



# HISTORY MISSION

**Minnesota Hungarians**, was organized by Hungarian immigrants and their supporters in Minnesota over 100 years ago. It's goals have been to engage in cultural, educational and philanthropic endeavors as a non-profit and charitable association.

The Minnesota Hungarians have sponsored a wide variety of cultural and educational programs and have hosted receptions, meetings and workshops for Hungarian diplomats, dignitaries, writers and artists over the years. Minnesota Hungarians have partnered with Unity Unitarian Church, Immigration History Research Center, International Institute of Minnesota and with several other local ethnic groups and organizations.

**The mission** of Minnesota Hungarians is to represent and promote the Hungarian culture and heritage in Minnesota and the U.S.A.; to organize and conduct cultural, educational, artistic and recreational programs; to engage in fundraising activities in order to support humanitarian and charitable endeavors; to sponsor and promote trade and cultural exchanges between Hungary and the United States.



In 2011, the Minnesota Hungarians sponsored and organized the first **Carpathian Folk Festival** in the Twin Cities. The week-long series of events and activities featured award-winning Dúvó Ensemble of Hungary.



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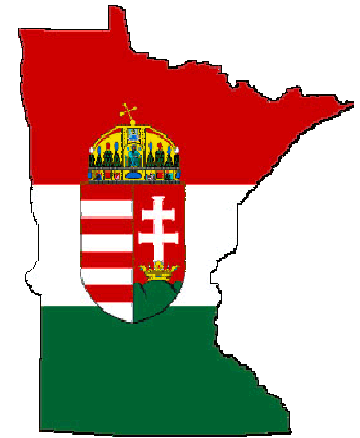
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## KIDS CLUB

The Kids Club welcomes every child and parent who wishes to learn Hungarian and would like to participate. We meet every month once during the school year. **Club activities** include crafts, singing, circle time for 1-5 year olds, Hungarian language classes for 6+ year olds and a lot more! There are seasonal and special activities planned! For example, Farsang/Carnival with costume contest, donut eating contest, Easter egg hunt and a special Hungarian spring custom of Easter sprinkling.

**Our goal** is to make interesting and meaningful programs for the kids that expand their Hungarian language skills and teach them in a fun way about their Hungarian Culture. Visit our **Kids Club website** to find out when and where to join us for our next Kids Club meeting!  
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## VIDÉKI DANCERS

The Vidéki Dancers perform dances done from different Hungarian-inhabited regions. Their colorful costumes, whirling dances, and fiery music preserve the vibrant traditions of Hungarian folk-dance. The group practices weekly, except in the summer, and welcomes new members.

Call Jon Millner at **320-420-1590** for more information.



## ANNUAL PROGRAMS

**Farsang/Carnival Dinner and Party** –February  
Hungarians celebrate Farsang/Carnival with food, parties and costumes. Come join the celebration and be sure to sample the tasty Carnival donuts, called *fánk*, that are eaten during these celebrations.

### Táncház -Bi-annually

Táncház means "dance house" and refers to social gatherings where people gathered to dance their village dances and socialize. The Hungarian band, Szászka, play live music for our táncház events. There is folk dance teaching for children and adults.

### Commemoration of the 1848 Revolution (March 15.)

**Commemoration of the 1956 Revolution (Oct. 23.)**  
Remembering the sacrifices that Hungarians have made for freedom and liberty is an important aspect of MN Hungarians. It provides for a link to the past and an opportunity to teach visitors and members about these important events in Hungarian history.

### Festival of Nations -first week of May

The Festival of Nations is the largest multicultural festival in Minnesota, celebrating cultural diversity with food, music, demonstrations, exhibits and dance.

### Summer Picnic -August

This is a pot luck with *bogrács gulyás*, a Hungarian speciality cooked in large copper kettles above wood fire out in the open.

### Fall Fundraising Dinner

Come and enjoy authentic Hungarian meal. There is also a silent auction and a raffle. The proceeds from this dinner go into the coffers to provide support to various programs.

### Annual membership meeting

On this meeting official business is approved, the next year's plans are discussed and new Board members are elected.

### Hungarian Christmas Party

The Christmas Party celebrates St. Nicholas Day, known as *Mikulás Nap* in Hungarian and is primarily an event organized for the children.

## DONATIONS

Through the generous donation of members and friends, fundraising dinners and other activities provide an opportunity to provide assistance to various worthy projects. Some organizations and individuals that the MN Hungarians have helped are:

- Sludge disaster fund, Hungary (2010);
- Haiti Relief Fund (2010);
- Hungary Flood Relief Fund (2010);
- The Tooth Fairy Project (2010);
- International Documentary Association "Torn from the Flag" (2006, 2008) ;
- Bethesda Children Hospital, HU, (continuous support);
- St. Frances Foundation - Orphanage in Deva, Transylvania (continuous support);
- Csango students support (2005, 2010);
- Asian Tsunami Fund (2005)



## MEMBERSHIP

The Minnesota Hungarians welcomes all Hungarian-American and friends to become active members of our community.

Membership fees are as follows:

Family	\$30
Individual	\$20
Student	\$10
Retired	\$15

Your membership fees are tax deductible.