host in the Ontario Pavilion at Expo'70 in Osaka, Japan). Geza was selected as a Rhodes Scholar from Ontario, attending Oxford University and graduating with a BA/MA in Human Sciences in 1974; he completed his studies with a MSc in Economics from London School of Economics and Politics in 1975.

Geza represented Canada as an épée fencer in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. Geza's professional experience has included stints in government, international organizations, finance and environmental entrepreneurship. Since 2004, he has been semi-retired, managing a few investments mainly in the clean energy sector and devoting himself to his family and his writing. He is an author and a poet, with seventeen books published by different publishers in the USA, Canada and India (six thrillers, six poetry collections, three memoirs, a short story collection and a children's picture story book) and another poetry volume and a murder mystery to be published in 2023/24. His poems, short stories and articles have appeared in journals, magazines and anthologies in Canada and the USA. Geza is a citizen of Canada and Hungary, and currently divides his time between Barnard, Vermont, and San Francisco. He is married to Marcia, and their daughter, Alexandra, lives in San Francisco with husband David, and two sons, Sebastian and Orlando, while their son, Nicholas, lives in Nairobi with his Hungarian wife, Fanni, and his granddaughters, Sophia and Lara.



11:30

Dr. Balázs Mártonffy, Consul General of Hungary in Chicago:

"Hungarian-American Relations and the Midwest"

About the Consul General: Dr. Balázs Mártonffy has been the Consul General of Hungary in Chicago since September 2024. Before this role, he was a senior research fellow and institute director at the National University of Public Service. A political scientist honored by the Munich Security Conference, he previously served as Deputy Head of Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and worked at the Ministry of Defense. He earned his PhD from the American University, School of International Service, where he won the William C. Olson Award. He also holds degrees from the University of Denver and Washington University in St. Louis. He is the author of numerous books and studies and a member of the International Studies Association and the Hungarian Atlantic Council.



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Keynote speaker: (in Hungarian, tickets required)

CEREMONIAL SPEAKER and HONORED GUEST:

Imre Lendvai-Lintner, President of the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris

"Hungarian Scouting in the Diaspora – Character Education, Hungarian Identity, and Service"

(The presentation will be in Hungarian.) A pre-ordered lunch-presentation ticket is required to attend the lecture. Room / Meeting Room: Ballroom 4

About the Speaker and Honored Guest: Imre Lendvai-Lintner was born in Feldkirch, Austria, in 1949. He arrived in America in the summer of 1956 and became a member of the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris that September. He has worked as a scout leader within the Garfield 6th Gábor Áron Scout Troop, at leadership training camps, and at the central office. For the last thirty-two years, he has served first as Executive President (1993-97) and then as President (1997-2025). Previously, he led the central patrol leader camp 12 times and has been responsible for scout leader training since 1994. He was the commander of the 1995 KMCSSZ Jubilee Grand Camp.

His goals include encouraging every Hungarian-speaking youth living in the West to try scouting. He considers it important to further develop the Association (leadership training, supplementary materials, updated testing systems, etc.) to ensure successful long-term youth education work. He aims to make the advantages of a global organization (connections, friendships, experiences) accessible to every scout through more intensive exchange programs. Strengthening the core pillars of scouting (character education, Hungarian identity, and service) is also a priority for him.

He served as President of the Forum of Hungarian Scout Associations from 2008-2011 and since 2013. He led the last four officer training courses for the Forum.

He holds a degree in metallurgical engineering (bachelor's and master's). He earned his degrees from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, USA. From 1973 to 2006, he worked at ExxonMobil's technical institute. Most of his career was spent as a manager, with his last position being Head of Mechanical Engineering. Since 2006, he has been retired, allowing him to fully dedicate his time to serving the goals of KMCSSZ and Hungarian scouting.

He is a father of three children and grandfather to nine grandchildren.

