



## AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN EXECUTIVE CIRCLE

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NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005  
DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary  
1200 Nineteenth St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
RSVP to [mgeroe@adknowledge.com](mailto:mgeroe@adknowledge.com)  
by or before cob Oct. 3, 2005.

7 to 9 a.m.

### Agenda

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Board of Directors Report
3. Keynote Presentation by **Stephen A. O'Connor** of Eagle Publishing, on his project to place a statue of Ronald Reagan in Budapest
4. Other Business & Closing Remarks



### **GTSI PROMOTES ARPAD TOTH**

We proudly congratulate **Arpad Toth** on his promotion to Chief Technologist, Enterprise Technology Practices at GTSI, in recognition of his achievements and dedication. A press release detailing the promotion is at <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/050622/dcw015.html?v=17z>.



### **AHEC LAUNCHES WEB SITE**

AHEC is delighted to invite you to visit its new Web site, located at <http://www.americanhungarian.org>.

This project was spearheaded by Active Media and team leader **Zoltan Fagyal**. The Web site contains, among other things, an archive, featured member profiles for those who submit information and a member chat area which can assist in project idea development and management. Please visit the site and open an account. If you have recommendations on how the site may be improved, please send us your suggestions at [zoltan@activemedia.com](mailto:zoltan@activemedia.com).



### **AHEC MEMBER PROMPTS BUDAPEST TO HONOR REAGAN**

New AHEC member **Stephen A. O'Connor**, while publisher of the Budapest Business Journal, suggested honoring former President Ronald Reagan for helping free Hungary and end the Cold War, in a 2004 op-ed. His suggestion struck a cord with Budapest Mayor Gabor Demszky and others. On July 1, 2005, the Budapest City Counsel approved placement of a monument in honor of President Reagan in the capital city park. Support for the project reportedly crossed all party lines in the City Counsel.

Stephen recently relocated to the Washington, D.C. Metro with Eagle Publishing. Additional information about his remarkable project, the first publicized in any former Soviet-bloc country, as well as a more detailed profile of Stephen, is available at <http://www.americanhungarian.org>.



## CAFÉ BUDAPEST OPEN CYBER DOORS

**Viktória Götz**, recently opened Café Budapest, based in Pittsburgh, PA, offering tempting pastries to walk-in, phone-in, or Internet customers. Since at least April 1, 2005, Ms. Götz has been busy baking and shipping pastries overnight. Using recipes handed down from her late mother, Viktória offers a classic array of Hungarian favorites. Mézespuszedli, (Honey Smacks), Kókuszgolyó, (Rum balls), Hókifli, (Walnut Crescents), Lekváros linzer, (Linzer Tortes), Borzas Kata, (Nappy Squares), Piskótatekercs, (Cakeroll) and Pogácsa, a wonderful, salty, biscuit-like pastry. Every order is baked and shipped the next day to guarantee freshness. Shipping is available throughout the continental U.S. only. To place an order visit [www.cafebudapest.com](http://www.cafebudapest.com), or call 412-805-9254; email is [info@cafebudapest.com](mailto:info@cafebudapest.com).



## TOTH DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND IS CXO SUMMIT PANELIST

**Arpad Toth** is in demand. He recently delivered a keynote address on physical security issues to over 300 state and local Florida government executives. The Florida State Digital Government Conference was held in May 2005 in Tallahassee. Arpad discussed his experience in overseeing and implementing physical security at the last Super Bowl, in Jacksonville.

In late June, he participated as a panelist of the INPUT CXO Government-Industry Summit. It is an annual meeting of private sector and government senior executives who work together on information technology and physical security matters. Arpad's panel addressed, among other things, the convergence of logical and physical security, and how to build safe and secure communities.



## JOE BALINTFY HELPS RECORD GOVERNORS FOR RADIO

Congratulations to **Joe Balintfy** of North American Network, who helped record

sound-bites from 42 governors speaking at late February's 2005 National Education Summit on High Schools and the 2005 National Governors Association Winter Meeting.

