

UPCOMING EVENTS

August Slovo Deadline
Thursday, August 1

Board of Trustees
August 9, 7 p.m.

Sokol Camp Picnic
Sunday, August 13
Noon - 5 p.m.
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Board of Directors
August 17, 7 p.m.

2017 Czech that Film!

August 25 - 31
Saint Anthony Main Theatre
A taste of new Czech cinema
sponsored by the
Film Society of Minneapolis-
Saint Paul. (See page 3)

28th Czech and Slovak Festival

Sunday, September 24
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
with folk dancers, live music,
gymnasts, children's games,
ethnic food, silent auction.
Free admission.
Please Volunteer: 651-290-0542

Sokol Minnesota Member Joan Sedlacek Received the Jindřich Fügner Distinguished Service Award

By Mary Cahill

The American Sokol Organization established a series of awards designed to recognize, thank, honor, and reward those who have made a meaningful difference in the Sokol organizations on an international, national, district, or unit level. This year, in conjunction with the American Sokol XXIV National *Slet* and Festival, the American Sokol Organization inaugurated the first of these awards.

There are many people who volunteer their time and talents to Sokol, all of whom are deserving of recognition. The biggest challenge for these awards was deciding whom to nominate from so many deserving individuals who have made a significant difference within the American Sokol Organization.

Nominations came from individual Sokol units; they were voted on at the district level, before being forwarded to the American Sokol Organization.

At the XXIV Sokol *Slet* and Festival banquet on June 23 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota member Joan Sedlacek received the Fügner Distinguished Service Award. Fügner cofounded the Czech sport organization Sokol in Prague in 1862. This annual award is given to one member from each district. The recipient must be an individual who has demonstrated good character, diplomacy, a positive attitude, good judgment, exemplary qualities, and extraordinary service to the American Sokol Organization. The contributions that Joan has made to Sokol Minnesota, in particular, are too innumerable to list. Suffice it to say, there is no job too big or too small for her to undertake. Cleaning, repairing, cooking, selling, teaching, presenting, creating, donating, setting up equipment, Joan does it all, and more! The following is an excerpt that Joan wrote for the awards booklet:

“Some of my earliest memories are of my parents’ Sokol friends in Saint Paul and Berwyn (Illinois). Their joy, commitment, and dedication showed how much Sokol meant to them. When I joined Sokol Saint Paul as an adult, my parents’ friends became my friends. I, too, found joy, commitment, and dedication. Also, the pride. As with most of us, there had been blood, sweat, and tears shed at the Hall. When I think that Sokol activities might be interfering with life, I realize – Sokol is life.

“I have held the Unit Women’s Director position, been a tots teacher, class helper, and currently see to it that equipment is set up for gymnastic classes. I have been Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Educational Director, and Board of Trustees Chair. Sokol Minnesota attends many cultural events and I have worked in the booth at the Festival of Nations, co-chaired the Czech and Slovak Festival, served on the committee and prepared the Hall for the Czech Prime Minister’s visit in 2016.



Joan Sedlacek held the Fügner Distinguished Service Award, presented by Jean Hruby (left), President of American Sokol, and Bořek Lizec (right), Consul General of the Czech Republic (Chicago), on June 23.

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Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes By Judy Aubrecht

Pozdrav bratři a sestry / Greetings Brothers and Sisters

From June 22 to 25, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota participated in the American Sokol XXIV National *Slet* and Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After much anticipatory practice, our members engaged in various activities, including gymnastics, dancing, and callisthenic drills. Our own Sokol Minnesota historian, Joan Sedlacek, who received a special award at the National Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame, also arranged for historic memorabilia from our unit to be included in the exhibit at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids. The exhibit, titled *Twists and Turns: The Story of Sokol*, is filled with special treasures from our collection, including wooden Indian clubs that were used for gymnastics juggling; a vintage leather horse, which was used for men's gymnastics; and a special unit flag. Congratulations to all of our Minnesota *Slet* participants. Many thanks to Joan for enhancing the national museum exhibit. Joan also assembled a special Western District display at the *Slet* hotel.

Several years ago, Sokol Minnesota was awarded a Partners in Preservation grant, co-funded by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Besides the monetary award, our unit also received 50 gallons of paint from the Valspar Corporation. Gary Zweber, a member of the Sokol Minnesota Board of Trustees, has agreed to share some of his painting equipment, as well as lead volunteers with painting the main hall of the C.S.P.S. Hall. From August 19 to August 25, the Hall is reserved for painting. We are currently looking for volunteers to help clean, tape, and repair uneven wall surfaces on Saturday, August 19 at 9 a.m. Please swing by to help us set up for this painting project!

With our annual Czech and Slovak Festival taking place on Sunday, September 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., we need over 100 volunteers to fill shifts. This is a fun way to get to know other Sokol Minnesota members and to provide service to our organization. To volunteer, please contact Joyce Tesarek at <festival@sokolmn.org> *Nazdar!*



The hardworking Planning Committee of Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota meets monthly.

Judy Aubrecht, BOD President;
Terry Shima, BOT; Joyce Tesarek, BOD
Finance Committee; Dan Bednar, BOT;
and Ed Hamernik, BOD Second Vice
President.

87th Annual Sokol Camp Booya Picnic in Pine City

What: Sokol Camp Booya Picnic

When: Sunday, August 13, 12 p.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine!

Where: Historic Sokol Camp, 19201 Woodland Acres, Pine City, Minnesota

Who: All Sokol brothers and sisters! General public is welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in making the 2017 Booya Picnic a success! If you are interested, please contact Kari Muyres: 763-226-0313 or Don Andrlc: 651-484-6360. Refreshments provided to our hard-working helpers! Come and join in to reminisce, meet new folks, and enjoy a tasty bowl of booya!

Until then, play along with some trivia:

- Which of the following is NOT an ingredient used in Booya preparation?
A. Beets B. Oxtail C. Carrots D. Kohlrabi
- How many gallons of booya are typically prepared for the day of the picnic?
A. 25 Gallons B. 90 Gallons C. 250 Gallons D. 1000 Gallons
- From the list of entertainment attractions, which of the following are provided for your enjoyment?
A. The Czech and Slovak Dancers B. Live bingo/pull tabs
C. Jerrod the Concertina Guy D. All of them

We hope to see all our Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota brothers and sisters on August 13 in Pine City. Please save the date! *Nazdar!*

Answers: 1 (A), 2 (B), 3 (D)

Czech that Film! at MSP Film Society, Minneapolis, August 25-31

In late August, the Film Society of Minneapolis-St. Paul features six Czech films and an eight-hour miniseries. Again this year's *Czech that Film!* festival screens at the St. Anthony Main Theatre, 125 Southeast Main Street, Minneapolis 55414. For more information, check out <mspfilm.org>. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota members receive reduced admission price. Be sure to mention your membership at the box office when you purchase your tickets.

