UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2015

December/January Slovo Deadline
November 1

Sokol Minnesota Singers
November 3 and 17, 10 a.m.

Board of Trustees
November 11, 7 p.m.

Family Night
November 15, 4 p.m.

Board of Directors
November 19, 7 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting with Elections
November 20, 7 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast with Bake/Craft Sale
November 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

French toast, pancakes, fruit cup, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. No reservations. Public welcome.

Bake goods for your Thanksgiving table.

Pre-order koláče.
651-290-0542

Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Craft Sale
Sunday, November 22
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota
www.sokolmn.org
C.S.P.S. Hall 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Craft Sale

Performance by Sokol Minnesota Boys and Girls Gymnastics Program

Performance by Sokol Minnesota Mládí Skupina, Tanční Mládež, and the Tanční Teen Dancers

Children’s and teens’ dance director and instructor, Louise Wessinger.

Men’s physical director, Megan Cahill; Boys’ instructor, Jason Brozovich;

Women’s physical director, Mary Cahill; Girls’ instructor, Courtney Benson;

Participants of the program need to arrive by 6:30 p.m. Reception to follow the program.

C.S.P.S. Hall
383 Michigan Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota

150th Anniversary Weekend and Gala
November 13-15, 2015
Chicago
www.american-sokol.org
Members and friends of Sokol Minnesota are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at the C.S.P.S. Hall. This meeting offers a great opportunity to connect with other members during the social time and hear about what committees have been doing this past year. Members will also hear about plans for our organization in 2016. A key part of the meeting is our annual election. The nominating committee to fill the open positions includes Joyce Tesarek, Marketa Resong, Louise Wessinger, and Arlene Hamernik. This group carefully considers new candidates to propose for the slate of Board of Directors and Board of Trustees positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting. If you have interest in any positions remaining open on the slate, you are welcome to contact the nominating committee. All Sokol members are entitled to vote, but you need to be present to have your vote included. Our Sokol bylaws guide the voting process. Absentee ballots are not permitted. The length of terms of positions varies. For example, a Board of Directors member-at-large is elected for two years, the Educational Director for two years, and Board of Trustee members are elected for three-year terms. All of these elected positions are volunteer positions. The time and talents shared by all of our Sokol volunteers are priceless, as are the friendships that can develop while working together for the benefit of Sokol Minnesota and the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Do not be surprised after the Annual meeting if you are recruited to help set up tables and chairs for our Fall Pancake Breakfast with Craft Sale and Bake Sale, which takes place on Sunday, November 22. Plan to bring your children and grandchildren to this event to see if they can eat more pancakes than some of the dancers from the children’s and teen dance groups, who have enjoyed more than seven pancakes each. You are welcome to bring your favorite baked goods or treats to donate to the fall bake sale. Assorted craft vendors will sell a variety of items, which make great holiday gifts or special items for yourself. *Nazdar!*
On December 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Minnesota Sokols and many friends in the Czech and Slovak community will celebrate Marit Lee Kucera’s installation as the new Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic for Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Petr Gandalovič, the Czech Ambassador to the United States, will conduct the installation ceremony at the C.S.P.S. Hall; Consul General Bořek Lizec of Chicago will emcee the event. Other distinguished guests will include Sharon Valašek, the Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska; Don Pafko, the Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic for Minnesota; members of the Minnesota Consular Corps; and local and state elected officials. A reception will follow.

We wish Marit success, though we have no doubt she will be an effective and hard-working honorary consul. She has long been active in many areas of Sokol, and for the past five years she has been managing and production editor for the Slovo newsletter. She also has her own successful business as an independent textile artist. During the lengthy confirmation process, while the post has been vacant, she has taken on in advance some of the cultural responsibilities of the honorary consul, particularly in promoting coordination among events for local Czech and Slovak organizations. Marit is the third consul to serve since the office was revived after the fall of communism, succeeding the late Dr. Josef Mestenhauser, who served from 1998 until 2008, and Robert Vanasek, whose 5-year term as consul ended in 2013. Dr. Charles Proschek held the post prior to World War II.

