

Katalin Voros, Operations Manager of the University of California at Berkeley's Microfabrication Laboratory since 1986, came to the University with 14 years of experience in the semiconductor industry. She is a Member of the Electrochemical Society and a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. She is a recipient of the UC Berkeley, Administrative & Professional Staff Distinguished Achievement Award, 1991, and the Berkeley Staff Assembly's Excellence in Management Award in 1995 and 2001. (<http://microlab.berkeley.edu/~voros>)

Katalin maintains professional contacts with professors at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics and invited young professionals as visiting researchers at the University of California at Berkeley. This program lasted for 12 years, until Katalin's retirement.

Katalin left Hungary in 1956 as a refugee with her parents and arrived in the US in 1960. She has been an active member of the Hungarian-American community ever since. The Philadelphia and Vicinity Hungarian Sports Club (PVHSC or Tanya) was established in 1962 as a non-profit organization, for supporting and promoting Hungarian tradition, charitable work by, among and for Hungarians, and in handing down these values to their children. Katalin's father, Lajos Voros, was among the directors signing the document. Katalin was the chair of the Cultural Committee of the PVHSC for 15 years.

Katalin was the troop leader for over 10 years of girl scout troop No. 48. (Philadelphia) of the Hungarian Scouting Association in Exile. During the course of several leader training camps she developed and wrote a training manual for troop leaders, which was adopted for the organization across continents. She was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Scouting Association in Exile, for 4 years, and is currently a supporting member through the Bodnar Gabor Club.

Katalin and her late husband Charles W. Tobias, were the major supporters and program developers (1986-1996) of the Tobias Youth House in Torocko, Transylvania. The program acquired and redeveloped an old village farm house for youth activities. It also established a small exhibition gallery in the city hall; funded renovation and renewal of the local history museum and publication of several informational booklets and a tourist guide of Torocko, in Hungarian, Romanian and English.

Katalin was a member of the Board of Directors of Project Harvest Hope, a nonprofit organization promoting and supporting sustainable village economic development in the Homorod Valley, in Transylvania, from 2000 to 2007.
<http://www.harvesthope.uua.org/index.html>

For the past 15 years Katalin has maintained and monitored an active, informational email/bulletin board for San Francisco Bay Area Hungarians (over 800 addresses).

Katalin is currently on the Board of Directors of the American Hungarian Educators Association, and was Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2009 conference at UC Berkeley.

In 2009 Katalin Voros received the Gold Cross of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, for her outstanding dedication and achievement among Hungarian Americans, for helping to maintain the identity of the Hungarian community in Northern California and for promoting the interaction of Hungarian scientists with their colleagues in the United States.

Katalin is married to Wayne Phillips, who is an avid student of Hungarian at UC Berkeley. She has two daughters and seven grandchildren, who all speak Hungarian.

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