



# Hungarian Settlement Historical Society Newsletter

## February 2013

### Hungarian Settlement Historical Society

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[www.hungarianmuseum.com](http://www.hungarianmuseum.com)

#### Officers:

President - Alex Kropog      Secretary - Juliana Roberson  
Vice President - Wayne Kreko      Treasurer - Royanne Kropog

**The next meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Albany-Springfield Branch Library.**

**Meetings are held in the Albany-Springfield Branch Library at 2:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month.**

#### HSHS Meetings - 2013

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| January 3  | April 4 | July ---    | October 3  |
| February 7 | May 2   | August 1    | November 7 |
| March 7    | June 6  | September 5 | December 5 |

**The President's Message** - I would like to bring everyone up to date on the \$170,000 Capital Outlay Grant. We are working with the Facility Planning and Control (FPC) Department and the Division of Administration - Capital Outlay Department. A Project Manager has been assigned to our renovation and he will assist us in bidding, monitoring the construction and paying the bills. HSHS will not receive the money. As the contractor completes a portion of work, we will forward the invoice to the state for payment. Capital Outlay will handle the finances. The organization is responsible for accounting and good record keeping. This is a summary of the roles of FPC and HSHS. Now, let the work begin!

Please see the information on the Hungarian Freedom Fighters below. They deserve a place of honor in the U.S. and in Eastern Europe. Try to attend the February 8, 2013 ceremony. *Alex Kropog*

**Building Update** - The painting contract for Phase 1 is now complete. Ashore Construction Company from Ponchatoula, LA was the contractor. The 1,200 square foot room is finished. The grant will hopefully complete the remainder of the building.

**Memorial Plaque to commemorate 1956 Hungarian Freedom Fighters** - Hungarian Ambassador Szapary will visit New Orleans to dedicate a plaque to the Freedom Fighters of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. The ceremony will take place at Jackson Barracks (6400 St. Claude Ave.) on February 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM. An extensive exhibit will be on display, including local residents, at the newly-renovated Jackson Barracks Museum. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

**1956 Hungarian Revolution Postscript** - "*Those Hungarian students and workers and women and fighting children have done more to close the future of Communism than armies of diplomats. They have exposed the brutal hypocrisy of Communism...they have torn its mask off...We owe them pride and praise. For their defeat has been itself a triumph.*" - Archibald Macleish

**Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce** - The Leadership Class of the Chamber visited Hungarian Settlement on December 18, 2012. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize members with the diverse cultures of the parish. The visit included Hungarian Presbyterian Church and cemetery, St. Margaret Church and cemetery and the museum. Those in attendance were amazed at the wealth of historical significance of the area.

**Smithsonian Folklife Festival** - Washington D.C. - June 25 - July 7, 2013. One of the featured countries will be Hungary. Visit [www.festival.si.edu](http://www.festival.si.edu) - click on Hungarian Heritage under 2013 Festival Information. The Hungarian Settlement Harvest Dancers participated in this Festival in 1976. Plan a trip to Washington D.C. - Enjoy your heritage!

**The Story of Árpádhon: Hungarian Settlement, Louisiana 1896 - 2006** by Royanne Kropog. For more information call Royanne at 225-294-5732.

**Sympathy** - is extended to the Erdey Family in the death of John Erdey and to the Sziszak Family in the death of Alex Sziszak.

**Hungarian Language Classes** - Classes are taught at the new Livingston Parish Library in Livingston on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM. Attila Lodey is the teacher.

**\$5 Membership Dues** - for 2013 are now due. Mail to H.S.H.S., P.O. Box 1909, Albany, LA 70711. See attached form if you have not paid.

**E-mail Addresses needed**- Send to [jpetho@bell-south.net](mailto:jpetho@bell-south.net) or [akropog@att.net](mailto:akropog@att.net).

**Memorial Donations** - can be made in memory of a loved one.

**Donation of Items for Museum** - As we approach the completion of the museum renovation, we are asking for donations of items used in Hungarian Settlement. Items include kitchen utensils, strawberry-related items, old journals, photographs, St. Margaret School books, etc., Nursing Home era items, Harvest Dance items, etc. Call Royanne Kropog - 225-294-5732.

**Family Histories** - will be needed for the Research Room in the Museum. Please write and submit.

**Genealogy 102** - Albany-Springfield Branch Library - Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Get the necessary help in writing your Family History.