



# Review

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## ***Honored in Washington!***

In August, the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society will be celebrating 28 years of preserving and presenting Hungarian culture to greater Northeast Ohio, as well as sharing the story of the local Hungarian immigrant community. For this dedicated effort, the Society was honored by the Hungarian American Coalition at its Gala Dinner on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC.

A group of Museum Board members and past presidents attended the event and enjoyed a lovely evening. The presentation of the honor included a wonderful video showcasing the Society, its mission and its Museum and events.



The following words are inscribed on a crystal prism awarded to the Society:

*"In recognition of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society's 28 years of achievements in preserving Hungarian culture and history to educate, inspire and enrich the lives of Hungarians and Americans in Northeast Ohio. The Hungarian American Coalition salutes the leaders and membership of the Society for their invaluable contributions to our shared mission."*



Eva Szabo and Otto Friedrich accepted the award on behalf of the Society, its Board, its membership and supporters. The presentation on behalf of the Coalition was made by Ambassador April H. Foley, Ambassador George Herbert Walker III, Governor George Pataki and Mr. Maximilian Teleki, President of the Coalition. The Coalition is an organization that lives its mission of serving the interests of the Hungarian-American community through its educational initiatives, human rights advocacy, leadership training and humanitarian assistance. Our Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society is a member organization.

## **HAC kitüntette a Cleveland Magyar Történelem Társulatot**

Turner Klára

Ezen a nyáron ünnepli a Cleveland Magyar Történelmi Társulat 28-ik évét mint Ohio északkeleti magyar kultúra megőrzője és bemutatója, úgy mint a helyi magyar bevándorló közösség történelmi megosztója. Ezért az erőfeszítésért, a Társulatot az Amerikai Magyar Egyesület kitüntette a Gála Vacsoráján május 8-án Washington, D.C.-ben.

Egy csoport múzeumi választmányi tagok és volt elnökök részt vettek az eseményen és egy nagyon szép estében volt részük. A kitüntetésnek része volt egy kiváló video ami a Társulatot és annak céljait úgy mint a múzeumot és eseményeit mutatta be. A következő szavak vannak a kristály hasábjába belevésve, amit a múzeum kapott: „Elismervén a Cleveland Magyar Történelmi Társulat 28 éves teljesítményeit magyar kultúra és történelem fenntartása érdekében, oktatni, lelkesíteni és gazdagítani az életüket az amerikai-magyaroknak északkeleti Ohióban. Az Amerikai Magyar Egyesület gratulál a Társulat vezetőinek és a tagoknak a mérhetetlen teljesítményeikhez a közös élethivatásunkhoz.”

Szabó Éva és Friedrich Ottó vették át a kitüntetést a Társulat, annak választmányja, tagjai és támogatói nevében. A kitüntetést a HAC nevében Foley April H. Foley Nagykövet, George Herbert Walker III Nagykövet, George Pataki kormányzó és Teleki Maximilian, a HAC elnöke nyújtották át. A HAC egy szervezet amely misszióját éli, az amerikai-magyar közösség érdekeit szolgálja nevelési ténykedés, emberi jogok támogatása, vezetési kiképzés és emberbaráti segély által. A Cleveland Magyar Történelmi Társulat tagja a HAC-nak.



**László Varga: President's report –**  
Annual meeting April 10, 2013

*Kedves Magyar Támogatóink és Pártfogóink.  
Szívélyesen üdvözlöm mindannyiukat.*

Dear members of the Board, members of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society, friends and supporters, welcome to our Annual meeting.

As I look back over the last year or the last three years, I realize just how significant a role the CHHS fills not only in the Cleveland Hungarian Community but in our wider society.

This past year we continued with success our customary activities including exhibits, both permanent and rotating; the lecture series; welcoming visitors and managing our library and Gift Shop. The annual bus trip last year did not work out, but we learned from it and this year we're right on track to resume with a trip to Wooster to the Ohio Light Opera.