Sokols paid their final respects to Dr. Mestenhauser at his public memorial service on October 3 at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and Marit remembers his help and encouragement to her. “I am grateful to Dr. Josef Mestenhauser, not only for nominating me to be the next Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, but also for the invaluable guidance that he was gracious enough to provide me during many sessions I had with him over almost two years before his death. Perhaps most importantly, he passed on to me his heartfelt devotion to the land of his birth.”

Honorary consuls are important assets not only to the region they serve but also to the foreign government they represent. As honorary consul, Marit represents the Czech Republic and gives assistance and protection to its citizens locally. She will also be called upon to facilitate trade and friendship between the peoples of the Czech Republic and the United States. And she will serve as a unifying figure for Czechs locally. Her office will be located on the first floor of C.S.P.S. Hall. We are grateful to her for taking on this responsibility.

All members of Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota are invited. Everyone wishing to attend Marit’s installation ceremony should R.S.V.P. by November 30:
<installation@sokolmn.org>

In addition to Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota and Czech and Slovak Cultural Center, there are several other sponsors of the reception, including WFLA Hopkins Lodge 11, Česká a slovenská škola Twin Cities, American Sokol Western District, WFLA Minnesota, Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers, and Domůci Czech Folk Dancers. And now, it’s time to celebrate!
Sixth Annual European Christmas Event in New Prague  By Deb Ziskovsky

The Czech Heritage Club of New Prague holds its 6th Annual European Christmas Event at the American Legion Park Ballroom, Sunday, December 6, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., free to the public. Everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food shelf.

It is truly a family holiday event! Crafters and artisans showcase jewelry, wooden items, fused glass, and many holiday creations. Demonstrators show the process of making old-world traditions. Featured demonstrator is Daniela Mahoney, egg artist and cultural educator. Born in Prague and now living in Oregon, she experienced Czech traditions as a child and learned the art of egg decorating from her grandmother. Daniela will sell her eggs, plus her own handmade woven-wheat decorations and baked-dough ornaments.

On stage, the Czech Heritage Junior Royalty Coronation starts at 11 a.m. Six youths are selected to hold the titles as the 2016 Jr. Ambassadors and Little Ambassadors, representing their heritage and Minnesota Czech Country. This Coronation is open to boys or girls ages 7 through 15 who have some Czech descent.

Entertainment follows with the New Prague Czech Singers and the Domácí Czech Folk Dancers, representing the local Czech heritage. SG Edelweiss St. Paul (Bavarian Dancers) and the Videki Hungarian Folk Dancers from the Twin Cities help round out the ethnic group entertainment. Elizabeth Kaliska, the 2015 - 2016 Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen and a Sokol Minnesota member, along with David Milne will present and demonstrate the fujara, a traditional Slovak wind instrument.

The local 4-H Group, Country Clovers, organize the Kids’ Corner, which focuses on fun activities just for kids. Traditions of European St. Nicks are read throughout the afternoon and children have the opportunity to write letters to Santa. Western Fraternal Life Association offers a free drawing for boys and girls for a quality prize.

An array of homemade holiday treats and baked goods are sold by the Czech Heritage Club members. Lunch and beverages are also available for purchase.

For more information on this event: <www.CzechHeritageClub.com> or call Deb at 952-652-2677. This event is made possible with a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. Additional sponsors include the State Bank of New Prague, New Prague Chamber of Commerce, and Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric.

Riding in the St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers float at Dožinky Days, New Prague, September 18, were Scott Hinshaw’s and Diane Bell’s grandsons, Bradley, Hunter, and Isaac. Marlene and Ken Hinshaw are the proud great-grandparents.

On Saturday, October 3, a Remembrance of Josef Mestenhauser was held at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, in conjunction with the annual Mestenhauser Lecture Series on Internationalizing Higher Education. As well as teaching at the College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Mestenhauser was internationally renowned and a key figure in the growth of the Association of International Educators. As a four-time Fulbright winner, he studied in Japan, the Philippines, Korea, and Germany for teaching and research. Several university educators as well as guest lecturer Hanneke Teekens from Amsterdam and Minnesota author Patricia Hampl spoke at the memorial service to the packed auditorium. Joe was a lifetime Sokol member dating back to his boyhood years in Czechoslovakia. In his honor for the reception, Sokols Judy Aubrecht, Tom Aubrecht, Christy Banks, Tamara Hansen, Marketa Resong, and Joyce Tesarek created and provided chlebíčky, open-faced Czech sandwiches, which were a part of every Mestenhauser family event.

