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2019 May 2 - 5
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UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

June/July Slovo Due Date
 May 1

Festival of Nations
 May 2 to 5

Board of Trustees
 May 8, 7 p.m.

Literary Ventures
 May 11, 10 a.m.

Board of Directors
 May 16, 7 p.m.

BOT Spring Cleanup
 May 18, 8 a.m.

Attend or Volunteer at the 2019 Festival of Nations

If you volunteer with us at the Festival of Nations,
 you will get a **FREE** admission ticket!

Sample delicious Czech and Slovak ethnic dishes in the Café:

Hot dogs (*párky*); pork burgers (*vepřový karbanátek s houskou*); sausage (*jitrnice*);
 open-faced sandwiches (*chlebičky*); potato salad, liver pâté, and radish;
 dumpling/bacon/cabbage hotdish (*halušky*); fresh homemade sauerkraut (*zelí*);
 fried cheese sticks (*vyprážený syr*); cream roll (*kremrole*); Linzer cookies;
 kolache (*koláče*): apricot, cream cheese, poppy seed, prune, and raspberry.

Czech and Slovak Cultural Exhibit Booth: *Christmas Traditions*

Volunteers are needed in the Café!

To volunteer, you can sign up on our website
www.sokolmn.org or call Jean at 651-433-2008.

Come see lively folk dance and music performances on the Main Stage (M) and Atrium (A).

- *Taneční Mládež* (Children): Saturday 12:00 (M)
- *Taneční Teens*: Friday 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (M), Saturday 1 p.m. (M)
 - Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers:
 Friday 6 and 7 p.m. (M) and 8:30 p.m. (A), Sunday 4 p.m. (M)
 - Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers: Friday 6 p.m. (M),
 Saturday 3 p.m. (M) and 7 p.m. (A)
- Saint Paul South Bohemian Bagpipe Ensemble: Friday 8 p.m. (A)

SAVE THE DATE! The *Czech That Film* festival is June 7 to 9.

Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes by Dave Stepan Pozdrav!

By now the Flavors of Slovakia Dinner is history. Thank you to all of the hands that volunteered at this annual event. At the dinner, Brother John Palka spoke of the 75th anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising. A one-day conference on the uprising, organized by the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI), will be held at the C.S.P.S. Hall this August. Brother Mark Dillon spoke on behalf of CGSI of the Slovak hero Milan Stefanik, a founding member of the Czechoslovak National Council and Minister of War in WWI for Czechoslovakia. The anniversary of his death on May 4 is a national holiday in the Slovak Republic; the 100th anniversary is this year.



I refer here to 'brothers' because at the last Board of Directors meeting I was reminded that, historically, when speaking of a member, you refer to them as a 'brother' or 'sister.' Did I really become 'father' to a very large family?

Working with other organizations make us all stronger. Our Sokol, founded in 1882, is located in the C.S.P.S. Hall, which is more than a building; it is, and has been, the home for immigrants for over 132 years. We have a unique ability to bring people and organizations together by sharing our Sokol building.

But like any old building, we must take care of it. This spring the tuckpointing work and parapet repair begins on the north side of the building. I thank all of you who have donated to help pay for this work. You are helping to ensure that the next Czech and Slovak generation will have a Hall that they can call home. We could still use a few more members to support us on this project.

We are not looking for ways to spend more money, but we are having a structural analysis done of our Hall. This is being done to help us prioritize where we need to put our resources. Thanks to the Board of Trustees, but especially Ed Hamernik, in getting this work going.

You are members of an organization where your committed participation makes my position as president possible. Trying to stay ahead of all the activities going on at the Hall is a challenge. Here are some upcoming events:

May 3-5: The Festival of Nations at the Saint Paul RiverCentre.

May 18: Spring cleanup. Please help us; the Hall (like my house) has a habit of collecting "stuff." My house needs some serious decluttering, and so does the Hall.

Nazdar!