Also this past year, we did something different. We looked at ourselves, asked questions like what works? What needs improvement? Where do we want to be down the road? With the help of a facilitator, in two interactive workshop sessions our Board of Directors developed a three-year work plan, which identifies tasks we plan to do in each of the next three years. Implementation of those tasks is already underway.

This year the Hungarian American Coalition is honoring us, the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society, at their annual Gala Dinner in Washington DC. This is a recognition we can be proud of.

While it is satisfying to look at our past accomplishments, we must try to look ahead and anticipate challenges. At present our finances are stable. Our current location is favorable and the rent burden is manageable, but we cannot be certain about tomorrow. At some point in the future, one of our challenges may be that we need to find a new home. We're going to hear more about this situation as it unfolds. While we're on future developments, I'd like to talk briefly about the expanding sphere of involvement of the CHHS.

We are serving the Hungarian Community of the Cleveland area and indeed Northeast Ohio. However, with the efforts of the Hungarian government to reach out to all Hungarians world wide, specifically the Kőrösi Csoma Sándor program, we are drawn into a larger community. More and more of our communication is with such groups as the Diaszpóra Tanács encompassing all Hungarians. This outreach by the Hungarian government brings to Cleveland an intern, who is coming to us to help in a way that we ask for his help, not only at the Museum, but any and all of the Cleveland area Hungarian organizations. The CHHS has the role of mentor and coordinating responsibility with other organizations to schedule the assignment this intern will carry out.

This is an expanded role for us and brings us into closer cooperatin with a wider, farther reaching community. Fulfilling this role is an added challenge, but at the same time it presents new opportunities for us to serve better, to fulfill our mission statement better. My belief is that we can best serve the larger community by doing the best we can serving our own, the Cleveland community to the best of our abilities. I believe this is our challenge for the future; to do the best we can.

Let me tie these thoughts together by reading a letter we received just a couple of weeks ago. Our ambassador, Otto Friedrich, was instrumental in what prompted this letter. It was explained to me that Otto met a visitor from Hungary who has some involvement in the government and after this meeting Otto called me to say: just want you to know we had a visitor I showed him the Museum and he was impressed. About two weeks ago he called again to say we have a letter from that visitor I told you about. The letter is addressed to me, but is written to all of our volunteers, friends and supporters. I'd like to read it and share it with you.

Lastly, a personal thank you to all our friends and supporters and our volunteers and Board members for giving so much of yourselves to ensure the success of this Museum. Thank you for your confidence that allowed me to serve in this capacity for the last three years. Thank you very much.

*Dear Patrons of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society,*



Eva Szabo  
Szabo

*It is a privilege to have been elected the new president as of April 10, 2013. The Society has had a filled agenda since then. We welcomed our intern from the Korosi Csoma Sandor Program, some traveled to D.C. on May 8<sup>th</sup> to receive the Hungarian American Coalition organizational award, I had my first Board meeting and on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Museum was host to 14 individuals who took the Citizenship Oath of Allegiance to Hungary. Hungarian dignitaries from Hungary and N.Y. officiated at this event which was attended by around 85 people. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, our volunteers were honored at a luncheon for them at the Museum.*

*I look forward to the many months ahead and numerous events such as the Program Series, the Vintner Dinner and, of course, the operation of the Museum. With your interest and financial backing, I will continue to work with the Board and volunteers to not only preserve our Hungarian culture but to offer knowledge of it to anyone attracted to our nationality. I look forward to serving the Hungarian Community. Eva*

(Ms. Eva Szabo's message in Hungarian on page 3)

Kedves Támogatóink!