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Membership Updates
By Norm Petrik, Membership Director

At the September 17 Board of Directors meeting, one person was accepted as a member of Sokol Minnesota: Colleen Kluzak from Shakopee, with interests in cooking, dance, dinners, festivals, music, and theater. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota!
Western District Annual Meeting  By Mary Cahill

Sokol Minnesota members Mary Cahill, Norm Petrik, and Joyce Tesarek met with representatives from other Western District Sokol Units (Cedar Rapids, Omaha, South Omaha, Sokol Crete) at Sokol Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, to discuss Sokol activities involving the Western District as well as American Sokol.

Saturday’s meeting was the Board of Instructors (BOI) meeting and Sunday was the general meeting of Western District delegates. Topics covered included reflections on the 2015 Western District gymnastics competition hosted by Sokol Cedar Rapids, the 2015 American Sokol 150th Anniversary Celebration and Gala; preparations for the 2016 Western District Competition being held at Sokol Crete, April 9, 2016; the upcoming Sokol U.S.A. Slet in June 2016 at Pittsburgh, the upcoming American Sokol Slet in June of 2017 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and election of BOI and District officers. Theresa Vernon, Sokol Crete, was reelected as Western District Women’s Physical Director and Mary Cahill, Sokol Minnesota was reelected Men’s Physical Director. Both Physical Directors serve on the American Sokol National Board of Instructors, as does Allison Gerber, who is First Women’s Assistant to the National Physical Director. Allison is also a Board Member on the National Executive Board.

Elected to Western District Offices and positions were Allison Gerber, President, from Sokol Cedar Rapids; Jolene Dalton, Vice-President and bylaws, from Sokol South Omaha; Barb Seefus, Recording Secretary, from Sokol Omaha; Shelley Cairns, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, from Sokol Cedar Rapids; Joan Sedlacek, Historian, from Sokol Minnesota; and Deb Allison, Education Director, Sokol Cedar Rapids.

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Handmade for The Holidays  By Vanda Kofroňová, columnist from Prague

Nights are getting longer and longer, it is cool outside and there are only few weeks left till Christmas. This is ideal time for staying at home. It is also the ideal time to make handmade gifts (not only for others, of course). In Prague, making gifts is one of the greatest hits of this year. You can go to a flower shop to take a course on autumn arrangements and do your own decoration. Facebook, Instagram, and print magazines are full of directions for arranging all kind of flowers and foliage that you can find in the woods. The inspiration is everywhere.

For me, I have fallen in love with natural handmade cosmetics. I ordered all kind of things you might need for doing your own face cream that is ideal for this kind of weather, lipsticks, and body lotion. I cannot wait to prepare it (but I have to, since the herbs need to macerate, or soften, in oil first). What I love about it is that you know exactly what ingredients you are using and you can personalize the fragrance. Moreover, you can use it as a perfect gift for any occasion, including Christmas. If you are not that much into cosmetics, there is still a huge variety you can do. When was the last time you made something from wood? Or painted something?

And what I like about it is that it is a great activity to do with your friends or kids. It doesn’t matter if you are old or young, you will love it. As it is really trendy in Prague, there are also specialized places where you can go and use their professional equipment. You can take a course in sewing or just use their sewing machine. There also is a coffeehouse where you can paint your own mug or plate or create your own jewelry from glass. One great thing is that you do not have to clean up afterwards. You just pay and leave. And take your new favorite thing with you, of course. You should try it. Just writing this article made me want to bake something right now! Enjoy the autumn, decorate your house, drink some hot chocolate. And make this time beautiful.

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Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors
By Arlene Hamernik, Corresponding Secretary

Sokol Minnesota greatly appreciates your donations supporting Sokol programs and the refurbishing of our historic C.S.P.S. Hall.

Legacy Fund:

$500 - $999: George N. Hoffman, Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers.

The estate of Karleen Sheppard generously donated many items, including Czechoslovak porcelain, pottery, and glass, much of which was sold at the Czech Slovak Festival silent auction.

