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12/01/14 – 11/30/15

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- * Minnesota Consular Corps
- * Minnesota Hungarians
- * Chris Domeny, Hon. Consul of Hungary to North Carolina (website support)
- * All the Minnesota Hungarians volunteers who organized and worked on several events throughout the year in order to preserve and promote Hungarian heritage and culture

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SPECIAL THANKS

to Timea Takacs, Honorary Consular Office Assistant

Number of the volunteer hours: 15-20 hours / month

Honorary Consular Office Assistant **volunteer work/time includes** the followings:

- Assist the Honorary Consul in the resolution of client requests pertaining to consular matters
- Manage appointments on all consular activities
- Manage business and business/trade development meetings
- Communication with Consular Representatives
- Assist with consular, business and diplomatic forums
- Represent the Honorary Consular Office of Hungary if the Honorary Consul is not available
- Maintain the social media marketing tools (website, Facebook Page)

I. CONSULAR CASES

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I. CONSULAR CASES

Extramural consular days

March 29, 2015*

Number of the naturalizations: 11

Total number of the appointments during the consular days: 12

* Number of the birth certificate requests: 5

* Number of the registration of births/marriages/residency: 5

* Number of simplified naturalization applications: 1

* Number of the notarization of power of attorney: 1

*Many cancelled appointments – mostly passport applications – due to the biometric scanner machine brake down.

June 2, 2015

Total number of the appointments during the consular days: 36

* Number of the passport applications: 18

* Number of the birth certificate requests: 5

* Number of the registration of births/marriages/residency: 7

* Other cases: 6

Honorary Consulate Office cases (12/01/14 – 11/30/15)

Number of phone consultations: 40

Number of the filed cases: 21

	Case number	Case Category	Case Description
1	001/2015	Registry of Birth	
2	002/2015	Registry of Residency in Foreign Country	
3	003/2015	Consul Certification/Statement of Residency	Custom
4	004/2015	Notarization of document	notarization of power of attorney for representation
5	005/2015	Notarization of document	notarization of power of attorney for representation
6	006/2015	Notarization of document	notarization of power of attorney for representation
7	007/2015	Notarization of document	notarization of power of attorney for representation
8	008/2015	Notarization of document	notarization of power of attorney for representation
9	email	Simplified Naturalization	Pursuit of Hungarian citizenship
10	email	Simplified Naturalization	Seeking Hungarian Citizenship
11	email	General	Traveling with newborn to Hungary
12	email	General	Translation
13	email	General	Visa
14	email	Other	Filing a complain
15	email	Notarization of document	Appointment request for notarization
16	email	General	Visa
17	email	General	Information request
18	email	General	notarization of power of attorney for representation
19	email	General	notarization of power of attorney for representation
20	email	Registry of Birth	
21	email	General	Family roots

IV. CONSULAR EXPENSES

INCOME: \$311 from consular fees

/consular fees: http://washington.kormany.hu/download/b/fe/c0000/Scan_Konzuliro1011.PDF/

EXPENSES:

Amount	Exp.Category	Date	Description
\$100	Membership fee	Annual	Minnesota Consular Corp
\$150	Membership fee	Annual	Consular Corps College
\$50	Membership fee	Annual	The Film Society of Minneapolis St.Paul.
\$485	Participation fee	Nov 2014	Consular Corps College Symposium 2014
\$350	Travel expenses	Nov 2014	Consular Corps College Symposium 2014
\$480	Travel expenses	Nov 2014	Consular Corps College Symposium 2014
\$600	Travel expenses	Dec 2014	Airplane and hotel package – Hon.Consuls Meeting and Mikulas Gala Dinner, Washington DC
\$200	Participation fee	Dec 2014	Mikulas Gala Dinner – Csilla Grauzer, Jay Shahidi
\$500	Participation fee	Sept 2015	HAC Annual Gala Dinner, Washington DC
\$350	Travel expenses	Sept 2015	HAC Annual Gala Dinner, Washington DC
\$45	Donation	Oct 2015	Silent Auction benefiting MISI Hungarian Language School – Minnesota Hungarians Dinner
\$485	Participation fee	Nov 2015	Consular Corps College Symposium 2015
\$350	Travel expenses	Nov 2015	Airplane ticket – Consular Corps College Symposium 2015
\$150	Donation	Nov 2015	Make-A-Wish Foundation, MN
\$200	Participation fee	2015	Minnesota Consular Corp luncheons
\$120	Office expenses	2015	Mailing, printing, copies, etc
\$350	Other	2015	taxi, other travel expenses /gas/, rep.gifts

\$4,965

II. CONSULAR EVENTS

Number of the events /12.01.14-11.30.15/: 41

December 4-5, 2014

Event: Annual Honorary Consuls' Meeting
Mikulas Dinner
HAC Board Meeting
Location: Embassy of Hungary, Washington DC
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Hungarian Honorary Consuls and Economic Counselors from all across the U.S. met in Washington, DC to coordinate outreach to the Hungarian American communities, discuss consular matters such as citizenship applications and exchanged ideas about how to boost US-Hungarian business relations.*

December 10, 2014

Event: EuroConnect Holiday Event
Location: Chambers Hotel Rooftop, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: Special guests and speakers were Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and Polar Explorer Will Steger.