Nagy megtiszteltetés számomra, hogy április 10-én a Clevelandi Magyar Történelmi Társulat befogadott, mint új elnöke. Azóta számtalan programon vett részt a Társulatunk. Örömmel fogattuk gyakornokunkat a Körösi Csoma Sándor programtól. Valamennyien jelen voltunk az Amerikai Magyar Koalíció dísz vacsoráján Washington, DC-ben, ahol Társulatunkat kitüntették. Szívesen vártuk tárt ajtókkal Magyarországról dísz vendégeinket, amikor 14 személy tett magyar állampolgársági esküt. Május 22-én, a Múzeum helyszínén, megünnepeltük önkénteseinket. Az Ő szolgálatukon keresztül tudjuk nyitva tartani Múzeumunkat. Nagy bizalommal nézem a jövőt, melyben sok előadást és sok szépet tudnak majd a Múzeumban megtekinteni. Szeretettel meghívjuk olvasóinkat Vintner Vacsoránkra, ahol anyagilag támogathatják munkánkat. A vizionlátásra. Szabó Éva

## ANNUAL MEETING

*(The Review details the activities of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society (CHHS) on a continuing basis. The report presented below is made here in accordance with Article 3.02 of the Bylaws of the CHHS to inform the membership of the results of the Annual Meeting. Report by: Dr. Magdalene Meszaros, Nominations Committee Chairman.)*

The Annual Meeting of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society (CHHS) was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in the Hungarian Heritage Museum located in the Galleria at Erieview. Andrea Lazar served as Elections Chairman and called upon certain officers and advisors of the CHHS to give their reports to the membership. President Laszlo Varga, Treasurer Andrew Strada, Tax Advisor Eva Szabo, Endowments Chairman Elmer Meszaros, and Exhibits Director Andrew Lazar presented their reports.

Following the presentation of reports, the Elections Chairman proceeded with the elections process. The following officers were elected: Eva Szabo, President; Alex Kezdi, Vice President; Andrew Strada, Treasurer; and, Elizabeth Kovats, Secretary.

The following persons were elected to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors: Michael Horvath, Edith Lauer, Andrea Lazar, Marcia Mestrts, Thomas Raton Nagy, Steve Szappanos, Judt Torma, Mary Lou Uray and Marika Zsula. The newly elected officers and directors of the CHHS were sworn in by Magdalene Meszaros.

## From our Guest Book....

*"Very nice exhibits and good information in library."* John B. Molnar, Sylvania, Ohio

*"We had a great time at the Children's program. The Museum is very nice. Thank you!"*  
Clare and Dan Demetzky, and Cassie Gibbons

*"Nagy tisztelettel és köszönettel kívánok sok sok látogatót!"*  
Lakatos István, Budapestről, 2013.3.12

*"What a wonderful museum! Brought back memories of Hungary"*  
Pat Rapp, Kalamazoo, Michigan

## Dignitaries at the Museum



For the third time, our Museum was asked by the Hungarian Consulate in New York City to host a Hungarian citizenship ceremony in Cleveland. On May 18, over 80 people gathered in the Museum to celebrate with 14 individuals who took the Hungarian citizenship oath. It was our honor to also welcome a special guest, Dr. Csaba Hende, the Defense Minister of Hungary, along with Károly Dán, Hungarian Consul General from New York, and their delegation, who came to participate in the ceremony.



Dr. Hende greeted all the new citizens on behalf of the Hungarian nation. He also said some very moving words when all our guests gathered for a champagne toast following the ceremony. He

reflected on the theme for the day, which he characterized as survival. Recounting all the times in Hungary's history when it was occupied by foreign powers and empires, Dr. Hende made the point that those empires and ideologies have disappeared over the centuries, yet Hungary and the Hungarian people remain a vibrant part of the world's fabric as he witnessed it at our Museum that day.

## Új magyar állampolgárok

Immár harmadik alkalom, hogy múzeumunkat felkérte a New York-i konzulátus, hogy

vendégül lásson egy magyar állampolgársági eskütételi szertartást itt Clevelandben. Május 18-án több mint 80 személy gyűlt össze a múzeumban, hogy 14 személlyel ünnepeljen, akik eskütételeztek. Volt egy rendkívüli vendégünk, Dr. Hende Csaba, Magyarország Honvédelmi Miniszter és küldöttsége, akik eljöttek, hogy a szertartásban részt vegyenek.