His team handled interviews on complex school reform issues and quickly coordinated this important information back to the governors' home state markets.



## DR. SANDOR KURTI RECOGNIZED BY ERNST & YOUNG

Congratulations to **Dr. Sandor Kurti**, who was named the 2004 Ernst & Young Hungarian Entrepreneur of the Year. A press release detailing this prestigious and internationally competitive award may be viewed at the url [http://www.kurt.hu/kurt\\_hirek\\_reszl.php?id=5](http://www.kurt.hu/kurt_hirek_reszl.php?id=5).



## AHEC MEMBERS ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), in coordination with the Hungarian Government's National Office of Research and Technology, held a workshop in Budapest on June 15 and 16. The focus of the workshop was "US-Hungary Cooperation to Advance High Technology." **Dr. Andras Roboz**, Honorary AHEC Member, helped organize the workshop. Presentations at the workshop by Honorary AHEC Member **Dr. Sandor Kurti**, and AHEC Members **Dr. Julianna Lisziewicz** and **Laszlo Horvath**, were received with enthusiasm. See [http://www.csis.org/eaac/US\\_Hungary/ind ex.htm](http://www.csis.org/eaac/US_Hungary/ind ex.htm) for additional details.



## AHEC MEMBERS WORK WITH FRIENDS OF HUNGARIAN HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**Michael Rockefeller** and **Laszlo Horvath** spent a week in Hungary as guest lecturers for the Washington, D.C. based Friends of

Hungarian Higher Education Foundation. Between March 29 and April 2, they visited Hungarian universities in Debrecen, Szeged, Pecs and Veszprem and participated in a two-day workshop in Pecs. The workshop covered the history of charitable giving in the United States and fundraising/marketing matters for educational foundations.



### **NANCY COLLETON'S FAMILY TREE TIED TO U.S. LABOR STRUGGLES; HER CURRENT EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON AN IMPROVED GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**

Stephen Aszmongya, grandfather of AHEC member **Nancy Colleton**, and a member of the Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel Workers union, was shot during a historically significant lockout at the Carnegie Phipps & Co. steel mill on July 6, 1892. The fight between the union and Pittsburgh steel baron Henry Clay Frick is known as the Battle of Homestead. Nancy's second cousins are further researching these events, which are summarized in a fascinating July 6, 2005 article published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, at <http://post-gazette.com/pg/pp/05187/533385.stm>.

When not researching her family tree, Nancy stays busy in Nyon, Switzerland, participating in a United National Environment Program (UNEP) sponsored program on outreach, held this summer. The program helps recommend strategies for broadening communication of UNEP's Global Environmental Outreach efforts. Nancy is the President of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in Arlington, Virginia.

Nancy also testified before the U.S. Congress Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Earth Observations.



### **HUNGARIAN SCOUTS' BIKE TOUR**

The Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris (Kulfoldi Magyar Cserkesszovetseg) informs AHEC that 22 students and three

teachers from their group biked from New York to Washington, D.C. between July 13 and August 5, 2005.

They met and coordinated with community groups along the way. On August 2, they participated in a brief ceremony at the U.S. Capitol, laying a wreath at the bust of Kossuth Lajos. Contact Group Leader **Csaba Borsai** at [borsai@mail.inext.hu](mailto:borsai@mail.inext.hu) if you are interested in learning more about this project or making a donation to help support similar future undertakings.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

AHEC exists to foster closer business ties among Americans of Hungarian ethnicity, through programs to bring them into contact with each other, and with other Hungarians and business executives everywhere. AHEC seeks to mutually advance and strengthen American-Hungarian business relationships.



### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

AHEC Membership is open to anyone. If you wish to join, please send to the below address notice of your interest, contact information about yourself (including a business card), and enclose an application fee of \$100, made out in the name of ActiveMedia.

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