Attend and Volunteer at the 2019 Festival of Nations

The 87th Festival of Nations will take place from Thursday, May 2, to Sunday, May 5, at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Each year, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota represents the Czechs and Slovaks, joining over 100 ethnic groups to introduce thousands of visitors to ethnic food, music and dance, cultural exhibits, shopping in the Bazaar, and colorful folk dress from around the world. The Festival is organized by the International Institute of Minnesota. For more information: www.festivalofnations.com and iimn.org

Besides offering great food in our Czech and Slovak Café booth, we again will have a cultural display in the Exhibit area. As you can imagine, preparing for and covering four days of the Festival Café and Cultural Exhibit requires literally hundreds of volunteers. It is great fun and we would love your help. Once again, we have free tickets for all of our volunteers.

To volunteer for Wednesday set up, contact festival@sokolmn.org.

If you'd like to volunteer for a shift at the Café kitchen or counter, or if you would like to assist with Sunday evening takedown, you can sign up at sokolmn.org or tinyurl.com/FON2019CSCafeSignUp. Or, you can call Jean at 651-433-2008.

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota provides fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs for children, teens, and adults. Information on our programs, calendar of events, membership, C.S.P.S. Hall rentals, and gift shop, plus E-Addresses for our board, program directors, volunteer staff, and the Czech Honorary Consul, as well as *Slovo* past issues, are available at www.sokolmn.org or www.facebook.com/sokolminnesota

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Easter, Lindens, and Spring

by Jitka Sebek

Easter in Czech and Slovak homes means a religious celebration or reassurance that spring is back with its vivid colors, budding fruit trees, and new life everywhere we look. If you joined us for the family Easter celebration at the C.S.P.S. Hall on Saturday, April 20, you were welcomed by chatting people, a rainbow of crafting activities, willow branches, ribbons, dyed eggs, and running children. The air was bursting with spring energy and the anticipation of sunny days spent mostly outdoors.

This Easter, we had a dual celebration of coming back to life as well as honoring our Trees of Freedom. Our newest linden tree, a *Tilia cordata*, was planted at the C.S.P.S. Hall in September 2018, just in time for the Czech and Slovak Festival. It is one of the many lindens around the world planted to celebrate 100th anniversary of Czechoslovakia's founding. Our two Sokol Minnesota linden trees are being commemorated this year with a plaque celebrating Czech and Slovak people who have been seeking and promoting global democracy.

Czechs and Slovaks long ago chose the linden as their national tree for many sweet reasons: its soft wood suitable to woodcarving, its delicious herbal properties, its grounding function during storms, and as a source of pollen for much appreciated honey bees. Linden trees have been admired especially for their longevity and thus protected from cutting down. In village centers, they were accompanied by a bench where people rested and talked after their daily labor. Those returning from wars or apprenticeships in Austria or Hungary would recognize the tree from a far distance; they would speed up their stride to be back home and to share stories with their compatriots.

Throughout the history of both countries, many people traveled dreaming about their returns and picturing the silhouette of their hometown with lindens rising above the rooftops. Were Antonín Dvořák, Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, or Milan Štefánik among them? Many others, like Jan Ámos Komenský, were forced to leave their beloved home and resettle in a country that granted them either political or religious freedom. It is then easy to imagine their longing for home when they heard *My Homeland* by Bedřich Smetana. Can you picture the lindens in his music? Does it also make you think of our Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers' music?

Lindens have a special place in the hearts of many European cultures. In addition to Czechs and Slovaks, lindens are much loved by Poles, Croatians, and Slovenians as symbols of victory and freedom.

We have our lindens in this country as well, including our two lindens at the Hall, our new home. The plaque will remind us of where we can keep returning, and of our unfinished quest in protecting freedom wherever we, Czech- and Slovak-Americans, are.