December 15-21, 2014

Event: 25th Anniversary Commemoration of Timisoara Uprising
HAC delegation
Location: Temesvár, Romania
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *From December 15 through 21, Csilla Grauzer attended a series of events both in Budapest and Temesvar commemorated the 25th anniversary of the anti-Communist uprising in Timisoara (Temesvár).*
See Attachment #1

January 30, 2015

Event: Nobel Creations-Fashion Design, Music, Floral Arrangements
Location: American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *We attended the opening of this beautiful and inspiring exhibit as well as the interesting "Visualizing the Nobel Prize Through Art- A Creative Process" discussion with the exhibit curator and representatives of the fashion designers. At this unusual fashion exhibition, each garment was accompanied by a musical score created by students from Stockholm's Royal College of Music and a floral arrangement designed by local floral designers.*

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February 9-11, 2015

Event: **British Pop-Up Consulate Launch**
Location: RBC Plaza, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Hungarian Honorary Consulate representatives attended the British Pop-Up Consulate Launch Party on February 9, 2015 at the RBC Plaza Downtown Minneapolis and the Music is Great Party on February 11, 2015 at the Brit's Pub Minneapolis. The Pop-Up Consulate 4 day long series of business focused events were to celebrate Minnesota-UK relationships, sponsor and host events and seminars that promote business, trade, science, technology and education in Great Britain. The event was attended by several members of the Minnesota Consular Corps and British Consulate Office in Chicago as well as prominent representatives from political, business circles in Minnesota.*

February 10, 2015

Event: **Danish Honorary Consul Reception**
Location: Wells Fargo Center, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Cocktail Reception was held to celebrate the retirement of Honorary Consul Anelise Sawkins, and the appointment of Rikke Dierssen-Morice as her replacement as Honorary Consul of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to the Kingdom of Denmark on February 10, 2015 at the Wells Fargo Center (Minneapolis). Ambassador Lars Bo Møller, Deputy Chief of Mission (Washington DC) and Jakob Andersen, Consul General (Chicago) were among the distinguished guests.*



Honorary Consul Rikke Dierssen-Morice and Honorary Consul Csilla Grauzer

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February 17, 2015

Event: **Cine Global Advisory Committee Meeting - 2015 MSP International Film Festival**
Location: Minnesota Film Society Office (MFS), Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *The purpose of this committee is to 1) bring us all together as some of the most stalwart audience members and supporters, 2) gather programming advice from the ethnic group representatives for films, events, and any other ideas 3) suggest others to include and 4) help the MN Film Society successfully promote the program.*
*About **CINE GLOBAL**. It is a main festival, spotlight of 2015 at MSF . This Legacy funded program - an extension of the Cine Latino, Images of Africa and Asian programs - that includes films that draw parallels among the newer international populations in MN, and also between those newer populations and the more established ones. The program focuses on films that underscore what unites cultures, through music, food, dance, history, geography, etc.*

February 18, 2015

Event: **Presentation - The Development of Unitarianism in Transylvania in the 16th Century by Rev. Dr. Sándor Kovács**
Location: Unity Church-Unitarian, St.Paul, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Rev. Dr. Sándor Kovács (Associate Professor of History at the Unitarian Seminary in Transylvania) shared stories of the relationship that developed between Hungarian Unitarians and their English speaking counterparts.*

February 24, 2015

Event: **Opening reception - Exhibit “Jewish Life in Germany today”**
Location: Quarter Gallery Regis Center for Art University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *In partnership with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago, Fredrikson & Byron, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, a special exhibition opened on Tuesday, February 24. We heard from special guests including Herbert Quelle, Consul General of Germany in Chicago, and Christopher Worthley, Executive Director, Allianz Foundation for North America, on “Rethinking the German-Jewish Relationship”.*

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February 25, 2015

Event: **German Consul Luncheon**
Location: Fredrikson & Byron, Minneapolis, MN
Hosted by: Honorary Consulate of Germany to Minnesota
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *German Consul General Herbert Quelle visited the Twin Cities. On February 25, he spoke at a luncheon hosted by Fredrickson & Byron at their offices in Minneapolis. The program was co-sponsored by the German American Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota International Center. Consul General Quelle provided a forecast of the economic, political and security factors and trends that will impact Germany in 2015.*

March 3, 2015

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March 10, 2015

Event: **Minnesota Consular Corps Annual General Meeting**
Location: Canadian Consulate General, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Election of officers, other businesses*