Friday, August 25, 7 p.m. *TIGER THEORY* (2016). One of the year's most successful Czech films, this tragicomedy follows 60-year-old Jan who comes to a fateful decision to escape his every-day life following the voluntary death of his father-in-law. Directed by Radek Bajgar. 101 minutes. Czech Republic. Czech with English subtitles.

Friday, August 25, 9:30 p.m. *THE NOONDAY WITCH* (2016). Combining stunning cinematography with elegant storytelling, this chilling yet beautiful narrative follows Eliška and her eight-year-old daughter who move to a remote country house to begin a new life together only to be haunted by a terrifying mythical creature. Directed by Jiří Sárdek. 101 minutes. Czech Republic. Czech with English subtitles.

Saturday, August 26, 5:15 p.m. *LITTLE FROM THE FISH SHOP* (2015). Everyone's familiar with Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*, the story of a love capable of forgiving even the greatest betrayal. In Jan Balej's film, which is a work filled with wonderful animation and expressive puppet designs, the fairy-tale romance is replaced with a bleak portrayal of life in a city harbor, yet its enduring message remains. Directed by Jan Balej. 101 minutes. Czech Republic/France/Slovakia. English/Czech/French with English subtitles.

Saturday, August 26, 7:15 p.m. *I, OLGA HEPNAROVÁ* (2016). Winner of numerous awards including Czech Lion for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, this acclaimed art film delves into the story of the last person to be executed in the Czech Republic, Olga Hepnarová, who killed eight people with a truck in 1973. Directed by Tomáš Weinreb and Petr Kazda. 105 minutes. Czech Republic/Poland/France/Slovakia. Czech with English subtitles.

Sunday, August 27, 1:15 p.m. *THE TEACHER* (2016). Since the arrival of teacher Mária Drazdechová to a suburban school in Bratislava, life has turned upside down for both the students and parents. Despite Mária's power in the Communist Party, the town bands together to take action in this new comedy-drama that was selected for inclusion in MSPIFF 2017. It stars Zuzana Mauréry in a role that won her Best Actress at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. Directed by Jan Hřebejk. 102 minutes. Slovakia/Czech Republic. Czech with English subtitles.

Sunday, August 27, 4 p.m. *THE SNAKE BROTHERS* (2015). In this seriocomic story rife with rough humor and a distinctly sardonic tone, the relationship between two ragged thirty-something siblings (played by real-life brothers) is put to the test. Directed by Jan Prušinovský. 111 minutes. Czech Republic. Czech/English/German with English subtitles.

Admission for Czech That Film!

\$7 Film Society Members, \$10 General, \$7 Students, \$8 CZ-SK organization members (at the box office only, mention your membership).

Following *Czech That Film!*, the Film Society of Minneapolis Saint Paul screens one of Europe's greatest miniseries in its eight-hour entirety.

August 28-31, *WASTELAND*, a special HBO Europe miniseries. Faced with a decision to either sell their land to a coal company or stick by a mayor desperate to maintain their traditional way of life, a northern Czech town is torn apart by ambition, greed, and buried secrets. One of HBO Europe's most ambitious projects, *Wasteland* is a long-form piece of cinematic storytelling that builds to a searing conclusion that will resonate long after the final frame.

One admission provides entry to all 8 episodes of *Wasteland*

\$12 Film Society Members, \$15 General, \$12 Students, \$13 CZ-SK organization members (at the box office only, mention your membership).

Sedlacek Receives Fügner Distinguished Service Award (continued from page 1)

"I have also worked many hours improving the Sokol Minnesota Hall, by running a jackhammer to tear out bathrooms, shoveled snow off the roof, planted trees, and sealed the parking lot.

"I am the current Educational Director for the Western District. I am on the board for the 2017 *Slet*. I have researched extensively the history of Sokol Units, collected pictures of buildings in the United States and both the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and served as Western District Historian.

"As National Education Director for five years, I re-wrote the Sokol Educational Manual, wrote the opening and memorial for the convention held in Omaha. I also served as National Membership Director for five years. I've been a delegate to many District meetings and American Sokol conventions. I have attended many District, National, and abroad *Slets*; Unit anniversaries; and danced at many festivals.

"I have lectured at two SVU (Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Sciences, Inc.) and been guest speaker at various Sokol events, Sokol Units, National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. One day I may be the chief dish washer and the next day I'll be in attendance at a gala – it's all because of my wanting to keep Sokol alive."

Sokol Minnesota is proud (and lucky) to have Joan as a lifetime member. We again congratulate her for this distinguished award. And we thank her for all she does for Sokol Minnesota!

Congratulations to the other American Sokol Western District award recipients: James Cihak Award: Allison Gerber, Cedar Rapids; Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk Leadership Award: Mickey and Jolene Dalton, South Omaha; Frank Friz Sports Achievement Award: Jim Hartung, Omaha; Miroslav Tyrš Award: Ed and Bea Pazoucek, South Omaha (posthumously awarded), and Bud and Sandy Benak, South Omaha.