Dr. Hende üdvözölte az új magyar állampolgárokat a magyar nemzet nevében. Mondott néhány megható szót egy pezsgős pohárköszöntőhöz. Dr. Hende elemélkedett az aznapi témán, amit ő a túlélésnek nevezett. Felidézve a sok alkalmat a magyar történelemben amikor idegen hatalmak uralták Magyarországot, Dr. Hende kihangsúlyozta, hogy azok a régi uralmak és ideológiák eltűntek az évszázadok során, de Magyarország és a magyar nép továbbra szorgos része a világ szerkezetének, mint ahogy a mi múzeumunkban azon a napon Dr. Hende szemtanúja volt.

Thurner Klára



## *Welcoming the Future Generation to the Museum*

Part of who we are and what we do includes sponsoring programs for young people so that our Hungarian culture and history can be passed down to the next generation. The Museum has become a destination for many children on the second Saturday in December, as we host our Annual Children's Program featuring holiday customs, traditional crafts, and hands-on learning projects. Last December was no different, as a lively group of youngsters crafted candle holders from apples, decorated traditional *Mézeskalács* cookies, learned about famous Hungarians like the first Hungarian woman doctor, the great explorer who wrote the Tibetan-English dictionary and the great Medieval military leader whose victory inspired the ringing of church bells at noon throughout the world. This year we had some young teens help out at some of the activity stations. What a treat for us! And what could be nicer than having the Hungarian Girl Scouts sing traditional Hungarian Christmas carols? And what could be more exciting than a visit to the Museum by St. Nicholas, Mikulás Bácsi! Mikulás Bácsi spent time speaking with each child, asking them about their family, their good habits, and what they learned that day at the various activity stations. He brought with him treats for all and looked on as the children ended the day with circle games. Please plan on having the youngster in your life join us this year on December 14<sup>th</sup>!



*As you step through the Szekely gate at the Hungarian Heritage Museum, you never know whom you will meet and what hidden Magyar treasure you will see . . .*



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### BECOME A MEMBER

Please consider becoming a member of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society. For information regarding membership, please contact Ms. Judith Torma at 1121 Fresno Drive, Westlake, Ohio 44145 (telephone at 440-333-4390) or simply call the Museum at 216-523-3900. Your annual membership helps support our efforts to preserve our Hungarian Heritage and culture here in Northeast Ohio. We sponsor many programs, including educational programs; we support the arts with quality exhibits; we provide a venue for research with an extensive library.

*Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society a beneficiary of your estate. There are many estate planning options open to you and we gratefully acknowledge your generosity.*

## *Save the Date ...*

The Museum is open for your enjoyment on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11-3. We are open from 11 a.m. on those Saturdays when we have programming; on Mondays by appointment only.

### *Dates to keep in mind ....*

End of June: Date to be announced.

Look for the opening of a new special exhibit at the Hungarian Heritage Museum featuring material on Hungarian composers on Broadway.

Wednesday, July 17: Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society sponsored bus trip to Wooster Ohio for the Ohio Light Opera performance of the Gypsy Baron. See registration form inside the Review.

Saturday, October 19: Our wonderful Fund Raising event: *The Vinter Dinner*. Please plan on joining us!

Saturday, November 9: Program, topic to be announced.

Saturday, December 14: Children's Program. Please mark the calendars of all children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews in your lives now!!

### **Attention! Figyelem!**

If you would like to receive reminder notices about Museum programming via email, please send your email address to Andrea Meszaros, who is compiling a list of members who wish to have email communications from the Museum. Once we have compiled our list, we will continue sending out our mailings via regular post to those who do not wish to receive these notices via the internet, and everyone else will get an online notice. Please title the "subject" line of your email **Museum Notices**, and send your address to [meszarosandyneni@gmail.com](mailto:meszarosandyneni@gmail.com).

*Please consider making the*