To learn more about the 7,000 plus new and historic Czech and Slovak linden trees that have been recognized around the world over the past year, including eight in the United States, as well as the tree's cultural importance since early Slavic times, visit stromysvody.cz, treeoftheyear.org/results, and legendofthelinden.com

**This Linden *Tree of Liberty*,
planted in autumn 2018,
honors a century of
perseverance by Czechs
and Slovaks to build
freedom in our homelands
and worldwide.**

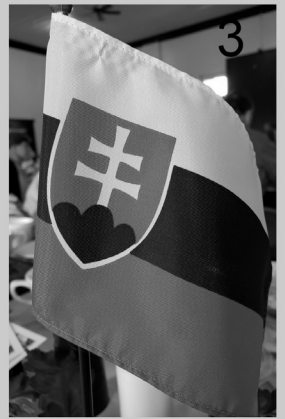
Linden *Tree of Liberty* plaque

Children's Cultural Day Camp Registration is Open

**By Louise Wessinger and Judy
Aubrecht, co-directors**

The theme for our annual children's cultural day camp will be *Art Through the Centuries and Sports*, including various artists and popular Czech and Slovak sports, like hockey, soccer, tennis, and skiing. The 22nd Annual Czech and Slovak Children's Cultural Day Camp will take place from Monday, June 17, to Friday, June 21. Camp will start at 8:30 a.m. this year and finish at 3:30 p.m. The longer camp day will allow more time for activities and for practicing our new, all-camp play.

If you like a bargain, be sure to register your campers by May 16 to qualify for the early-bird, reduced camp rate. All registration materials must be received by June 7. Camp registration forms are available for download at www.sokolmn.org. We look forward to seeing campers and families from previous years, and to welcoming new campers. It will be a lively week that will include activities such as gymnastics, language, cooking, crafts, and the new, all-camp play. See you in June at camp!



Flavors of Slovakia dinner photos:

1. Mary Cahill, Katie Haselbauer, Cinnamon Whaley. 2. The dinner. 3. Slovak Republic Flag. 4. Chuck Draheim, Michaela Giancarlo Kotek. 5. Mary Jo Chlebecek, Lucas DeBono, Austin Palma. 6. Wine selection. 7. Balcony view. 8. All ages attend. 9. Dancers Dave and Darnell Stepan, Richard Sargent and Pam Langworthy, John Topic and Teresa Pojar, David Cammack and Lenka Hester. Not pictured: Rick Palma and Sandy Prochaska. 10. John Palka.

2019 Flavors of Slovakia Dinner

By Joyce Tesarek

One of Sokol Minnesota's favorite annual events is our Flavors of Slovakia dinner, featuring the special *halušky* (dumpling/bacon/cabbage casserole), cabbage rolls, potato and cheese *pirohy*, pickled beets, green beans, and delicious caraway rye bread. Of course, we had beer and wine available to round out the meal. We sold 160 meals and made \$1,872 for Sokol Minnesota programs and the C.S.P.S. Hall.

In recent years, we have added a short program to enhance the afternoon. Emcee Denis Novak introduced Sokol Minnesota president Dave Stepan, who welcomed our guests and talked of upcoming Sokol Minnesota events. Sokol members Mark Dillon, Cheryl Nelson, and John Palka represented the Slovak community and introduced some upcoming events, notably the conference on the Slovak National Uprising that will be held on August 25th at the Hall. Honorary Czech Consul Marit Lee Kucera talked about the Minneapolis Saint Paul International Film Festival, April 4-20. Louise Wessinger introduced performers from the Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers, who closed the program with their colorful folk costumes and lively dancing.

Perhaps what I enjoy most about our dinners is both spending this time with long-time friends and sharing the event with new people who have new energy and ideas. Sokol always welcomes new guests at our dinners, as well as new volunteers to help with all parts of our events. Be sure to look for our upcoming events, and mark next March for our 2020 Flavors of Slovakia Dinner.

Co-chairs Joyce Tesarek, Joan Sedlacek, Arlene Hamernik, and Glynis Grostephan give special thanks to all our volunteers who made this event possible:

Don Andrlle, Pat Andrlle, Judy Aubrecht, Tom Aubrecht, Rosemary Baisden, Mary Cahill, Megan Cahill, Bobby Jo Chandler, Jim Chlebecek, Mary Jo Chlebecek, Lucas Debono, Mark Dillon, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Roger Green, Ed Hamernik, Don Haselbauer, Katie Haselbauer, Ann Janda, Ken Janda, Marit Lee Kucera, Doreen McKenney, Aidan Neher, Cheryl Nelson Theuninck, Denis Novak, Austin Palma, Lucy Rose, Darnell Stepan, Dave Stepan, Denise Stibal, Amanda Tesarek, Louise Wessinger, Cinnamon Whaley.