XXIV American Sokol Slet and Festival was a great time for Sokol Minnesota athletes. 1. Minnesota milestone: for the first time in nearly 30 years, Sokol Minnesota had boys competing; also for the first time in nearly three decades, Minnesota had a family with both men and women participating. Men: Jason Brozovich, Matt Schussler, Emery, Julian, and Mitchell. Family: Matt Schussler, his son, and two daughters. (Front) Kylie, Julian, Mitchell, Emery, Lydia, with coach Courtney Benson. (Back) Jason and Matt. 2. Gymnasts Greta, Kylie, Lauren, Ainsleigh. 3. Coach Courtney Benson with the first place trophy, Women's Gold Division Juniors, ages 12-14. 4. Closing Ceremony Senior 2 Cal Minnesota participants: (Front) Courtney Benson. Kneeling: Joyce Tesarek, Mary Cahill. Standing: Louise Wessinger, Dawn Bulera, Hana Matousek, Jason Brozovich, M.L. Kucera, Norm Petrik, Matt Schussler, Joan Sedlacek. Missing: Jean Hall. 5. Closing Ceremony Children's Cal on the field at Kingston Stadium, Cedar Rapids. 6. Sokol Minnesota's girl and boy gymnasts signed the state of Minnesota to showcase our involvement in the greater Sokol organization. (continued on bottom of page 5)

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Success for Sokol Minnesota at XXIV Slet and Festival in Cedar Rapids, June 22-25

We came home with trophies and great memories. At the Opening Ceremony on Thursday evening at the Scottish Rite Temple in Cedar Rapids, all 17 Sokol Minnesota's young gymnasts performed in the special number, choreographed by Coaches Siri Schroder and Courtney Benson. Written to *Work This Body* by Walk the Moon, this special number was designed to showcase the various events of the weekend, including volleyball, marching, calisthenics, tug-of-war, dance, and gymnastics, all while holding true to the Sokol tradition.

At Saturday's Gymnastics Competitions at Sokol Cedar Rapids, the **Men's Tag Team** with Jason Brozovich, Matt Schussler, and Kevin Sindelar (from Cedar Rapids) took first place honors. It was Jason's and Matt's first Sokol *Slet*. Kevin graciously allowed Minnesota to bring the trophy to Saint Paul. Jason competed Floor and Mushroom (Pommel Horse equivalent), Level 5; Matt competed Rings and Vault, Level 4; Kevin competed Parallel Bars and High Bar, Level 6.

Tug-of-War: 3rd place. The above three men were on the team along with Joseph Gerges (one of the Minnesota gymnast dads). There were four other men from the Western District on the team.

Individual Boy's Results:

Emery Schussler: Level 3, 6-8 year old boys. 1st All Around (AA) and 1st on Floor, Pommel Horse, and Rings.

Mitchell Gillman: Level 3, 12-14 year old boys. 2nd AA. 1st on Rings; tied for 2nd on Floor and Pommel Horse.

Julian Harris: Level 3, 9-11 year old boys. 4th AA. 2nd on Floor and Rings.

Sokol Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Team, Gold Division Juniors, finished first place. On that team were Isabelle Callanan, Charlotte Marboe, Lucy O'Brien, Claire Wickiser, and Ella Pratt.

Individual Girl's Results:

Ainsleigh Winghart: Level 1, Girls 9-11, 1st All Around (AA), 4th on Vault, 2nd on Bars, 2nd on Floor.

Greta Anderson: Level 2, Girls 6-8, 2nd All Around (AA), 3rd on Vault, 1st on Bars, 2nd on Beam, 2nd on Floor.

Babette Lume: Level 3, Girls 9-11, 3rd All Around (AA), 5th on Bars, 2nd on Beam, 4th on Floor.

Kylie Schussler: Level 3, Girls 9-11, 8th All Around (AA), 1st on Bars, 8th on Floor.

Anna Nowaczewski: Level 3, Girls 9-11, 10th All Around (AA).

Lydia Schussler: Level 3, Girls 9-11, 11th All Around (AA), 4th on Bars.

Lily Callanan: Gold Division, Girls 9-11, 2nd All Around (AA), 2nd on Vault, 3rd on Bars, 1st on Beam, 3rd on Floor.

Lauren Anderson: Gold Division, Girls 9-11, 3rd All Around (AA), 3rd on Vault, 1st on Bars, 3rd on Beam, 2nd on Floor.

Isabelle Callanan: Gold Division, Juniors 12-14, 1st All Around (AA), 3rd on Vault, 2nd on Bars, 2nd on Beam, 2nd on Floor.

Charlotte Marboe: Gold Division, Juniors 12-14, 6th All Around (AA), 4th on Bars.

Lucy O'Brien: Gold Division, Juniors 12-14, 8th All Around (AA).

Claire Wickiser: Gold Division, Juniors 12-14, 10th All Around (AA).

Coaches: Courtney Benson, Jason Brozovich, Alice O'Brien, Siri Schroeder, and Matt Schussler, with longtime coach Mary Cahill now as administrator.

Performing on the field at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids on Sunday afternoon for the **Closing Ceremony:**

Children's Cal and Junior Cal: all the Minnesota participants in the girls' and boys' gymnastic events.

Senior 2 Cal: Courtney Benson, Jason Brozovich, Dawn Bulera, Mary Cahill, Jean Hall, Marit Lee Kucera, Hana Matousek, Norm Petrik, Matt Schussler, Joan Sedlacek, Joyce Tesarek, Louise Wessinger.

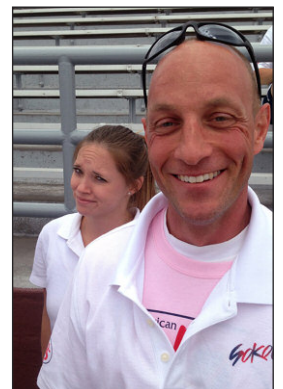
Folk Dance: Jason Brozovich, Dawn Bulera, Louise Wessinger

Sokol Minnesota applauds all its participants in the XXIV American Sokol *Slet* and Festival!

....and Minnesotans had lots of fun too!



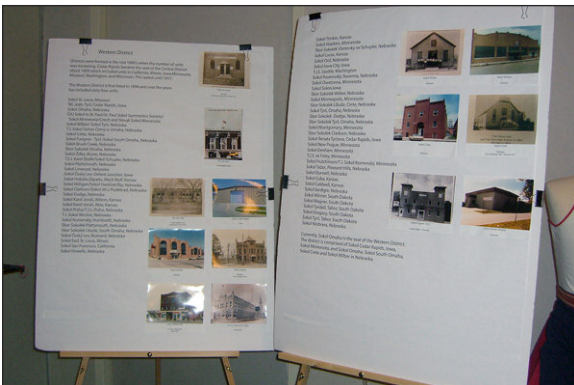
Left: At the banquet on Friday night at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Joan Sedlacek won first place in the Red-White-Blue Celebration Attire Contest with her flaming red hat and veil, white blazer, red shirt, and blue slacks. She also sported a red/white/blue ribbon boutonniere, signifying she was an American Sokol award winner (see story page 1). Before the dinner began, (L-R) Norm Petrik, Mary Cahill, Joan Sedlacek, and Jason Brozovich read through the 48-page XXIV *Slet* and Festival booklet.