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March 12, 2015

Event: Fourth Anniversary commemorative event of The Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
Location: McNamara Alumni Center of the University of Minnesota
Hosted by: Japan America Society of Minnesota
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *It was a special program on the progress being made on the recovery in northeastern Japan after the earthquake. The Keynote Speakers was John Harris, President and Representative Director, Nippon Becton Dickinson Co., Ltd.*

March 28, 2015

Event: Commemoration of the Revolution&Freedom fight in 1848-49
Location: Unity-Church Unitarian, St.Paul, MN
Hosted by: Minnesota Hungarians
Note: *Commemorative Speech at Commemoration*



Csilla Grauzer



Hungarian Citizenship oath ceremony

March 28, 2015

Event: Hungarian Citizenship oath ceremony and celebration
Location: Unity-Church Unitarian, St.Paul, MN
Note: *11 people participated in the official ceremony of the simplified Hungarian naturalization process and took the citizenship oath on Saturday, March 28, 2015.*

March 29, 2015

Event: Extramural Consular Day
Location: Hon. Consulate Office, St.Louis Park, MN
Note: *Number of the appointments during the consular days: 12
Many cancelled appointments – mostly passport applications – due to the biometric scanner machine brake down.*

April 9-25, 2015

Event: 34th Minneapolis–St.Paul International Film Festival

Location: St. Anthony Main Theater, Minneapolis

Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs

Note: *Honorary Consulate of Hungary is proud to be recognized among the supporters at the 34th Minneapolis & St.Paul International Film Festival ((MSPIFF)! MSP International Film Festival is the largest film event in the Upper Midwest, as well as one of the largest and longest running film festivals in the country.*

Our participation in events during the festival:

- **April 9, 2015: MSPIIF Opening Presentation and Reception**
The Film Society kicked off the 2015 Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival with the Opening Presentation, "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared", a hilarious Swedish comedy. Most of the shooting was done in Budapest.
- **April 11, 2015: Cine Global Day and Celebration Party**
Celebrating the growing cultural diversity of the Twin Cities with dance performances, food, music and great films.
- **April 20, 2015:** *a talented, young Hungarian filmmaker Máté Bede-Fazekas also attended on the **World Premiere** of his interactive short film, "Two Strangers Meet in a Bar"*
- **April 24, 2015:** *Hungarian film director, Ferenc Török attended the **US Premiere** of his new **film NO MAN'S ISLAND (Senki Szigete)***

3 Hungarian films at Film Festival:

1. *Afterlife / Utóélet (2014)*
2. *Free Fall/Szabadesés (2014)*
3. *No Man's Island / Senki szigete (2014)*
4. *Two Strangers Meet in a Bar (short film, 2014)*



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April 22, 2015

Event: Minnesota Consular Corps Meeting and Luncheon
Location: Minneapolis Club, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Special Guest was Mayor Betsy Hodges*

April 27, 2015

Event: Special luncheon with His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada
Location: Hilton, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Governor General David Johnston, the highest-level Canadian official that ever visited Minnesota gave a speech at the Economic Club of Minnesota on Monday April 27, 2015. The Queen's representative had a wonderful message on the benefits achieved by Canadian - United States collaboration. The event was hosted by the Economic Club of Minnesota.*



Gloria Steine (Honorary Consul of Bolivia), Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson (Honorary Consul of Germany), William R. McGrann (Honorary Consul of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Marit Lee Kucera (Honorary Consul of Czech Republic), Gary Gandrud (Honorary Consul General of Norway), Csilla Grauzer (Honorary Consul of Hungary)

May 14 - 24, 2015

Event: Cultural and Culinary Tour of Hungary - Discovering Living Traditions and Hidden Treasures
Location: Hungary
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Csilla Grauzer organized a special tour to Hungary and traveled with a small group of guests who wished to experience the country as insiders reaching beyond only popular tourist destinations.
More tour information: www.hungaryconsulateminnesota.com*

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June 1, 2015

Event: Consulate of Mexico's 10th Anniversary
Location: Harriet Island, St.Paul, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer

June 17, 2015

Event: Minnesota Consular Corp Meeting and Luncheon
Location: Science Museum of Minnesota, St.Paul
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Luncheon meeting at the Science Museum of Minnesota with Dr. Eric Jolly as speaker and guided behind-the-scenes tour*

July 1, 2015

Event: Canada Day 2015
Location: Consulate General of Canada Official Residence, Minneapolis
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Csilla Grauzer, Honorary Consul of Hungary was invited by Jamshed Merchant, Consul General of Canada to the reception celebrating Canada Day 2015, a special tribute of peace and friendship between Canada and USA following the end of the war in 1812.*

August 2, 2015

Event: Annual Polo Classic Derby and Fundraising
Location: Minnetonka, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Csilla Grauzer was invited to the Panache Tent and proudly represented Hungary and Hungarian Horse Riding Culture at the Polo Classic event. The Polo Classic is an annual day of polo, classic and exotic cars, socializing and fun in the Minneapolis-St.Paul metro area. The event, now in its 26th year, has been described as summer's most exciting social gathering. Proceeds from the event benefited Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, a organization internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs.*