Legacy Fund Total: $1,410.00

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Czech Government Grants

Both Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota and Czech and Slovak Cultural Center are 2016 recipients of grants from the Czech Republic Foreign Ministry Department. Sokol Minnesota and CSCC are most appreciative of this support.

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We ask for your support of renovations to C.S.P.S. Hall as we celebrate the Hall’s 128th year in 2015.

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BOOK REVIEW: Čapek’s Tales Still Entertain and Slyly Educate Us  By Gwen Willems, Ph.D.

This is the seventh and last Čapek book from Catbird Press that I’ve read, and I’m still eager to read more. I’m reminded again why he is the Czechs’ favorite author. His delightful wit, wisdom, facility with language, and great story-telling skills make his writing a pleasure to read. The commonsense perspective and modernity his writing conveys makes it hard to believe these Apocryphal Tales are a century old. Čapek is master of many styles: plays, novels, short stories, science fiction, and reportage are only a few. It can also feel like you’re reading several authors instead of one.

Čapek wrote these tales over an 18-year period, many first appearing in Lidové noviny, the principal newspaper for which he wrote. Čapek, who was an ardent believer in democracy, died of natural causes at 48 in Dec. 1938, as Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia was beginning. The Occupation led to an immediate ban on his work, so it was seven years after his death when these short pieces were collected and published through efforts of his editor ad bibliographer Miroslav Halík. Norma Comrada, the translator, noted these 38 tales, with a page of one-line fables, “can be read in several ways: as parable, as allegory, and as Čapek’s imaginative, innovative use of these literary devices to raise ethical questions and to address social and political concerns.” Čapek takes situations to such great lengths that they come across as silly and humorous, making the reader laugh at extremely serious notions.

Since “many were responses to internal and external political issues of the moment,” as Comrada wrote, it would be helpful for most American readers if the tales were published as an annotated book, giving guidance on historical events that influenced his stories and their meanings. For example, the tales, “Alexander the Great” and “The Death of Archimedes,” which take a dark look at political necessity used as a justification for conquest, were written in May 1937 and April 1938, preceding the September 1938 Munich Pact. The Munich Agreement incorporated the Sudetenland into Nazi Germany and left the rest of Czechoslovakia powerless to resist subsequent occupation in February 1939.

A few of my favorites are “The Five Loaves,” in which a baker laments the impact of Jesus’ miracle on ordinary bakers; “Hamlet,” which imagines the Shakespearean story as if, instead of working to expose his father’s murder, the title character decided to pursue a career as an actor; “The Man Who Knew How to Fly,” which tells the story of a man who was given expert flying lessons that ruined his ability to fly; and “The Moving Business,” which facilitates time travel.

In “The Moving Business,” Čapek gives the business premise: “Let’s say some gentleman comes to me who wants to move somewhere out of this damned century; he’s had it up to the eyeballs, he says, right up to the eyeballs with wars, the arms race, Bolsheviks, fascism and, for that matter, progress in general…. I’d be surprised if he or any other twentieth-century man didn’t pick another age, one where he could live more freely and humanely.” If only that could be true.

Gwen is coordinator of the Literary Ventures: Czech and Slovak book discussion group. For more information, go to www.cs-center.org or contact <gwen@cs-center.org>.

Join Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures members to discuss Out of This Furnace; a Novel of Immigrant Labor in America by Thomas Bell on Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. - noon, at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

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**26th Annual Czech-Slovak Festival on September 27**

With perfect weather, authentic Czech and Slovak food and beer, games for kids, a fabulous silent auction, excellent performers, and enthusiastic volunteers, the crowds at the 26th annual Czech and Slovak Festival on September 27 were treated to our best festival yet. As Event Chair Joyce Tesarek said, “We sure know how to throw a party!”

The Czech-Slovak Festival was a great success. Final figures were not available at press time (see them in the December/January *Slovo*), but over 10,000 tickets were sold at $1 each for food, beverages, and kids’ games, plus there was income from the silent auction, program ads, vendor booth spaces, and the gift shop. The list of Silent Auction donors also will appear in the December/January *Slovo*.