Right: Coach Courtney Benson was not the only one who wondered why her fellow Minnesota Coach Matt Schussler had on three shirts. It was summer after all! Each event at the Closing Ceremonies had a different shirt. Since there often was not much time to change between performances (plus how was he supposed to carry around extra shirts), Matt layered up. Top white shirt: Opening Flag Ceremonies with Procession and the Senior 2 Cal; middle pink shirt: Tug-of-War; bottom white shirt: his own signature white shirt.

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Other Sokols signed their states as a way to display collectively who we are and where we come from. **7.** Closing Ceremony Folk Dancers: Louise Wessinger, Jason Brozovich, Dawn Bulera. **8.** Opening Ceremony: Young gymnasts in their tie-dyed shirt uniforms: (Back) Lily, Head Coach Courtney, Lauren, Anna, Julian, Ella, Claire, Charlotte, Isabelle, Emery, Mitchell, Coach Siri, Babette, Lydia, (Front) Lucy, Greta, Kylie, Ainsleigh. **9.** Closing Ceremony Folk Dance: The three Minnesota dancers are far right. **10.** Closing Ceremony Senior 2 Cal: Minnesota participants are in back on the 45, 47.5, and 50-yard lines, four deep.



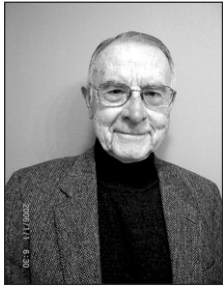
Special Sokol Exhibit at the XXIV American Sokol Slet and Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 22-25, 2017, at the official *Slet* hotel, the Clarion, displayed Western District memorabilia and history. Western District units are Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, Sokol Cedar Rapids, Sokol South Omaha, Sokol Omaha, Sokol Crete, and Sokol Wilber. Joan Sedlacek gathered items from all six American Sokol Western District units. Joan, with help from Minnesota Sokol member Marit Lee Kucera, arranged everything from unit flags standing in front of a huge red-white-blue Sokol flag, uniforms dating from 1889 to current models, gymnastic and athletic equipment to cases of medals, trophies, recognition award plaques, huge picture frames filled with photos of unit members and memorable activities, story boards with the historical names of all Western Sokol units and the pictures of 14 old Halls. One of the prized frames was filled with pictures from several early 20th century *Slets* and contained a photo of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk (first president of Czechoslovakia) on his horse. Another amazing memento was a plaque (not pictured), found several blocks away from the Sokol Cedar Rapids Hall in layers of mud after the flood in 2008 and was returned to the hall.

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The Emperor and the Peasant: Two Men at the Start of the Great War and the End of the Habsburg Empire

by Kenneth Janda

Kenneth Janda, Sokol Minnesota member and Payson S. Wild Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, is the author of *The Emperor and the Peasant: Two Men at the Start of the Great War and the End of the Habsburg Empire*, to be published this fall by McFarland & Company.



Janda's book relates the history of World War I in terms of the distended, decaying, yet fascinating Austro-Hungarian Empire. Whereas most books on World War I concentrate on the Western Front, *The Emperor and the Peasant* focuses on the several fronts in the war's Eastern Theater.

The emperor is Austria-Hungary's Franz Joseph; the peasant is Janda's wife Ann's grandfather, Samuel Mozolák. The emperor started the war to avenge the June 28, 1914, assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, shelling Serbia on July 28. The Slovak peasant was one among millions of Franz Joseph's subjects who fought the war for him.

In 1902, at age 20, Samuel Mozolák emigrated from Krajné, a village in western Slovakia, to New York, intending to make money and return home. In 1905, he married a Slovak woman immigrant from a nearby village. In January 1906, she gave birth to boy-girl twins, which hampered their ability to earn money. Sam and his wife took the twins to Slovakia to be raised by their grandmother, then returned to work in New York. Seven years later, they went back to Krajné a month before the Archduke's assassination in Sarajevo. Conscripted into the emperor's army, Sam fought on multiple fronts, was wounded multiple times, won an award for bravery, and died in Italy in the Battle of the Piave River, just weeks before the Armistice.

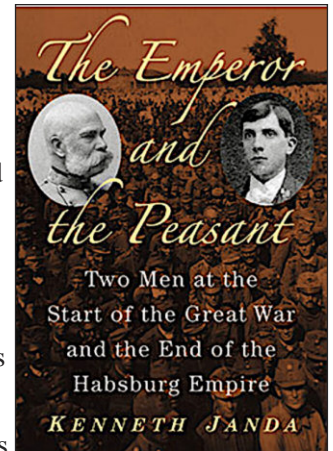
The life experiences of these two men are intertwined in alternating chapters. The odd-numbered chapters deal with the emperor, his Habsburg empire, and battles on the Serbian,

Russian, Romanian, and Italian Fronts. They interpret the Great War through the backgrounds and actions of Emperor Franz Joseph and his contemporaries, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Nicolas II.

The even-number chapters tell about peasants in the war and about Austria-Hungary's struggles to govern its eleven nationalities, seven of which were Slavic. Hundreds of thousands of Slovaks in Magyar-dominated Hungary immigrated to America. Sam Mozolák's life provides the thread tying the empire's repression of its minorities to their ensuing emigration.

The text contains extensive excerpts from scholarly studies of the war, the empire, and immigrants' experiences during the first decades of the twentieth century. It also connects readers to events of the time through stories about the Habsburg Empire and the Great War as treated in novels, movies, operettas, and even opera. The text is enhanced with over sixty illustrations in the form of photos, maps, graphs, and newspaper headlines from the *New York Times* preceding and during the Great War. The book is both a readers' digest of writings on the era and a historical tour of the period.

Kenneth Janda taught at Northwestern University from 1961 to 2002. In 2009, Janda received the Frank J. Goodnow Award for distinguished service to the American Political Science Association and the profession. He has authored, co-authored, or edited a dozen books on computer methods of data analysis, the cross-national study of political parties, and American government and politics. Janda's co-authored college textbook, *The Challenge of Democracy: American Government in Global Politics*, is in its 14th edition. *The Emperor and the Peasant* is his first historical narrative. Janda and his wife Ann live in Roseville, Minnesota.