Hats Off to Doreen McKenney

by Louise Wessinger

The *Taneční Mládež* and *Taneční Teen* dancers and families take our hats off to Doreen. On March 16, while the dancers were practicing, Doreen led a team of



Newly decorated and refurbished dancers' hats

moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, and aunties to decorate the boys' new hats and refurbish existing hats worn while performing in *kroje*. Flowers, feathers, and ribbons were added to make the hats show our pride in our beautiful Czech and Slovak heritage. Helping with the glue guns were Denisa Acs, Mario Espinosa, John Topic and his grandson J.P. Kramer, Teresa Pojar and her sister Mary Rheume, and Marketa Uhlirova. Many thanks to Doreen for lending her artistic talent to improving our *kroje*. Last year Doreen helped refurbish our girls' flowered headbands and wreaths.

Sokol Minnesota Welcomes New Members

by Norm Petrik

Seven individuals were accepted to membership in Sokol Minnesota at the March 21 Board of Directors meeting: Kathleen Donahue; Allyson Grym from Eagan, with interests in music, dinners, language, history, and cooking; Jennifer Mason from Saint Paul; Corrine Miller from Saint Paul with interests in cultural events, music, theater and childrens dances; Michelle Nowaczewski; Matthew Schussler; and Mendee Tarnowski from Maplewood, who has interests in cultural events, language, history, genealogy, and cooking. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota! Look for our *Slovo* newsletter with information about our many events.

Saturday May 4, 2019

Czech May Day

Raising of the May Pole

Noon - 5:00 p.m. **Stavění Májky**

Corner of Vine and First (Main) Street, Montgomery

- ✦ Raising of the traditional Czech May Pole
- ✦ Music Czech Area Concertina Club
- ✦ Ribbon dance around May Pole with Dale Ruhland
- ✦ Czech Beer
- ✦ Authentic Czech Cuisine
 - + Chicken paprikash with dumplings
 - + Pork, dumplings and sauerkraut
- ✦ Bake Sale
 - + Kolacky
 - + Poppy seed buchta
 - + Zelniky
 - + Bread
 - + Jitrnice sandwich
 - + Hot Dog {parek v rohlíku}
- ✦
 - + Face painting
 - + Classic car roll in
 - + Wagon ride

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Questions or for more information contact: Carol Kotasek - 612 756 1054 or Jim Mladek - 507 364 5659

Join Us for the 2019 Sokolfest in New York!



See ALL the Details Here:

[www.sokolusa.org/
Sokolfest_2019_menu.html](http://www.sokolusa.org/Sokolfest_2019_menu.html)

SOKOLFEST 2019: XXVIII Sokol USA Slet, June 26-30, Buffalo, NY

Sweet Home High School will host the Volleyball Tournament and Fitness Challenge in the gym, and Slet performances in the stadium field. sweethomeschools.org

AAU Sanctioned Gymnastics Competitions will be at Greater Buffalo Gymnastics. www.greaterbuffalogymnastics.com

To learn the Senior Calisthenic 2 for the Saturday, June 29 Slet performance. fitness@sokolmn.org

Make your hotel reservations at the Slet headquarters Buffalo Marriott Niagara. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bufny-buffalo-marriott-niagara

Update on Sokol USA Sokolfest 2019 XXXVIII Slet

By Mary Cahill

Four Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota members have committed to learning the Senior Cal 2 Calisthenics number and will perform at the upcoming *Slet* on Saturday, June 29 in Buffalo, New York. It is not too late to join us. You will enjoy a fun, low-impact workout. Our remaining scheduled practice times are May 12, June 2, and June 9, all from 1-3 p.m. at the C.S.P.S. Hall. Depending on our progress, we may add a couple of more practice times in June.

