We Americans of Hungarian descent are justifiably proud of both countries’ rich heritage and their commitment to freedom, justice, and morality. Many of us, or our ancestors, emigrated from Hungary under dire circumstances, but were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity in America to become successful. There are close to 2 million persons of Hungarian descent in the US who are an untapped resource. Many of us are interested in the country of our ancestry and would like to give something back to Hungary. The Amerikai-Magyar Klub is being started to bring together the best resources of America and Hungary to improve relations between our two countries and to contribute to Hungary’s economic revival. Through networking, partnering, investments, cultural and knowledge exchange we will build a bridge between America and Hungary that will benefit both countries.

The “Klub” is being started in memory of an American citizen, Dr. Elemer Balogh, recipient of the 2005 Pro Ecclesia Hungariae award for service to the Hungarian nation and its churches.

Jules Gyula Balogh, President
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The history of the Balogh family contribution to Hungary includes: advancing the field of homeopathy and providing free medical treatment to the poor; serving as reformed ministers; starting the largest agricultural cooperative in Europe to serve the people of Hungary (Hangya); and being the prime mover in creating the first independent economic university, the Közgazdasági Egyetem (now part of Corvinus University). Recent contributions included: fund raising to help the churches in Hungary; creating scholarships for a Catholic girl’s school; funding a wing of a hospital in Ozd; obtaining real estate to house the Batthány László Blind Children’s Home; helping to start AMCHAM (American Chamber of Commerce) in Hungary; putting together multimillion dollar loan programs to help the economic development of Hungary; and creating the first executive programs in marketing, finance, and human resources to help high potential Hungarians learn and adjust to western business practices.

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Learn from the best: Professor Sexton has served as Faculty Director of all Columbia Business School Executive Programs in the areas of marketing, branding, and international strategy. A recipient of the Business School’s Distinguished Teaching Award, he is a director or instructor in numerous programs for executives in Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and the United States. Don served as a visiting professor at INSEAD for several years and has also taught at the Beijing Management Institute, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, the University of Tehran, Jagiellonian University (Krakow), and the U.S. Business School in Prague. He is the Director of the Chazen International Business Institute at Columbia University.
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The Amerikai Magyar Klub is being created in service to Hungary and in the interests of better relations between America and the Magyar nation. Based on a promise to his father Dr. Elemér Balogh- Pro Ecclesia Hungariae recipient-, Jules Gyula Balogh is starting this Klub with help from a number of American and Hungarian friends. Mr. Balogh welcomes all who have Hungary at heart and who believe in moral business practices to contribute and become partners in this initiative. He has served as senior executive at multinational firms as well as in startup ventures, in the financial, insurance, health, manufacturing and computer fields. His experience includes: Citicorp, Chase, American Express, MasterCard, PNC, Emesa (a private venture firm), Equitable Life, Northwestern Mutual, Boeing Aerospace, IBM, Haskins Laboratories (reading machines for the blind-affiliated with Yale), Mathematica (social research), Health Risk Management. He is Co-President of the American Hungarian Federation. Mr. Balogh has a B.SC. in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, an M.Sc. from New York University-School of Engineering, and an MBA in Finance from Columbia University.
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