Photo: Sasha Shahidi and Csilla Grauzer

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August 18, 2015

Event: Hap “Bee” Hour – Fundraising event benefiting Smile Network
Location: Showroom, Crystal Kitchen, Golden Valley, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *The Honorary Consular Office together with the sponsorship of **chocoMe** (Hungarian Artisan chocolate bars) supported this fundraising event.*

August 20, 2015

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September 11, 2015

Event: KFAI Radio Live interview
Location: KFAI Radio Office
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Migrant situation in Hungary and promotion of the 2nd Hungarian Harvest Festival in Kimball*
-Find and listen the interview online at the www.hungaryconsulateminnesota.com

September 23, 2015

Event: Minnesota Consular Corp Meeting and Luncheon
Location: The Minneapolis Club, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *Special guest and speaker was Prof. Dr. Bruce Leimsidor who spoke about the European migrant crisis.*

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September 29, 2015

Event: HAC Annual Gala
Location: Washington DC
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer
Note: *The Hungarian American Coalition (Coalition) hosted its eleventh annual Gala Dinner at the House of Sweden. His Excellency János Áder, President of Hungary, was Honorary Chairman of the event. This year's honoree was J. Joe Adorjan, Honorary Consul General of Missouri and founder of the Hungarian-Missouri Educational Partnership (HMEP).*
Attachment #2

October 3, 2015

Event: Celebration of the Day of German Unity
Location: German-American Institute, St.Paul, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *The Honorary Consul of Germany and the Honorable Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson welcomed the representatives of Honorary Consulate of Hungary to Minnesota at the Celebration of the Day of German Unity 2015. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Germany's reunification. On October 3, 1990, East Germany and West Germany reunited to form a single nation. This historic decision marked the end of the unification process, which began with the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.*



Marit Lee Kucera (Hon.Consul of the Czech Republic), Csilla Grauzer, Carol Byrne, President - (Minnesota International Center) and Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson (Hon.Consul of Germany)

October 6, 2015

Event: Welcome even for Howard Louthan, Director of the Center for Austrian Studies

Location: Campus Club, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs

Note: *The Center for Austrian Studies was established in 1977 and it is the Western Hemisphere's oldest and best-known multidisciplinary research center devoted to the historical and contemporary experience of Austria and Central Europe.*

Center for Austrian Studies: <http://cas.umn.edu/>



Howard Louthan, Dir. Of CAS with Csilla Grauzer and Dr. Fisch Robert

October 9, 2015

Event: Musical Greetings from Szeged

Location: St.Sahag Armenian Church, St.Paul

Note: *The event was organized by Minnesota Hungarians and the Honorary Consulate of Hungary. Selection of opera, operetta and folk songs, Hungarian melodies and folk music on unique musical instruments by Judit Baracscai (soprano), Ferenc Koczka (pianist) and Ferenc Gulyas (folk musician)*



Photos by: Minnesota Hungarians and Betty Czettisch

October 19, 2015

Event: **MPR Broadcast Journalist Series: Krisztina Thán (Hungarian journalist) about European Migrant Crisis**

Location: St.Thomas University, St.Paul, Minnesota

Attn.(s): Timea Takacs

Note: *Timea Takacs, Office Assistant represented the Honorary Consulate at the MPR event.*

MPR Broadcast Journalist Series hosted an event with Krisztina Thán at the St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Education Center yesterday. Krisztina has been leading news coverage out of Hungary, she is the Chief Correspondent of Thomson Reuters in Hungary. Tom Weber and Krisztina talked about the European migrant crisis and Krisztina's personal experience in Hungary and at the Hungarian borders.



October 21, 2015

Event: **Minnesota Consular Corps Meeting, "Emergency Management 101" event**

Location: Consulate General of Canada, Minneapolis, MN

Note: *The event was presented by Brent Robson and Diego Matteo with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada. They provided the Minnesota Consular Corps with some basic information on emergency management and how the Government of Canada approaches emergency planning for a wide range of scenarios that could impact our missions or citizens abroad.*

October 20, 2015

Event: **Imperial Award Ceremony and Appointment of Honorary Consul of Japan**

Location: Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, MN

Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer

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October 24, 2015

Event: **Potluck Dinner, Bake Sale and Commemoration of the Revolution in 1848-49**
Location: Unity-Church Unitarian, St.Paul, MN
Hosted by: Minnesota Hungarians
Note: *Commemorative Speech at Commemoration
Silent auction donation /value \$50/ benefiting MISI Hungarian School*

October 28, 2015

Event: **Celebration of IHRC 50th anniversary**
Location: Andersen Library, Minneapolis, MN
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *Immigration History Research Center founded in 1965, it is the oldest and largest institution devoted to preserving and understanding immigration experiences.*



