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Dear Hungarian-American Family,

I write to express what a wonderful Farsang Ball you had this year: I never had so much fun! (After dancing – if that is what you might call those awkward movements of mine – someone asked me if I had just taken a shower.) Ambassador Szapáry wrote to me that he also enjoyed the Ball immensely and getting to know better our southern region's Hungarian-American community. The Ambassador will not forget his visit to Atlanta – all for positive reasons and the good memories.

Maybe this year's Farsang Ball was so special for me personally because I became a legally adopted Hungarian – Parkerson János. I am an international lawyer, educator and representative of Hungary; and I did not even know a Hungarian Court of the State of Georgia existed! Or maybe it was the wonderful surprise recognitions that I received: the Certificate of Merit and the beautiful engraved glass recognition from the Ball's top sponsors. Quite possibly, it was the camaraderie with you, the Hungarian-American community; or the delicious food and wine, or the passionate Hungarian music – or the combination of all the above. Whatever the reason – from my perspective, the 3rd annual was the BEST FARSANG BALL EVER!!!

The congratulations and recognition, truthfully, belong to YOU - the members of the Hungarian-American community who do so much, and devote so much of your valuable time, to ensuring the success of events like the Ball. You are invaluable contributors to the cohesiveness of the Hungarian-American community in Georgia. I have talked to many of my consular corps contacts about the fact that I feel blessed to represent Hungary as its Honorary Consul for the southeast. Without exception, they marvel at the spirit and solidarity of the Hungarian-American community. They do not share similarly gratifying experiences with the communities that they represent on the same level that I am honored to share. You leave highly favorable impressions about the community with those who, as our guests at events like the Farsang Ball, are privileged to catch from the outside a glimpse of the Hungarian-American community.

So, it really is not me who should be recognized, although I appreciate it greatly (more than you could ever imagine!): and I sincerely am grateful. It is the dedicated members and contributors like you, however, who keep the community together and who preserve your "Hungarianess", who deserve all the credit. I am happy to be invited to the party and, finally, to be adopted legally by Hungary. Thank you so very very much!

Warmest regards,

Parkerson János