Sokol Minnesota Sweetened the Silent Auction Deal

Sokol Minnesota donated a basket with sugar cubes for the XXIV American Sokol *Slet* and Festival in Cedar Rapids in June. It fetched a sweet price too! Why sugar cubes? Here is the story. It is all Czech!

In 1840, Jakub Rad became the director of the sugar refinery in Dačice, Moravia. It supplied sugar to southwest Moravia, south and east Bohemia, and the Austrian borderland. Sugar was sold in inconvenient shapes such as loafs and hats. In order to use the sugar, it had to be chopped off the loaf using a knife, which was very dangerous.

One day in 1841, Mr. Rad's wife, Juliana, hurt her finger when she was cutting sugar from the block to use in her cooking. She suggested that Mr. Rad find a way to eliminate the need to cut sugar using a knife. She proposed that sugar could be formed into small cubes that would be easy to count and stack.

Mr. Rad surprised his wife later that year with her own box of 350 small red and white sugar cubes. He created a press to begin the manufacture of sugar cubes. In 1843, the refinery in Dačice began to manufacture sugar cubes on a large scale. An advanced form of Rad's invention is used to create sugar cubes at refineries around the world today.

The Sokol Minnesota Silent Auction donation was made possible by Doris McKenney who donated silver sugar cube tongs, a basket, and a bag. Joan Sedlacek donated the crystal cream pitcher and dish, plus the tray. She colored sugar cubes with red food coloring. Doreen McKenney donated five of her happy birthday cards, which portray a lady dressed in lace serving tea; white glitter on the cubes on the card add sugary bling. The sugar cube story is told on the back of the cards, along with other sugarloaf trivia. Czech Honorary Consul M.L. Kucera donated a basket of four bottles of Moravian wine with red, white, and blue napkins and ribbons. The Silent Auction was in support of American Sokol.





2017 Cultural Day Camp 1. Gymnastics. 2. Making *chlebíčky*, open-faced sandwiches. 3. Camp farewell party with lemon/poppy seed cake. 4. Michaela Giancarlo-Kotek emphasized pronunciation and the special Czech alphabet characters on the first day. 5. Decorating a t-shirt shaped cake with a Czech flag design. 6. Beehive cookies, everyone's favorite. 7. Crafts: picture frame with mushrooms and hedgehogs, two favorite Czech motifs. 8. Camp Director Louise Wessinger read "Salt is Sweeter than Gold" (*Sůl nad zlato*). 9. Culture Camp Family photo. 10. Chefs Pat Randall and Ann Jans. 11. Camper Emma sewed her own felt hedgehog stuffed toy. 12. Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic M.L. Kucera told about the importance of 2018 to Czechs and Slovaks. 13. Campers visited the Czech Honorary Consul office. 14. Crafts: beehives from wood logs. 15. Crafts: plaque with poppy flowers and *Vítáme vás!* (welcome). 16. Doreen McKenney explained how she created the horse and rider for *Ride of the Kings* for Festival of Nations in May. 17. Dancing to live music played by Don Haselbauer on the piano. 18. Daily flag ceremony. 19. Kickball played outdoors. 20. Camp volunteer Kim Hruba helped Camper Kristina try on the King's headdress of flowers and ribbons.

The 20th Annual Czech and Slovak Cultural Day Camp started with a Sunday evening potluck supper on June 11. Dawn Pape, who was part of the West 7th Garden Tour the day before, presented a special puppet show about pollinators. We had 20 campers this year, not counting little Antonín (age two), who was a favorite of all the campers!

The 2017 camp theme was putting a *Czech or Slovak Twist* on ordinary things. On Monday, our twist was about bees and pollinators. Campers made beehives inspired by the hives at the Wallachian Village Open Air Museum in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm. The cooking classes made no-bake wasp nests cookies, a definite favorite of the week. We read the story *Salt is Greater than Gold*.

On Tuesday, we adorned wooden picture frames with mushrooms and hedgehogs. European gardeners love hedgehogs, which eat garden pests. We read the story *The Happy Hedgehog*. For lunch, campers ate *vomáčka*, a cream-based garden vegetable soup.

Wednesday brought poppies. We decorated plaques with crepe paper poppies with black button centers and inscribed with the greeting *Vitáme Vás* (welcome). The cooks baked yummy crown cakes with a swirl of poppy seed filling. We read a story about the Poppy Doll (*Maková panenka*) by Czech writer Václav Čtvrtek.

On Thursday, the campers made stamped greeting cards with a variety of camp-themed stamps. The kitchen prepared a pork *guláš* (goulash) made with hotdogs.

Friday was an extra special day. Campers learned about the historic Ride of the Kings, which dates back 200 years. Campers helped to decorate the life-size horse, created by Doreen McKenney, which was the focal point of our cultural

exhibit booth at the Festival of Nations in May. The real ride in Moravia ends with a party hosted by the Kings' family at his home. Our campers had their own party at the end of camp, which featured open-faced sandwiches (*obložené chlebičky*) they made in the morning.

We look forward to an extra special camp next year with all the Czech and Slovak anniversaries to celebrate. Our special guest, Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic, told us the exciting plans for 2018: 100 years since the founding of Czechoslovakia, 50 years since the Prague Spring, and 25 years since the separation into two countries, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

Camp would not be possible without our volunteer leaders and junior leaders. Very special thanks to all. Doreen McKenney planned and prepared all the craft and cooking activities. Joan Sedlacek kept Doreen's mother company at home, allowing Doreen to come to camp three days to lead the craft activities. We are grateful to Craft Leaders Kim Hrubá and Chloe Morse. Anne Jans and Pat Randall handled the many kitchen and cooking duties with additional help from Dawn Bulera. Anne taught cake decorating; Pat kept everything running smoothly in the kitchen. Martina Gurgel and Michaela Giancarlo Kotek taught Czech language in the morning and how to make hedgehog pillows and flowers in the afternoon. Martina also was photographer-in-chief. Don Haselbauer again this year played the piano for our singing and dancing, led by his cousin Louise Wessinger. Isabelle Callanan and Charlotte Marboe were our gymnastics instructors. Our hardworking Junior Leaders were Chloe Morse, Anna Hester, Kate Castillion, and Elisa Swartz. Thanks again to everyone for a successful Czech and Slovak Cultural Camp.