The Sokolfest, which takes place from June 26-30, has a balanced schedule of competition, social events, and sightseeing, at very affordable prices. For more information, visit the event's website www.sokolusa.org/sokolfest_2019_menu.html or send an email to fitness@sokolmn.org

89th Annual Sokol Camp Booya Picnic

by Kari and Scott Muyres

Come one, come all to the 89th annual Sokol Camp Booya Picnic on Sunday, August 11, from noon until 5 p.m. Rain or shine, the picnic is held each year at the Sokol Camp in Pine City, which is located on the northeast corner of Cross Lake. We feature live entertainment, including the Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers, folk singer Dave Carlson, and a concertina musician. Come hungry, because we are serving piping hot *Booya*, homemade cabbage rolls, meatloaf, *jitrnice*, and a wide assortment of *koláče*!

We are in *desperate* need of volunteers the weekend before the picnic (August 3 and 4) to help set up tents, tables, and benches. If you are interested and available, please consider volunteering your time and talents. Contact Scott or Kari Muyres at 612-387-9274 or 763-226-0313. See you at the picnic! Nazdar!



Minnesota Sokol Camp Association lodge in Pine City, Minnesota

Czech that Film Makes its Fifth Appearance in Minnesota, June 7 to 9

Czech That Film is known as the largest annual Czech cultural event in the United States. It serves to accommodate the increased interest in Czech cinema and culture in the United States. At the same time, it raises the profile of current Czech films, especially known for their innovativeness, to a truly international level.

Since 2015 Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic Marit Lee Kucera and The Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul have worked together to bring the best of recent Czech films to the Twin Cities. In 2014, Marit met Michal Sedláček, who was then Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles (2011-2015) and founder in 2012 of *Czech that Film*. With his help, she worked with MSP Film Society to host *Czech that Film*. 2019 is the fifth *Czech that Film* to come to Minneapolis.

Al Milgrom founded the MSP Film Society in 1962. Well known to Sokol Minnesota members, Al is director of the superb new documentary, *Singin' in the Grain, A Minnesota Czech Story* which premiered at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival on April 6. It was one of the films

voted Best of the Fest 2019. It also will screen on Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m., at the New Prague High School. Tickets are \$8.

As this May issue of *Slovo* goes to press, the films and their screening times for *Czech that Film* are being finalized for June 7 to 9. Among the 2019 films are *Winter Flies*, *Suitor*, *Dukla 61*, *Jan Palach*, *Short Cut*, *The Hastrman*, *Golden Sting*, *Patrimony*, and *Deserter*.

<<http://www.czechthatfilm.com/film.html>>

For screening details, go to <mspfilm.org> and also find all the details in the June/July *Slovo*.

Members of our Czech/Slovak organizations receive the Partner Ticket Rates. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities, and Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International are all proud supporters of this Czech film series.

Director Jakub Šmíd, director of the film *Short Cut (Na krátko)* will be at the screening on Saturday, June 8 (time to be announced). A reception is planned. Mark your calendars to be there!



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More information coming soon at:
mspfilm.org

By Gwen Willems, Ph.D.

Martha von Tilling is the fictional protagonist of this long but easy-to-read novel. Born in 1850, the daughter of a general in the Austrian Army, this privileged young woman went on to survive a lifetime of tragedies and grew from an admirer of all-things-military to being a pacifist. *Lay Down Your Arms* uses the character's diary to share details of her personal life and the wars she lived through.

***Lay Down Your Arms: The Autobiography of Martha von Tilling* by Bertha von Suttner, translation by T. Holmes. New York: Longmans, Green, 1914, originally published in 1889. 448 pages. Available at libraries, used bookstores, and by print on demand.**

First published in German in 1889, *Lay Down Your Arms* was written in a flowery, romantic style, as in this description of Martha's first marriage: "... it was a grand time, a kind of fairy dream.... We loved each other—my Arno and I—devotedly, with all the fire of our youth, abounding as it was in life and scenes of beauty. And it so happened that my darling hussar was besides a worthy, good-hearted, noble-minded young gentleman...."