Laszlo Fulop, Agnes Fulop, Marika Kubanyi Vincze, Csilla Grauzer, Edith Horvath

November 5, 2015

Event: **Women, Wine & Wishes - Benefiting Make-A-Wish Minnesota**
Location: Warners' Stellian, Edina, Minnesota
Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer, Timea Takacs
Note: *The Honorary Consulate of Hungary to Minnesota together with the sponsorship of **chocoMe** (Hungarian Artisan chocolate bars) and **Spicy&Sweet Boutique** (MN distributor of chocoMe) supported the **Wine, Women & Wishes** fundraising event on November 5, 2015 at Warners' Stellian in Edina (Minnesota) benefiting **Make-A-Wish Minnesota Foundation** (<http://mn.wish.org/>) that grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.
*Attachment#3**

November 14, 2015

Event: **Changemaker's Ball – American Refugee Committee Annual Gala**

Location: The Depot, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attn.(s): Csilla Grauzer

Note: *The Changemakers Ball was held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Depot in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis-based international humanitarian organization's annual gala raised funds to benefit the international nonprofit's mission to provide opportunities and humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced individuals in Africa, Asia and Middle East to rebuild their lives.*

Honorary Consul, Csilla Grauzer and her husband, Mehr Jay Shahidi (ARC board member) were among the changemakers and supported this special event and ARC's life-changing mission with purchasing a table at the Gala dinner. Their distinguished guests included: Keith Ellison (U.S. Representative), Kjell Bergh (President, Minnesota Consular Corps, Honorary Consul of Tanzania), Susan Smoluchowski (Executive Director - The Film Society of Minneapolis St.Paul), María Antonia Calvo (Honorary Consul of Spain to Minnesota), Steven Rosenstone (CEO of the Minnesota State Collages and Universities).



November 18-20, 2014

Event: **Consular Corp College Symposium**

Location: Washington DC

Note: *Countries from all six continents were represented at the very informative, useful and successful Symposium Topics included: Understanding Immigration Law and Visas; Crisis Management; Legal, Health, and Death Issues; Law and Order for the Consul.*

November 24, 2015

Event: Luncheon with Norway's Ambassador
Location: Robins Kaplan LLP, Minneapolis

UPCOMING events in December, 2015

December 1, 2015

Event: Meeting with the US representatives of the Hungarian
Diaspora Council
Location: Budapest, Hungary
Note: *Meeting & Workshops with the US representative of The Hungarian
Diaspora Council*

December 2, 2015

Event: Diaspora Council Meeting
Location: Várkert Bazaar, Budapest

December 5, 2015

Event: Installation of Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul of Czech
Republic to Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota
Location: Sokol Hall, St. Paul, MN

MINNESOTA HUNGARIANS EVENTS & PROGRAMS IN 2015:

Csilla Grauzer attended at the following Minnesota Hungarians events as the President of the Minnesota Hungarians and represented Hungary as the Honorary Consul to Minnesota as well.

December 13, 2014	Christmas Party, Minnesota Hungarians, St.Paul, MN
December 21, 2014	Hungary Day, Minneapolis Holiday Market, Minneapolis, MN
January 18, 2015	Hungarian Folk Tunes Concert by Agnes Enyedi and Soma Salamon
February 25, 2015	Operetta Gala Concert by Krisztina Kele, Bela Chikany and Rajko Band
March 28, 2015	Spring Dinner and Commemoration of the Revolution in 1848-49, St.Paul
May 3, 2015	Mother's Day Celebration, MISI Hungarian School, St.Paul, MN
August 23, 2015	Annual Minnesota Hungarians Summer Picnic, Circle Pine, MN
September 12, 2015	2 nd Hungarian Harvest Festival, Millner Heritage Winery, Kimball, MN
October 24, 2015	Commemoration of the Revolution in 1956
November 22, 2015	Minnesota Hungarians Annual Board Meeting, St.Louis Park

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Culinary Tour | May 14-24, 2015

Hungary Promotion in action

Attachment#4: Consular Diplomatic Foun Magazine 2015 No.2 - Country promotion in action

Radio interview

KFAI Radio Live interview | Sept 11, 2015 7:30am

Migrant situation in Hungary and promotion of the 2nd Hungarian Harvest Festival in Kimball
Find and listen the interview online at the www.hungaryconsulateminnesota.com.

KCSP Trainee had been requested but wasn't granted this year to Minnesota Hungarians and Hon.ConsularOffice

Letters of recommendation: Klara Hagymassy, board member, Minnesota Hungarians – **recipient of The Hungarian Initiative Foundation scholarship** was extended to another semester at the University of Szeged, Hungary

III. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1

Commemorations Mark 25th Anniversary of Timisoara Uprising - HAC Members Participate in International Event Series

December 15-21, 2014

Csilla Grauzer, Honorary Consul of Hungary to Minnesota attended at the commemorative programs both in Budapest and Temesvar as part of the Hungarian American Coalition (HAC).