NEW MEMBERS

By Norm Petrik,
Membership Director

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota Board of Directors accepted to membership:

- on June 15: four new members: Richard and Sandy Palma, Prior Lake, with interest in dance; Theresa Schousek, Houlton, Wisconsin, with interests in cultural events and genealogy; Sandy Prochaska, Shakopee, with interests in dancing and language classes.
- on July 20: five new members: Sarah Wilson, Saint Paul, who speaks Slovak; Julie Bifano and Scott Stasney, Montgomery, with interests in cultural events, dinners, dances, genealogy, festivals, and cooking; Barusca Kucova and Thad Carlson, Eagan, with interests in language, cooking, history/genealogy, and various events.

Sokol Minnesota Member News

Sokol Minnesota offers condolences to the family of our member **Robert Tuma**, Lonsdale, born on November 13, 1940, during the infamous Armistice Day blizzard, and passed away July 7, 2017.

He is survived by his wife Claudia, two sons Robert M. (Angela) and Michael, daughter Mary Ann (Christopher), and three granddaughters.

His many accomplishments included living his entire life and farming the family farm, serving as a New Prague School Board member and Rice County Commissioner.

Most recently, he was a member of the board of *Domáci*, Inc. He was particularly proud of his Bohemian heritage; his entire family enjoyed a trip to the Czech Republic in October 2016.

Cinnamon Whaley, Sokol Minnesota member, won first place in a fundraising effort for the Trylon Cinema in Minneapolis, which is remodeling to improve accessibility, install a new screen, and expand from 50 to 100 seats.

Trylon offered an all-night horror film fest on May 19. The 50 seats sold out in a matter of days. With help from many friends, Cinnamon solicited over \$1,000 in donations for the expansion project. She received a hooded sweatshirt, movie passes, and a big round of applause for her effort. In total, the horror fest fundraiser raised over \$4,000.

More than half the audience stayed until the end of the film marathon, which wrapped up at about 6:30 a.m. the next morning. Coffee and donuts were provided between films, and the popcorn machine ran all night. Five films were screened; the final film, *Dawn of the Dead*, was a perfect ending to a this overnight event.

Sokol Minnesota partnered with Trylon in 2015 and 2016 to sponsor Czech films. Barry Kyrshka, Trylon manager, has learned that there are plans to bring 30 classic Czech films to the United States. He is working to screen some of these at the Trylon Cinema in 2018 when Czechs and Slovaks celebrate the centennial of the birth of Czechoslovakia. Go to <www.trylon.org> for information on Trylon's remodel and upcoming films.



Martin Kořinek and Klára Tlačbavová, two veterinary students from the Czech Republic, spent July at the *Minnehaha Animal Hospital, the *Pet Doctors Animal Clinic, and the Blue Cross Animal Hospital in Minneapolis. They enjoyed visiting Minnehaha Falls with Dr. Joyce Tesarek (middle), who was pleased to have the Czech students intern at her *two clinics.



Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities Memorial Day Retreat

The Czech & Slovak School families spent Memorial Day weekend at the Sokol Camp in Pine City. Representatives from 16 families came, which included 48 people and one dog. The weather was just right for camping, roasting hot dogs, singing around the bonfire, crossing the lake on the paddleboat, going on walks, and playing soccer. We all enjoyed *guláš* (goulash), shared stories and plans for going overseas, and discussed speaking Czech or Slovak in our own homes. We know how much we have in common and are grateful for this annual outing opportunity. See you next year!

MEMBER NEWS



Czech Area Concertina Club played an outdoor concert in River Falls, Wisconsin, on July 12. Sokol Member Arnie Ziskovsky (kneeling left) was drummer and vocalist. Sokol member and Czech Honorary Consul M.L. Kucera stood to the right of Jerry Minar, America's pre-eminent concertina authority, who continues the tradition of building Chemnitzer Hengel Concertinas. Each concertina takes about 240 hours to make. The Club is 240 members strong and meets second Tuesdays at the Park Ballroom Club Room, New Prague. <www.concertinaclub.org>

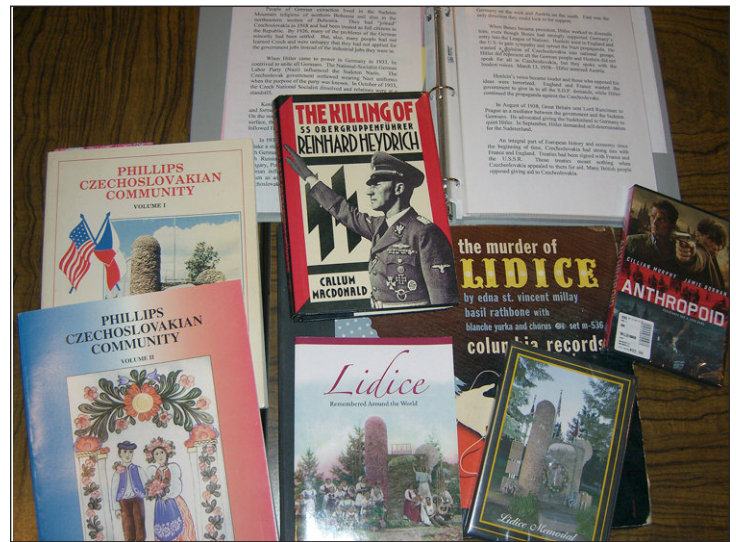
For her devotion and contribution to the **Český Terrier**, **Katherine Eckstrom**, long-time *Slovo* subscriber, received a quilt made for her by *Klub chovatelů českých teriérů*, the **Český Terrier** Breeders Club in the Czech Republic. Katherine has been an honorary member for over 26 years.



This was the first time in 27 years that she missed the annual club gathering in the Czech Republic. The dogs pictured in the quilt belong to different club members. The dog in the center is Katherine's champion dog, known affectionately as Chester, but officially named *Chlap Lovu Zdar*. He was bred by the originator of the breed Mr. František Horák and became the most winning **Český Terrier** in the world. Visit <ceskyterrierusa.com> for more information.



Hana Matousek demonstrated the proper procedure for making bread dumplings to Lorraine Olson, Judy Aubrecht, and Rick Hellebrant, three of the participants at the May 13 class at C.S.P.S. Hall.



At the SOKOL PRESENTS meeting on May 19, Joan Sedlacek discussed *Remembering Lidice: 75 Years Later*. June 10, 1942, was the day the village of Lidice, just north of Prague, was obliterated by the Nazis. Over 340 innocent victims were massacred. But the memory of Lidice lives on, worldwide.