On her eighteenth birthday, the fictional Martha married the tall, handsome, dark-haired Count Arno Dotzky and toured Italy for their honeymoon. When the war with Sardinia began in 1859, her husband went off willingly to join the fight and was killed in battle. Eventually Martha got to know another military man, Lieutenant-Colonel Baron Tilling, who consoled her by telling her that her late husband did not suffer when he died. Tilling did not glorify war and was willing to discuss issues of war and peace with Martha at a time when women seldom had such conversations.

Martha married Tilling shortly before the Schleswig-Holstein War broke out in 1864. Next came the 1866 Austro-Prussian War, which resulted in the creation of Austria-Hungary, and then the 1870 war between France and Prussia. Through it all, Martha conceived children, lost children, and saw the horrors of war firsthand.

The fictional Martha von Tilling was loosely based on the author herself, Bertha von Suttner, who lived a fascinating life. The author was born Countess Kinsky in a prominent Czech noble family in 1843. She was well educated, exposed to a range of literature and philosophy, proficient in several languages, and an accomplished amateur singer and pianist. Her family had financial problems, partly due to gambling by her mother and aunt, who considered themselves clairvoyants. Von Suttner earned money by writing novels, often on peace and war issues, and tutoring children. The latter led to her falling in love with Arthur Gundaccar von Suttner, the elder brother of four sisters she taught. They wed in secret and lived a happy life together.

The author's books helped her become a leading figure in the peace movement. *Lay Down Your Arms* was published in thirty-seven editions and translated into twelve languages. In 1905 she was the second female Nobel laureate and the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Prize biography of von Suttner says, "The effect of *Die Waffen nieder!* (*Lay Down Your Arms*), published late in 1889, was consequently so real and the implied indictment of militarism so telling that the impact made on the reading public was tremendous."

Gwen is coordinator of the Literary Ventures: Czech and Slovak book discussion group. Literary Ventures is cosponsored by the Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, and the Office of the Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic. For more information, go to www.cs-center.org or contact gwen@cs-center.org.

Join Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures members to discuss *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright on Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to noon, in the first-floor classroom at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Featured shop merchandise

By Doreen McKenney

The next time that you are at a Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota event, stop in at the gift shop on the first floor of the C.S.P.S. Hall to see the unique ruby red glassware made at the Egermann Company factory. Bedřich Egermann (1777-1864) was known for his inventive stained red glass technique. Egermann glassware available in the gift shop and hand painted enameled glassware. Red glassware with etched decorations under Egermann's name is still produced in the town of Nový Bor in Northern Bohemia in the Czech Republic.



Highlights of the March 21 Board of Directors meeting *By Dave Stepan*

The status of repairs to the building was reviewed. The masonry on the north side of the building will be tuck pointed as soon as the weather allows. The board approved contracting with a professional structural engineering firm to review the current structural condition of the C.S.P.S. Hall, identify concerns, and prioritize the importance of concerns found.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) will be working with a plumber after the heating season to service the boiler and will check to see if the new freezer is under warranty. The elevator needs service and the service provider used is under review.

The BOT's Hall clean-up day is on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Charitable Gaming reports and expenses were approved.

Jean Verner highlighted that the Festival of Nations café volunteer sign-up form is up and running. Mary Cahill reported for the Board of Instructors that all is going well. Members are invited to learn the callisthenic routine for the Sokol Slet to be held in Buffalo, New York, this summer.

Education director Pat Slaber is working with the language instructors to see what their needs are and she is networking to see what other classes Sokol members would be interested in trying. We currently have 284 members. Norm Petrik presented seven new members.

The Hall rental committee reported our gross and net income for 2017 and 2018. The Event Coordinator position was discussed.

Member News *By Arlene Hamernik*

Obituaries

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dan and Kimberly Bednar on the death of Dan's father, Marvin Matt Bednar, who passed away on March 15 at the age of 76. Marvin lived in Brainerd, Minnesota, and was born in Long Lake Township. He was a cabinet maker for 47 years.