From December 15 through 21, a series of events commemorated the 25th anniversary of the popular anti-Communist uprising in Timisoara (Temesvár), Romania. The events were organized by the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania and by László Tóké, hero of the uprising and currently a Member of the European Parliament.

Members of the Hungarian American Coalition (Coalition), including Coalition President Max Teleki, Csilla Grauzer, Zsolt Szekeres and Noémi Bánhidi, attended events both in Budapest and Timisoara. The participation of the Coalition delegation in the commemorations was made possible by a generous grant from The Hungary Initiatives Foundation.

Twenty-five years ago on December 16, 1989, a crowd of ethnic Hungarians and Romanians gathered around the Hungarian Reformed Church of Timisoara to prevent Communist officials from forcibly evicting its outspoken anti-regime pastor, László Tóké, from the building. In the following days, the protests spread to other parts of the Romania and developed into a bloody revolution that swept away the rule of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu.

This year's remembrance began on December 15 in Budapest, with a memorial assembly at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, organized by the Hungarian Parliament and the Pro Minoritate Foundation, and under the patronage of Parliamentary Speaker László Kövér.

The assembly began with a short documentary film entitled "Regime-changing Advent – Timisoara 1989," followed by welcoming remarks by László Lovász, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

In the opening address, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán recalled that in 1989 a bright light shone in Timisoara which extended not only to Transylvania, Romania, and Hungary, but also blazed throughout Europe. "A quarter of a century later, the light that shone in the darkness of dictatorship is nowadays sometimes barely visible," he warned. The Prime Minister pointed out that 25 years later, many are still not willing to accept that the evolution in Romania began at a small Protestant, ethnic Hungarian church, sparking a multi-ethnic movement that desired freedom for all of Romania's nationalities: Romanians, Hungarians, and Germans.

In his commemorative speech, MEP László Tóké emphasized that Hungarians within and beyond Hungary's borders not only have a common past, but they also share a common present and future: "Neither the nation nor history can be torn apart by artificial borders." The events of Timisoara are part

of both Hungarian and Romanian history; both nations united in a common cause for positive change, for all people. Tőkés pointed out that the events of 25 years ago not only ended Communist rule, but also led to “the liberation of peoples living as minorities, and to the beginning of a process toward national unification regardless of borders.”

Coalition President Max Teleki addressed the meeting, emphasizing Hungary’s role in the demolition of the Iron Curtain. He also highlighted the role of MEP László Tőkés, considered the “spark” of the revolution, whose courageous defiance of official, systemic terror triggered anti-Communist demonstrations that led to the fall of the Ceaușescu regime.

Other speakers of the memorial session included: Sali Berisha, former President and Prime Minister of Albania; Mátyás Szűrös, former Interim State President of Hungary; Géza Erdélyi, retired Bishop of the Reformed Church in Slovakia; Frank Spengler, Resident Representative of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Hungary; Sándor Lezsák, Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament; Mária Wittner, Hungarian Freedom Fighter in 1956, former MP; Florian Mihalcea, President of the Timisoara Society; and Pawel Ukielski, Deputy Director of Warsaw Rising Museum.

On December 17, the Coalition delegation traveled to Timisoara to attend the Memorial Evening at the Regional Development Center of Timisoara, hosted by Attila Balázs, Director of the Csiky Gergely Hungarian State Theater of Timisoara.

Photo: Csilla Grauzer, Max Teleki, László Tőkés, Sali Berisha, President János Áder

The evening began with remarks by guest of honor János Áder, President of Hungary: “Miracles will not happen by themselves... the miracle of redemption will occur only if we make an effort.” The courage of László Tőkés, Áder declared, demonstrated that “even an apparently invincible empire will prove fragile if it is built on lies.”

“For those in Hungary, the Christmas of 1989 evoked their own revolution (of 1956)”, President Áder said. The developments of 1989 created “enormous hopes and expectations” for an end to ethnic tensions and for the emergence of a community based on freedom, democracy, and human rights.

The speeches were followed by a breathtaking performance of the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble entitled ‘Hungarian Rhapsody’.

On December 18, the Coalition delegation attended a conference entitled “Anno Mirabilis 1989 – Unanswered Questions from a 25-Year Perspective.” The first panel, “Regime Changers on Regime Change,” was moderated by Zsolt Szilágyi, Vice President of the Transylvanian Hungarian People’s Party.

Speaking on the panel, Coalition President Max Teleki said that no one has a monopoly on freedom and truth; no one is the sole possessor of moral authority to carry the torch of democracy. Displaying TIME and Newsweek magazines from 25 years ago, Teleki stressed the need for quality journalism. In our age of instant information, social media and the Internet, he said, politicians feel compelled to respond very quickly; this in turn has an immediate impact on the geopolitical environment. He also pointed out that today’s U.S. policymakers tend to forget that during the Cold War, the U.S. government expressly supported the Ceaușescu regime, regarding it as a “maverick” of the Eastern bloc and a counterbalance to the monolithic regional power of the U.S.S.R. Mr. Teleki declared that today’s

Central European states, which have voted overwhelmingly to join Western political and military alliances, ought not to feel caught in the middle anymore.

