



Hungarian Settlement Historical Society Newsletter December 2018

Hungarian Settlement Historical Society

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Meetings – The December 6th meeting will be held at the Albany-Springfield Library at 1:00 PM. Our Christmas Party will be held at this time. **You are asked to bring your favorite finger food. Please note time change – 1:00 PM at the Library.**

Meetings 2018

January (no meeting)	May 2	September 5
February 7	June 6	October 3
March 7	July 4	November 7
April 4	August 1	December 5

Pulled Pork Dinner — Friday, October 26, 2018

Net proceeds - \$2,850. Thanks to Chefs Alex Petho, Doc Vampran and Benton Morgan. Also Thanks to our loyal customers and our hard-working Club members.

Current Renovations – The last two rooms of the museum have been renovated. This renovation was made possible by a Louisiana Capital Outlay Grant - \$172,000. One room will be an exhibit room and the other room will be a combination work and storage room.

Appreciation to the following Museum Supporters:

State of Louisiana – Capital Outlay Grant
Livingston Parish Council - LGAP
Livingston Parish Tourist Commission
Hungary Initiatives Foundation
Brick Purchasers
William Penn Association
Sustaining Membership Sponsors
Exhibit Case Sponsors
All members for their work and monetary donations

Museum Collection – What makes up the museum collection? As of now, 120 people have made substantial artifact contributions to the museum. Artifacts range from household items to farm tools to fine porcelain. There are only two other Hungarian museums in the United States.

President's Message – The Hungarian Settlement Historical Society continues to grow in membership. The museum is a work in progress. Members and others continue to make artifact and monetary donations. It is with pride that all of us are preserving our rich cultural Hungarian heritage. We are indebted to all who have so generously donated their time and financial assistance to make the museum possible. Thank you! *Alex Kropog*

HSHS Cookbook - Over 700 recipes were submitted.

The book has been edited several times and is now being printed. It should be ready by the Christmas Season. They will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Put it on your shopping list.

Museum Budget – The Museum's annual operating budget is expected to be at least \$15,000 annually. The budget includes: electricity, water, security, building insurance, various government fees, lawn care, janitorial, office supplies, stamps and general maintenance.

2019 Dues now due – To increase funds to allow for the operation of the museum (\$15,000 annually), the following dues schedule has been adopted:

Sustaining Membership

\$5.00 – Basic
\$15.00 - \$49.00 – Friend
\$50.00 - \$99.00 – Supporter
\$100.00 - \$499.00 – Sponsor
\$500.00 - \$999.00 – Patron
\$1,000.00 + – Benefactor

Please send all dues and sustaining membership dues to:

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Museum Hours:

Tuesdays, Fridays and second Saturdays of the month
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Group appointments – call 225-294-5732

Museum Admission

Adults - \$8.00
Seniors & veterans - \$6.00
Ages 8-17 - \$4.00
Ages 7 and under – Free

Brick Fundraiser - To recognize your loved one, living or deceased, memorial bricks are now on sale - \$100 each. Bricks can memorialize families, churches, business, etc. The memorial does not have to be for one of Hungarian descent. A brick order form is attached, also on the website. Our second order of engraved bricks will arrive soon. Installation will take place upon arrival. Sales continue.

Exhibit Case Sponsorship – \$100 per year, your name will be displayed on the case as sponsor for a year. Choose from the enclosed list.

Family Histories - The Museum is still in need of your Family History. It does not have to be very elaborate, For more information: 225-294-5732 or email – roykropog@gmail.com.

Museum Face Book – Check out the museum’s Face Book page. You will find many new members, You Tubes, and other interesting information.

Docent – The dictionary defines the word as “a tour guide and lecturer, as at a museum”. Our museum has a group of dedicated docents who volunteer their time and talent very faithfully. Their knowledge of Hungarian Settlement and Hungary enhances a visit to the museum. A special thanks goes to all of our Hungarian Museum docents.



Hungarian Library Books – The Albany-Springfield Branch Library has a large number of books in English and Hungarian – cook books, history books picture books, language and grammar books, dictionaries and reference books. It is absolutely free to check out any of these books. Broaden your Hungarian knowledge. Check out some books today.



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Memorial Gifts - Consider listing the Museum as a possible beneficiary for memorial gifts on the occasion of a funeral or the anniversary of death. Often friends want to give something more lasting than flowers and we certainly qualify for that.

DNA Test for Ancestry – Discover your ancestors and find out where your family comes from with a simple DNA test. Uncover your ethnic origins. Find new relatives, Only \$49.



Mikulás is the Hungarian version of St. Nicholas, and a similar figure to Santa Claus in many cities. It is believed that Mikulás arrives to celebrate his day, December 6, and leaves before Christmas. This tradition is well known in Hungary and also in Romania, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia Croatia and Poland.

Mikulás arrives on the night of December 5th with with his two helpers, a good angel who helps with presents and a mischievous devil-like creature Krampusz, who punishes bad children. Mikulás gives good children nice presents while Krampusz gives naughty children “virgács” a bunch of golden twigs.



Stocking Stuffers – The museum has some good ideas for Stocking Stuffers – two kinds of mugs, caps – different colors, cozies, pens, tote bags, books about Hungarian Settlement, Hungarian House Blessing, Coloring books, hand-made wooden items and more, These all make nice Christmas gifts.



Merry Christmas