MEMBER NEWS

Sokol Minnesota member Jennifer Aubrecht graduated from the University of California, Riverside, on June 20 with a Ph.D. in critical dance studies. Her dissertation focused on the cultural assimilation of yoga in modern dance in the United States. Jen was a long-time member of the Sokol Minnesota's *Taneční Mládež*, and she also danced with the adult dancers. Following graduation, Jen, her sister Kate, and their parents, Tom and Judy, took a driving trip to Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe to enjoy beautiful scenery and hiking. Jen is currently looking for work; she plans to continue living in the Los Angeles area.



At the opening on June 2 of *Twists and Turns: The Story of Sokol*, at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were Allison Gerber, Western District president; Stefanie Kohn, NCSML curator; Sokol Minnesota members M.L. Kucera and Joan Sedlacek. Joan was instrumental in helping the museum find items for the exhibit. Sokol Minnesota lent several pieces of gym equipment, including rings and a pommel horse. The exhibit runs through December 31st.



Several Sokol Minnesota well-wishers attended the special launch party for Louise and Chuck Wessinger's son John Wessinger's first book. *RIDE THE WAVE: How To Embrace Change And Create A Powerful New Relationship With Risk*, on June 7 at the Calhoun Beach Club in Minneapolis. Front: Megan Cahill holding her nephew, Joyce Tesarek, Lizzie Vangh. Back: Katie Haselbauer, Chuck Wessinger, Don Haselbauer, Louise Wessinger, John Wessinger, Alex Cho, Colleen Cahill, and Cinnamon Whaley.

2017 Festival of Nations

By Doreen McKenney, Joyce Tesarek, and Louise Wessinger

The Festival of Nations, hosted by the International Institute of Minnesota, brought together 90 countries under one roof at the RiverCentre in Saint Paul, May 4-7. This year's theme was *Rituals and Celebrations*. Sokol Minnesota's cultural exhibit chair, Doreen McKenney, chose to highlight the Ride of the Kings (*Jízda králů*) ceremony that dates back more than 200 years in the village of Vlčnov. Located in the Slovácko region of southeastern Moravia, the Ride of the Kings celebration takes place each spring.

The booth's main props were a life-size horse and small tree, constructed using recycled materials from cardboard boxes and tubes, bubble wrap, and paper bags. Horse, tree, and decorations adorning the horse and the rider were handmade by Doreen using crepe paper, sequins, and flowers. Students were encouraged to write their favorite cultural ritual or celebration on a colorful crepe paper streamer, which was then hung from the branches. If you missed seeing the horse and rider in May, it will be available to view at the Czech and Slovak Fall Festival on September 24 at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Ride of the Kings legend: According to various tales of handed-down history, King George of Poděbrady from Bohemia defeated his son-in-law, Hungarian King Matthias Corvinus, in the Bohemian-Hungarian war in 1469. To stay clear of being recognized or captured, Corvinus fled in disguise, dressed in peasant women's clothing with his face covered in ribbons while holding a rose in his mouth preventing him from speaking.

This grand and formal folk ritual has been preserved in the towns of Hluk and Kunovice and the villages of Skoronice and Vlčnov. Prior to 1939, Ride of the Kings was held in nearly every village in the Slovácko region. The colors, patterns, and shapes of the decorations adorning the horses are characteristic to each individual town and village. The Ride of the Kings is registered in the list of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

Each year a young boy from the village between the ages of 10 to 15 is selected to portray the King. The King, dressed as a woman, rides a decorated white horse in a ceremonial procession. Pageboys, also dressed in women's clothing, ride alongside the King.

The ceremony also observes the village ritual rite of passage initiating eighteen-year-old young men into adulthood. Riding adorned horses and wearing regional folk dress, the young men serve in a royal entourage guarding the King as they ride through the entire village. Each of the young men serves in the royal entourage just once in his life. Chanters also ride in the procession and play to the crowds by shouting out witty remarks in hopes to collect money for their jokes and puns. Women of all ages, who are related to the young men in the procession, make the ceremonial folk costumes plus the paper decorations for the horses.

Ride of Kings Cultural Exhibit

volunteers: Doreen McKenney, chair, with Don Andrlé, Pat Andrlé, Judy Aubrecht, Tom Aubrecht, Blanka Brichta, Mary Carson, Mark Dillon, Betty Erlandson, Jean Hall, Anne and Andy Jans with Alenka and Wyatt,

Marit Lee Kucera, Terry Pulkrabek, Rod Secora, Joan Sedlacek, Louise Wessinger, Deb Ziskovsky and Arnie Ziskovsky with the Czech Heritage Junior Royalty Ambassador Sylvia Lemke and Little Ambassadors Aria Beaudin, Ruby Nassal, Kristin Siebsen, Ashlyn Simon.

Czech and Slovak Café volunteers: Jason Brozovich, Dawn Bulera, and Joyce Tesarek, co-chairs, with Don Andrlé, Pat Andrlé, Judy Aubrecht, Tom Aubrecht, Julie Bifano, Wendy Bednar, Mary Cahill, Megan Cahill, Mary Jo Chlebeck, Patti Christi, Cynthia Coulter, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Shannon Duffy, Betty Erlandson, Roger Green, Jean Hall, Julian Harris, Don Haselbauer, Katie Haselbauer, Marlene Hinshaw, Carol Horak, Jake Jacobson, Ann Janda, Ken Janda, Darla Kolb, Jyni Koschak, Bob Kostichka, Pam Langworthy, Sharon Liska, Dave Martin, Sue Martin, Hana Matousek, Doreen McKenney, James Narr, Norm Petrik, Terry Pulkrabek, Marketa Resong, Richard Sargent, Teresa Spaight, Jitka Sebek with Sally and Thomas, Joan Sedlacek, Ted Skluzacek, Dave Stepan, Denise Stibal, Amanda Tesarek, John Tesarek, Penny Tesarek, Tom Tesarek, John Topic, Eileen Vavrina, Ellen Vavrina, Dave Wanless, Matt Bulera Weathers, Louise Wessinger, Alena Youngberg, Kristin Zinsmaster.