Other speakers of the first panel included: Mária Filep, organizer of the Pan-European Picnic; Előd Kincses, ethnic Hungarian lawyer; Zoltán Balaton, member of the '89 Memorial Committee; Béla Gyóri, broadcast journalist; Imre Borbély, political analyst; Ion Istvan, engineer, participant in the 1989 popular uprising in Timisoara; and Neela Winkelmann, Managing Director of Platform for European Memory and Conscience.

The second panel, “25 Years Later: From the Past into the Future,” was moderated by Tibor T. Toró, President of the Transylvanian Hungarian People’s Party. Speakers were Göran Lindblad, Chair of the Platform for European Memory and Conscience; András Ágoston, former president of the Hungarian Democratic Party of Vojvodina (Serbia); Smaranda Enache, Co-President of the Pro Europa League; Zsolt Németh, MP, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament; Miklós Duray, writer, former president of the Hungarian Coalition Party (Slovakia); and Gabriel Andreescu, university professor and human rights activist. A video message was submitted by Tunne Kelam, member of the European Parliament, Estonia.

The memorial week continued with events on December 19 in Timisoara, on December 20 in Oradea; and on November 21 in the village of Mineu (Menyő).

Source: <http://www.hacusa.org/en/news/commemorations-mark-25th-anniversary-of-timisoara-uprising>

Attachment #2

Annual Gala Dinner Honors J. Joe Adorjan and the Hungarian-Missouri Educational Partnership

Source: Press release by HAC

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Washington, DC – On September 29, 2015, the Hungarian American Coalition (Coalition) hosted its eleventh annual Gala Dinner at the House of Sweden. His Excellency János Áder, President of Hungary, was Honorary Chairman of the event. This year's honoree was J. Joe Adorjan, Honorary Consul General of Missouri and founder of the Hungarian-Missouri Educational Partnership (HMEP). Coalition Vice President Andrea Lauer Rice welcomed the distinguished guests, including this year's honoree Mr. Adorjan, his wife Dianna, their 3 children and extended family; Ambassador George Herbert Walker III, Gala Co-Chair, and Mrs. Carol Walker; Mr. Michael F. Neidorff, Gala Co-Chair, and Mrs. Noemi Neidorff; Ambassador Réka Szemerényi, Hungary's Ambassador to the United States and Governor George Pataki, the first-ever Hungarian American candidate for President of the United States.

Mr. J. Joe Adorjan, delivers his acceptance remarks. Photo by Mike Olliver

Other prominent guests included Dr. Tamás Fellegi, President and CEO of the Hungary Initiatives Foundation; Mr. John Lipsky, former First Vice President of the International Monetary Fund and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Kárász Lipsky; Ambassador April Foley, Chairman of the Hungary Initiatives Foundation Board; Ms. Susan Hutchison, Chairwoman of the Republican Party from the state of Washington; Mr. Dávid József Szabó, Program Director at Századvég Foundation; Dr. Ariel Cohen, Founder and Director of the Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Analysis of Global Security; Mrs. Edith Lauer, Chair Emerita of the Coalition and Mr. John Lauer; Mr. László Hámos, President of the American Diaspora Council and the Hungarian Human Rights Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Fedor, Founders of the American Hungarian Heritage House in Washington D.C.; Mrs. Hajnalka Horváth-Tóth, Prime Minister's Office and Mr. Peter Tóth; Mr. Marion Smith, Executive Director of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and Mrs. Anna Smith Lacey; and Mr. Peter Kalotai, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Hungarian Embassy.

Coalition board members in attendance included Zsolt Szekeres, Treasurer; Dr. Agnes Virga, President of the Hungarian Society of Massachusetts; and Mrs. Csilla Grauzer, Honorary Consul President of the Minnesota Hungarians. Many Coalition friends were also present: Enikő Basa Molnár, Executive Director of the American Hungarian Educators Association and the Coalition interns' "guardian angel"; Colonel Matt Smith and his wife Laura Balsler; Krisztina Osvát, Counsellor at the Embassy of Hungary in charge of outreach to the Hungarian American community.

Following Mrs. Lauer Rice's welcoming remarks, Ambassador Szemerényi highlighted the challenges of the current migration crisis facing Hungary, emphasizing the global nature of the crisis and the need to strengthen the transatlantic relationship. She expressed high praise for Mr. Adorjan, the Coalition's honoree, by saying that he is a "special treasure to both Hungary and the Hungarian American community."