We also express our deepest condolences to Sokol members Stephan and Lucy Rose on both the death of Lucy's brother, Matthew Brudnak, who died on March 5, and her father, Basil Brudnak, who passed away on April 2 at the age of 87. Matthew lived in Illinois and enjoyed working as a science and history teacher. Basil also lived in Illinois and retired from the U. S. Postal System. His parents came to the United States from Obrulne, Slovakia.

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Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

By Glynis Grostephan

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

LEGACY FUND (includes matching Saint Paul Star Grant donations):

Under \$99: **Judy and Tom Aubrecht** in memory of Norm Petrik's sister; **Maxine Kinsley; Heda Batalden; Pam Snopl.**

\$100 - \$499: **Česká a Slovenská Škola Twin Cities (Škola) Sumi-e** fundraiser; **Anonymous** through Bright Funds.

\$500 - \$999: **Doris Moravetz** in memory of her great aunt and uncles, **Mary, August and Otto Moravec; Terry Shima** through Give MN.

TOTAL: \$ 1,800

GENERAL FUND:

In-kind donation: **Pat Slaber** (art supplies for Škola).

An exciting STAR grant update through March 31

By Joyce Tesarek

\$85,979 City of Saint Paul STAR grant awarded in July of 2017; must be matched to be received.

-54,124 Donations received to date, from July 2017 to March 31, 2019

-11,929 Additional Sokol match to date (a group of Sokol members pledged to match other donations received from December 1, 2018 to completion)

\$19,926 Balance remaining to complete STAR grant match

\$19,926/2 = \$9,963 balance needed from donations;

= \$9,963 balance from additional Sokol match of future donations

These numbers show that if we can raise only \$9,963 more in donations, we will have earned our entire match! An amazing accomplishment, which will mean we can complete the roof repairs and north-side masonry work on our C.S.P.S. Hall this year.

If you would like to help complete this grant match, you can contribute online at www.SokolMN.org, or send a check made out to Sokol Minnesota to 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102.



C.S.P.S. Hall brickwork needs tuck pointing

Czech Honorary Consul News

On February 22, three University of Minnesota students received the 2019 Mestenhauser Student Award for Excellence in Campus

Internationalization, named in honor of Dr. Josef Mestenhauser (1925–2015), a Distinguished International Emeritus Professor and also the Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic 1999–2008.

(L-R) Elizabeth Schwartz, Associate Program Director, Curriculum and Campus Internationalization; Xianyi (Sen) Xiong, from China, College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Esmira Alieva, from Uzbekistan, Economics and Organizational and Financial Management, University of Minnesota, Morris; M. L. Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic; Seyni Mbaye, from Senegal, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Gayle Woodruff, Director, Curriculum and Campus Internationalization, The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance (GPS Alliance).



On April 5 in Kansas City, a diplomatic delegation from the Czech Republic commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Czech Republic joining NATO at the Truman Library and Museum, where documents were signed in 1999.

(L-R) Jaroslav Kantůrek, Consul General of the Czech Republic/Chicago; Sharon Valášek, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for Kansas and Missouri who organized the event; Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, who spoke about the significance of NATO and the importance of its future; M. L. Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.



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Czech that Film

June 7 to 9

MSP Film Society at St. Anthony Main Theatres

Event at C.S.P.S. Hall

Children's Cultural Day Camp

June 17 to 21

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**22nd Annual Children's Czech and Slovak
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Children six to fourteen years of age

Hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

C.S.P.S. Hall from June 17 to 21, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Theme: Art Through the Centuries and Sports

Morning activities include ethnic crafts, cooking, snack,
singing, language, gymnastics, and folk dancing.

After lunch activities continue with sports history, games, all camp play performance,
choice of lego castle building, baking fun, or art and handcrafts.

Reduced-rate, early-bird registration is due by May 15, 2019

Register at the Sokol Minnesota website www.sokolmn.org
under **Classes**, click on **Culture Camp 2019**.

Parents, grandparents, or family friends can volunteer at the camp, which allows the camper
to attend at a reduced rate. Youth leaders ages 15- 20 are invited to volunteer. Limit 6-8.

Contact Louise Wessinger with any questions at **651-452-6240**.