Performers: Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers performed both on the World and the Atrium stages, Louise Wessinger, director: Judy and Tom Aubrecht, Diane Bell, Dawn Bulera and Chuck Draheim, Megan Cahill and Jason Brozovich, Lenka Hester and Dave Cammack, Roberta Chandler and Michael Gonsowski, Pam Langworthy and Richard Sargent, Sue and Dave Martin, Emma Martin and James Metcalf, Judy Metcalf, Teresa Pojar and John Topic, Louise Wessinger and David Stepan.

Sokol Minnesota *Taneční Mládež* Dancers and Teens, Louise Wessinger, director: Anna and Izzy Bracknell, Adela and Petra Bragg, Tannah and Zephyr Bulera, Isabella Carlson, Isabel and Lucien Espinosa, Ellen Ferry, Yazmine Gerges, Kristina Gurgel, Julian Harris, Anna Hester, Kelley and Seanna Kluzak, Juna and Leo Krikava, Chloe and Marius Morse, Everett Paylor, Adela and Liliana Peterson, Sylvia Pulkrabek, Matthew Resong, Sara Rosenthal, Sofia Scholtz, Sally Sebek, Isabella Spiess, Erik, Everett, Eva, and Elisa Swartz, Sophia Wenberg, Elsa Youngberg.

Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers also performed both on the World and the Atrium stages: Don Pafko, director, with with Kristin Chepp, Aelia Baudouin, Lara Ciganko, Roman Fiam, Emily Fiam, Vladia Gregorski, Paul Knuth, and Silvia Magana.





2017 Festival of Nations



1. (Left) Festival of Nations Food Court at River Center, Saint Paul. Czech and Slovak Café is on the far left.
 2. Sokol Minnesota *Taneční Mládež* Dancers, directed by Louise Wessinger, performed on the World Stage.
 3 and 4. Czech and Slovak Cultural Booth featured *Ride of the Kings* with the interactive tree for Festival goers to write their favorite holiday on crepe paper ribbons which were taped to the tree. Doreen McKenney created the horse, rider, and tree. This booth was one of the Festival favorites.
 5. *Chlebičky* and all the makings, kept on ice, for the open-faced Czech sandwiches, sold in the Café.
 6. Behind the scenes of the Café during set-up for the Festival of Nations: volunteer extraordinaire Joan Sedlacek, Café Chairs Jason Brozovich and Dawn Bulera, and Czech-Slovak Festival Chair Joyce Tesarek.

Silent Auction and Affordable Treasure Items Needed for C-S Festival in September

September 24 will be here before we know it!

Our Silent Auction is a popular part of our annual fall Czech and Slovak Festival.

If you have special items, tickets to events, or gift cards to donate, please bring them to the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Items may be left in the first floor classroom or in the closet on the second floor. Please mark them for Silent Auction and Affordable Treasures.

If you would like to have a donation receipt, please include your name and address so it can be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please call Silent Auction Chair Glynis Grostephan at 612-724-0923 or Louise Wessinger at 651-452-6240.

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UPCOMING EVENTS of INTEREST

August 6, Sunday, *Ruski Den Picnic*, 1 to 5 p.m. Karen and Tom Varian's, 1817 121st Avenue NE, Blaine. Potluck or \$7 donation. Children free. Rain or Shine. Please RSVP by email: <RusinMN@aol.com> or phone at 763-242-4898.

August 11 to 13, Twin Cities Polish Festival, outdoors at 43 Main Street SE, Minneapolis. Czechs and Slovaks are heartily invited to attend the second weekend of August. Admission is free. Visit <www.TCPolishFestival.org> for more information.

August 13, Sunday, 26th Annual Czech Heritage Festival, Bechyn, Minnesota. 10 a.m. polka mass; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. pork dinner; afternoon entertainment with music, "Voices of Vision" special exhibit from the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, children's games, beer garden, quilt raffle, farmers market, and more. Info: 350-522-1218. <www.BechynCzechFest.org>

September 23, 1 p.m., Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM) Guest Speaker Series: Victor Cordella -*An Architect for All*.

Holy Cross Church, 1621 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis 55413. Wisconsin historian Geoffrey Gyrisco talks about the 12 Minnesota churches designed by Polish-born architect Victor Cordella (1872-1937) of Minneapolis. Meet-the-Speaker reception afterward.

September 29, Friday evening, and September 30, Saturday, 7th Annual Taste of Northeast,

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 17th and 5th Street NE, Minneapolis. Visit the Rusin Association's display in the lower level of the parish center.

October 17 to 21, Tuesday to Saturday, 16th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Genealogical/Cultural Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, International Airport. Conference theme is *Industry and Our Immigrant Ancestors*. <www.cgsievents.com>

Late June 2018, International Sokol Slet in Prague.

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May Board of Directors Meeting Highlights By Denise Stibal, Recording Secretary

The Sokol Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on May 18 at 7 p.m. Happy Birthday wishes to "Madam President" Judy Aubrecht! Ed Hamernik reported on the emergency fire escape stairs, which are installed and ready for painting. Our next projects are to replace the shed and to install covers on the air conditioners. We also need to inspect our water heater and work on installation of WiFi on the first floor. We will need to meet with the restaurant to work on repair of the sump pump. Ed also distributed a detailed report of the Gaming Budget.

BOD has decided to pick one major topic for the next three meetings. May was devoted to discussing finance. Joyce Tesarek led a brainstorming session on resources for finding grants in order to help with repairs to the building. We also discussed a review of the Capital Campaign. Our topic for June will focus on publicity.

Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

By Elizabeth Kaliska, Corresponding Secretary

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

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Slovo Fund: under \$99: Joseph Kocab

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Slovo Fund: \$10.00

Correction: In the June/July issue of *Slovo*, Darlene Sitko was listed as Doreen Sitko. Our apologies to Darlene. Sokol Minnesota again thanks Darlene for her generous donations.

Get well cards were sent to George Chlebecek and Chuck Draheim. Flowers were sent to Don Pafko following his surgery. Sunshine Chair Arlene Hamernik delivered the flowers from Sokol for Kent Hinshaw's memorial service at the Hall on March 25.

Painting will begin on the interior of the C.S.P.S. Hall in August.

Recent profitable events include the Festival of Nations (\$4,300) and Battle of the Bands (\$2,887).

Denise Stibal distributed a flyer from the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM). Discussion was held on potentially planning joint events in 2018, since it is the 100th anniversary for Czech and Slovak, as well as Polish independence.

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