After Amb. Szemerényi's remarks, Mrs. Lauer Rice reviewed the main ongoing Coalition programs, including the Congressional Internship Program, the Dr. Elemér and Éva Kiss Scholarship Fund and The Bognár Family Hungarian Scholarship Fund, as well as the Hungarian Americans Together (HATOG) conference series. She described the significance of the 2015 Jubilee Scout Camp organized last month in Fillmore, NY, by Coalition founding member, the Hungarian Scout Association in Exeter. The organization celebrated its 70th anniversary this year.

Mrs. Lauer-Rice also introduced The Memory Project, a new initiative undertaken with Coalition member and award-winning documentary filmmaker Réka Pigniczky. They have filmed interviews with more than 35 Hungarian-Americans who immigrated to the US after the Second World War and after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. These interviews, whose subjects include several leaders of the Coalition, not only provide a historic glimpse into the war and revolution in Hungary, but also reveal their personal stories of immigration to the United States and the challenges of remaining Hungarian while settling into a new country. The video presentation was received with several rounds of applause by the audience.

In his introductory remarks following dinner, Ambassador George H. Walker III, Gala Co-Chair, praised his good friend, Mr. Adorjan by saying that "not only has Joe's professional career been a tremendous success story, but what he has done in the last ten years to strengthen the ties between the U.S. and Hungary has been truly extraordinary."

Coalition President Max Teleki then highlighted the milestones of the honoree's life, stressing Mr. Adorjan's tireless activities on behalf of the Hungarian-Missouri Educational Partnership. In addition to educational exchange, the program encourages personal ties among future U.S. and Hungarian leaders. In accepting the award, Mr. J. Joe Adorjan said: "In my belief, by investing in the next generation of young Hungarians, we will make a difference in that country; we will build and strengthen our relationship with the United States and on behalf of HMEP I just want to thank you all for this wonderful honor."

After the award ceremony, Ms. Susan Hutchison and Governor Pataki gave toasts about the importance of the traditional values held by Mr. Adorjan, and the connection felt by many in the room to their Hungarian heritage.

As Mrs. Lauer Rice concluded the evening, she thanked Zsolt Szekeres, Noémi Bánhidi, Program Coordinator, and the four Coalition interns – Noémi Dalma Nagy, László Baksay, Lőrinc Thurnay and Benjámín Babicz for all their efforts that assured the success of the Gala Dinner.

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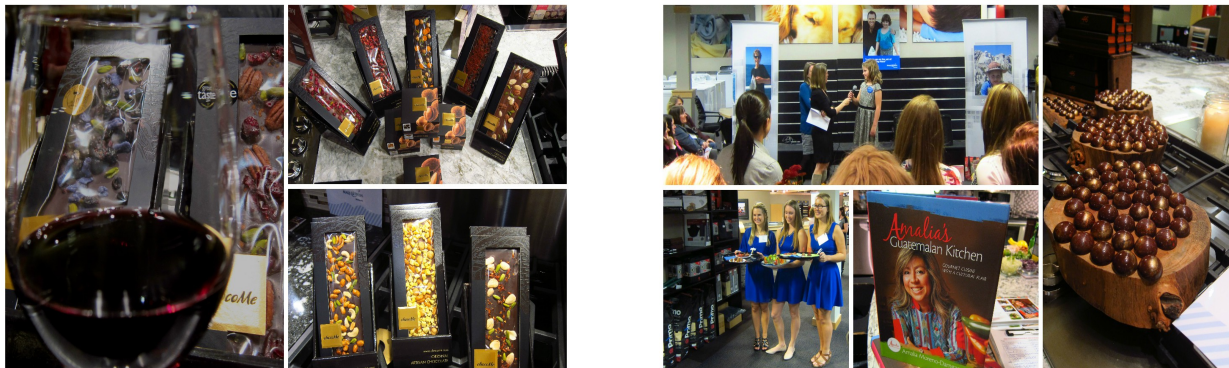
Attachment #3

Wine, Women & Wishes – Benefiting Make-A-Wish Minnesota

November 5, 2015

*The Honorary Consulate of Hungary to Minnesota together with the sponsorship of **chocoMe** (Hungarian Artisan chocolate bars) and **Spicy&Sweet Boutique** (MN distributor of chocoMe) supported the **Wine, Women & Wishes** fundraising event on November 5, 2015 at Warners' Stelian in Edina (Minnesota) benefiting **Make-A-Wish Minnesota Foundation** (<http://mn.wish.org/>) that grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.*

\$20,000 was raised between ticket sales, donations, Sapphire Circle Memberships and vendor sales to support wishes for Minnesota kids. (The goal of the event was to raise \$10,000.)



Wine, Women & Wishes is created for women who enjoy fine wine, great style, food and supporting a noble cause. This event was a feast for the senses, incorporating a walk-around wine and food tasting, holiday ideas and entertainment that all come together for a few fabulous hours of fundraising, socializing, and shopping.

Last year event (<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/...>) sponsored Nolan's(5) wish to go to Disney's Animal Kingdom (http://mn.wish.org/.../wish-stories/i-wish-to-go/nolan_14-0168).



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