2:30

Tamás Csajka (Cleveland): "Jubilee Camp Report"

About the Speaker:

Tamás Csajka was born in 1975 in Košice, where he graduated as a mathematician from UPJS University after attending Hungarian school and high school. He became a scout in 1991 and served as the troop leader in Košice from 1997 to 2002. From 1994 to 2006, he was a patrol leader trainer in the Slovak Hungarian Scout Association (SZMCS). He first visited America during the 2000 Jubilee Camp and has since considered strengthening Hungarian-Hungarian relations one of his main goals. He has lived in Cleveland since 2007, serving as troop leader from 2009 to 2012 and again from 2016 to 2019. In his civilian life, he is an insurance actuary. His wife, Kriszta Slattery, is also a scout leader, and they have four children: Tesza, Rózszi, Karcsi, and Ágoston. The Hungarian Scout Association in Exeteris organizes a jubilee grand camp every five years to celebrate an anniversary. In July-August 2024, nearly 900 scouts were expected at the camp, with the number expected to exceed 1,000 including guests on the last weekend. It was an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know Hungarian children living abroad from other cities and continents. The scouts mainly come from North America—Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Cleveland, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal—but also from Calgary, California, Vancouver, as well as Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Western Europe, and Australia. Scouts also come from the Carpathian Basin—Transylvania, Upper Hungary (Felvidék), Transcarpathia (Kárpátalja), Vojvodina (Délvidék), and Hungary itself. Hungarian scouting is a worldwide movement!



2:30



Directed by György Szent-Király (Cleveland):
Meeting of the Order and Society of Saint Ladislaus

Theme: "Together Forward into the Future!"

3:00








Dr. Andrea Mészáros (Cleveland):

"The 50th Anniversary of Mindszenty's Visit to Cleveland: A Strengthener of the Hungarian Community"

About the Speaker:

Andrea Vareska Mészáros, born in Norfolk, Virginia, moved to Cleveland with her parents at the age of seven. She quickly became a member of the 33rd Szilágyi Erzsébet Girl Scout Troop and remains actively involved with the troop today. She earned a degree in history from John Carroll University and later obtained a law degree from Case Western Reserve University. She worked as an attorney for twenty-seven years before transitioning to teach history and geography at a local Catholic school. During this time, she and her husband raised their three children. She has consistently taken on leadership roles in both Hungarian Scouting and the Cleveland Hungarian Museum. Currently, she serves as the president of the United Hungarian Societies of Cleveland.



<p>3:30 – 5:00</p>	<p>"Community Building in the Diaspora"</p> <p>Roundtable discussion with our guest speakers, led by Zsolt Bede-Fazekas (Toronto)</p> <p>Theme and Quote: "...And if we all have the same goal, if we all want the same thing, what prevents us from creating such a good and meaningful community?" written by S. Mrozek; <i>Emigrants</i></p> <p>About the Roundtable Leader:</p> <p>Zsolt Bede-Fazekas is the editor-in-chief of Toronto Independent Hungarian Radio, founder of the Parameter Club - Thought Ambulance, owner of Pannonia, the only Hungarian-language bookstore in the Western diaspora, former cultural director of the Toronto Hungarian House, and recipient of the Friend of Hungary award established by MOBA. His passion is preserving our Hungarian identity and traditional communities through enduring programs and ideas. For over three decades, he has worked to ensure that Hungarians living in the diaspora can preserve and pass on their Hungarian identity, language, and culture to future generations.</p>	
<p>5:30</p>	 <p>Closing Declaration, Ceremonial Conclusion of the Congress, Anthem</p>	
<p>6:30</p>	<p>Bál előtti pohárköszöntő — Érkezés, asztalfoglalás / Cocktails (cash bar)</p>	
<p>7:00 - 1:30 am</p>	<p>Hungarian Ball — DÍSZVACSORA és MAGYAR BÁL — Hagyományos díszvacsora; elsőbálosok bemutatása; clevelandi Magyar Cserkész Regös palotás tánca; az Árpád Szövetség érem átadása: Hargitai István, Krasznai Beáta, Lendvai-Lintner Imre, Mészáros Mária, Papp Klára, Szentkirályi Judit, Zsula Marika</p> <p>Walt Mahovlich Harmónia zenekara</p> <p>Formal Hungarian court opening dance by the Cleveland Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble; Introduction of the Debutantes; Presentation of New Inductee to the Árpád Alliance: Istvan Hargitai, Beata Krasznai, Imre Lendvai-Lintner, Klara Papp, Judit Szentkirályi, Marika Zsula, Dance the evening away with the Harmonia Band and Walt Mahovlich</p> <p>Terem / Meeting Room: Ballroom</p>	
		

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