The Festival provides a chance for volunteers to get to know each other better as they chat while serving a Czech sausage or scoop of gelato. The audience sampled our Czech and Slovak culture with music, dance, and food. Many toured our historic hall and visited Joan Sedlacek’s exhibit to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American Sokol, our parent organization. The Silent Auction this year had a wonderful selection of Czechoslovakian glass, gift certificates, and baskets with wine. The gift shop offered an array of Czech jewelry, books, glass, and novelties. Winter Carnival Royal Court visited the Festival in the late afternoon to knight three Sokols: Judy Aubrecht, president of Sokol; Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul Designate of the Czech Republic; and Don Pafko, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic.

Event Chair Tesarek commented, “An event of this magnitude takes many, many volunteers, some donating really heroic amounts of time and energy. My thanks to all for making this event happen so happily for the 26th year. I know that the guests who all enjoyed the afternoon thank you too!”


**ENTERTAINMENT:** Program Director Louise Wassinger wants to extend “a special thanks to all the performers who provided a colorful and entertaining program throughout the day. We really appreciate that our performers, all volunteers, lend their time and talent to our ethnic program.”

**Technical/audio:** Scott Hinshaw.

**Flag Ceremony:** Chuck Draheim with Dawn Bulera, Mary Cahill, Jake Jacobson, Al Kugler, Kaitley Mach, Korey Mach, Joan Sedlacek.

**Emcees:** Jennifer Vollmar Theis, Clair Kratovilch.

**Speakers:** Sokol President Judy Aubrecht, Czech Consul Designate Marit Lee Kucera, Slovak Consul Donald Pafko.

**National Anthem Soloist:** 2014-2015 Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Corbin Jerde. Later she sang *Song to the Moon* from Antonín Dvořák’s opera, *Rusalka*.

**Sokol Czech and Slovak Singers:** Jim Chlebecek, Mary Jo Chlebecek, Ann Janda, Ken Janda, Bob Kostichka, Hana Matousek, Norm Petrik, Arnie Ziskovsky.
**Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers:** Don Pafko, Director, with Lynn Barnes, Lara Ciganko, Krissy Chepp, Amanda Chmiel, Roman Fiam, Vladia Gregorski, Paul Knuth, Zuzka Wilson.

**Domácí Czech Folk Dancers:** Arnie Ziskovsky and Deb Ziskovsky, Directors, with Sylvia Lemke, Kailey Mach and Korey Mach, Anna Novak, Christina, Connor, and Cynthia Raduenz, Lauren Reiland, Victoria Soukup, Lizzie Trnka.


**Sokol Minnesota Taneční Mládež and Teens:** Louise Wessinger, Director, and Michaela Wentz, Assistant Director, with Faith and Andrea Atcheson; Adela and Petra Bragg; Isabel and Lucien Espinosa; Ellen Ferry; Kristina Gurgel; Seanna and Keely Kluzak; Juna and Leo Krikava; Chloe and Marius Elias Morse; Everett Paylor; Adela and Liliana Peterson; Sylvia Pulkrabek; Matthew Resong; Sara Rosenthal; Sofia Scholtz; Sally Sebek; Isabella Spiess; Elisa, Everett, and Erik Swartz; Michaela and Elizabeth Wentz; Mary, Benedict, Greta, and Bridget Yanta; Elsa Youngberg. Alums: Jessica Metcalf, Emilie McMillan.

**St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers:** Louise Wessinger, Program Director, with Don and Pat Andrle, Tom and Judy Aubrecht, Diane Bell and Scott Hinshaw, Dawn Bulera and Chuck Draheim, Jason Brozovich and Louise Wessinger, Robert Jacobson and Jyni Koschak, Dave Cammack and Lenka Hester, Judy Metcalf and Al Kugler, Emma Martin and James Metcalf, Teresa Pojar and John Topic.

**SlovCzech Band:** Petr Bachan, Director, Svea Drentlaw, Emily Judge-Becker, Jozef Klobušník, Andrew Tiano.

**Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Organization:** Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Elizabeth Kaliska, Princess Madison Jerde, Miss Congeniality Emily Vikla.

**St. Paul South Bohemian Bagpipers:** Frank Trnka and Jason Brozovich.

**Puppet Show:** Lenka Bragg and Romana Pulkrabek with children from Česká a slovenská škola Twin Cities (Czech and Slovak School Twin Cities).

