

Hungarian Heritage Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area

About HHFSF

The Hungarian Heritage Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area (HHFSF) is an established, 501(c)3, non-profit organization of the Hungarian-American community of Northern California.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hungarian Heritage Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area is to promote, share and educate the public about Hungarian culture, language and art, by building on the cooperative and creative energy of the SF Bay Area Hungarian-American community.

HHFSF Goals

The goals of the Foundation are:

- ▶ To promote, share and educate the public about Hungarian culture, history, language, music, art and dance.
- ▶ To engage in charitable activities of importance to the Hungarian-American community.
- ▶ To organize support for the purchase of a property for a Hungarian Cultural Center.

Historical Background

Hungarian refugees arrived in the SF bay area in great numbers after the Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Fight in 1956, and swelled the number of Hungarians already living here. Soon they began to organize and eventually bought a property to serve as a Hungarian House in San Francisco, in 1969.

As Hungarian-Americans dispersed around the Bay Area, leaders of the Hungarian House decided in 1991 to sell the Geary Street property, which needed major renovations and a seismic retrofit. With the sale of the property the *Magyar Jövő Alap* (Hungarian Future Fund) committee was formed from Hungarian House leaders and representatives of several other Hungarian organizations, to promote Hungarian cultural activities until a new center could be established.

Over the years other Bay Area Hungarian groups joined or worked with the *Jövő Alap* to keep our heritage alive for us and our children. The *Jövő Alap* has now inspired the creation of the **Hungarian Heritage Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area.**

A non-profit organization was established and formally registered in California, in March 2009.

Stand by for more information about our upcoming events

Governance

According to the Bylaws registered with the California Secretary of State, the Hungarian Heritage Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area is governed by the Board of Directors and the Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Financial Officer. Term of service is four years. Current Board and Officers, all serving without compensation, are:

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Magyar Örökség Alapítvány San Franciscói Öböl Környéke

Az Alapítvány küldetése és célkitűzései:

A Magyar Örökség Alapítvány küldetése, hogy a San Francisco Öböl környéki magyarság együttműködésében és összefogásában rejlő erőkre építve, megőrizze és tovább adja a magyarság értékeit, illetve megismertesse azokat a nagy nyilvánossággal.

Fő célunk és elkötelezett szándékunk, hogy előkészítsük egy olyan épület megvételét, amely egy magyar kulturális központ megalapítására és működtetésére alkalmas.

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The following organizations have worked in conjunction with the *Magyar Jövő Alap* and the HHFSF:

- Berkeley "Magyarok" List
- Corvinus Hungarian Cultural Group
- Eszterlánc Hungarian Folk Ensemble
- First Californian Hussar Regiment
- Free Magyar Reformed Church, San Francisco and Vicinity
- Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Hungary – San Francisco
- Hungarian American Chamber of Commerce
 - Hungarian Catholic Mission
 - Hungarian Cultural Center
- Hungarian Engineers, Scholars and Technicians Friendship Society
- Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation Inc., S. F. Area Chapter
 - Hungarian Scout Troops 77 & 43 – San Francisco
 - Kővirág Ensemble
- MHBK - Hungarian Veterans' Association
- San Jose Magyars – Hungarian Soccer Team
 - Stephaneum Szent István Ház
 - United Hungarian Fund



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