**Slovak Musical Instruments:** David Milne, University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

**Sokol Minnesota Gymnasts:** Tumblers under the direction of Head Coaches Courtney Benson and Jason Brozovich; Assistant Instructors: Alice O’Brien and Erica Meyers with Erin Armstrong; Mitchell Gillman; William, Dominic, Lucia, and Chloe Mansfield; Anna Nowaczevski; Lucy O’Brien; Claire Wickiser. Girls Gymnasts also performed a mini calisthenic routine written by Assistant Instructor Siri Schroeder.

**Koláč Eating Contest** (who can whistle first after eating a whole koláč): Colleen Cahill. Children’s winner: Korey Mach. Adult winner: Before we could get his name, the triumphant adult winner took his prize of five tickets and probably went to buy himself five more koláče!

**Mondo Jugglers:** Penny Tesarek and Tom Tesarek.

**St. Paul Winter Carnival Royalty 2015:** Led by Carolyn Blakey (Prime Minister), Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna (Aurora, Queen of Snows), Daniel Stoltz (King Bores LXXVIII).

**EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS:**

**Czech and Slovak Cultural Center:** Renata Ticha, Renee Reed.

**Western Fraternal Life:** Lodge Orel No. 69, Saint Paul, and Lodge Cesky Lev No. 10, Minneapolis: Carol Loss, Greg Loss, Kathy Richardson, Richard Yapp.

Door Prize Winners: Tonka Dump Truck: Adam Pederson
Dolly Buggy: Oliva Contreras
(2) I-Tunes Cards: Faith Atchesin and Torri Verlicky
(2) $25 Amazon gift cards: Leo Milne and Bridget Yanta
Starwars Light-Up Saber: Isabel Espinosa
Truck Set: Lucien Espinosa

**VENDOR BOOTHS:**

**Dawn Bulera:** soaps, felted and re-purposed products.

**Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International:** imported Czech and Slovak books and t-shirts.

**Jean Draheim:** hand-crafted jewelry.

**John and Joe Gindele:** Yorkville Twins book.

**Doreen McKenney:** hand-drawn cards and books.

**Ludmila Palkova:** homemade edibles.

**Ron Proenko:** Real Good Provisions Seasonings.

**Dr. Kayla Zirpel-Proctor:** Back to Wellness chiropractic.

**2015 FESTIVAL CHAIRS:**

**General Chair and Volunteer Chair:** Joyce Tesarek
ASO 150th Anniversary: Joan Sedlacek
(Mark Bigouette, Ann Smisek Jans, Joe Landsberger)

**Czech and Slovak Maps:** Czech and Slovak Cultural Center
Beer/Wine Sales, Beer License: Ed Hamernik, Dan Bednar
Booths and Vendors: Jean Draheim
Food: Hana Matousek, Rad Rasmussen, Marketa Resong
Gelato: Arlene Hamernik
Gift Shop: Doreen McKenney
Greeters: Don and Pat Andrle
Grounds Set-up/Take-down: Chuck Draheim, Board of Trustees
Kids’ Games/Puppet Show: Lenka Bragg, Jitka Sebek, Michaela Wentz

**Printed Program:** Joe Landsberger
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**Tickets:** Marit Lee Kucera, Mary Cahill

Children enjoyed many activities on the beautiful sunny day.

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ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER!
Sokol Minnesota 2015 Events

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Sokol Children’s Holiday Party
December 4, Friday, 7 p.m.

Honorary Consul Installation
December 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

Family Night Holiday Party
December 5, Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Sokol Members’ Party: meal and entertainment
January 3, Sunday, 3 p.m.
Reserve by December 20: 651-290-0542

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2015-2016 Gymnastic Instructors

2015-2016 Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota's gymnastic classes
are in full swing at C.S.P.S. Sokol Hall. We are fortunate
to have such a skilled staff to teach our youth.
Back Row: Jason Brozovich, Boys’ Head Instructor, Courtney Benson,
Girls’ Head Instructor, Matt Schussler, Assistant Boys’ Instructor.
Front Row: Alice O’Brien, Erica Meyers, Siri Schroeder, Assistant
Girls’ Instructors. Mary Cahill is the Women's Physical Director
and Megan Cahill is the Men's Physical Director.