

**UPCOMING EVENTS
MARCH 2016**

April Slovo Deadline
March 1

Sokol Minnesota Singers
March 1 and 15, 10 a.m.

Flavors of Slovakia Dinner
March 6, 12:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees
March 9, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors
March 17, 7 p.m.

**Pancake Breakfast
with Craft and Bake Sales**
March 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Membership Meeting
March 25, 7 p.m.

Family "Night"
March 26, 10 a.m.



FLAVORS OF SLOVAKIA DINNER

Sunday, March 6

Reserved Limited Seating 12:30 p.m.

*Dinner includes: Cabbage roll; dilled green beans; pickled beets; pierogi;
halušky (dumplings, cabbage, and bacon); caraway rye bread; dessert; and coffee.
The cash bar has plenty of wine and good beer on tap.*

Reservations are required by February 29

Call: 651-290-0542 for seated and takeout reservations.

\$16.00 adults; \$8.00 child under 9

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needed

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Spring Breakfast Craft and Bake Sale

Sunday
March 20

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes By Judy Aubrecht
Pozdrav bratři a sestry/Greetings Brothers and Sisters

Sokol members and friends participated in *A Carpathian Festival* on Sunday, January 17, at the Landmark Center in downtown Saint Paul, as part of the "Sundays at Landmark" series. It was organized by the Ethnic Dance Theater (EDT), which received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board to organize this event. EDT is a dynamic local dance company that performs and preserves world dance, music, and song. The afternoon celebrated the dancing, culture, music, language, crafts, folk costumes, and foods of the peoples living in or near the Carpathian Mountains in Eastern Europe. In addition to the EDT, groups included the local Polish, Czech, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyn, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Romanian, and Serbian communities. Our local Czech and Slovak communities were well represented at the celebration.

The Lipa Slovak Dancers and the Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers both performed dances and taught mixer dances to the audience. Learning new dances from different groups was a highlight. Cultural information and upcoming events were shared at exhibit tables by our Slovak Honorary Consul Donald Pafko and Czech Honorary Consul Marit Lee Kucera. Member Louise Wessinger presented *My Grandma's Trunk*, which is the real immigration story of her relatives. Elizabeth Kaliska, our current Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Queen, gave a Slovak flute performance. Even though the temperature was below zero that day, those who came to the event had their hearts warmed by so much enthusiasm for the Carpathian Mountain cultures. Look for another Carpathian Mountains celebration in February 2017.

Over forty people associated with the C.S.P.S. Hall attended the Minnesota Opera's production of *Rusalka* at the Ordway, downtown Saint Paul, on January 31, including students from the Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities and their families, Sokol members, and friends. Tickets were ordered in October for this sell-out performance. *Rusalka* was composed in 1900 by Antonín Dvořák and was sung in Czech, with English subtitles projected. It's the story of a water nymph who falls in love with a human prince whom she saw swimming in a lake. Her father, Vodník, a popular folk character and water sprite who is a catcher of souls, tries to



convince Rusalka not to join the human world. In true opera fashion, Rusalka sacrifices her voice to live in the prince's human world. When the prince betrays her, Rusalka is left to an eternal life of solitude.

To start off the afternoon, some in our group attended the Opera Insights program for an

overview of the show. Key parts of the show, sung by the Minnesota Opera tenor who played the hunter, were included in the Opera Insights. The opera was a musical and technical delight. A highlight was hearing the famous aria *Song to the Moon*.

Immediately following the show, Kerry Masek, Production Director for the Minnesota Opera, who has Czech heritage, gave our large group a backstage tour. We learned that 145 people were involved in the production of the show. Everyone was surprised to see how angled the stage set was and to realize how hard it would be to dance and move on a slanted surface.

Please attend our Featured Friday on Friday, March 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the first of a three-part series at the C.S.P.S. Hall. A panel will discuss the benefits of knowing more than one language, with a focus on heritage and language across nationalities, plus employability. Panel guests include speakers from the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education. The series is being sponsored by Sokol Minnesota, The Czech Slovak Cultural Center, and Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities. The other dates for the series are Sunday, April 17, and Sunday, May 22, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Hall. *Nazdar!*

Spring 2016 Language Classes

By Jean Draheim, Education Director

The spring session of language classes, begin in March at C.S.P.S hall. This is a continuation of the fall and winter sessions. It is open to returning students or students who have previously taken Czech or Slovak language classes. New classes will begin in the fall.

Czech for Beginners: Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.,
March 7 through April 25 with Blanka Brichta.

Intermediate Czech: Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
March 9 through April 27 with Blanka Brichta.

Conversational Czech: Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
March 22 through May 10 with Renata Ticha.

Slovak language classes (all levels): Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.,
March 24 through May 12.

Please visit the Sokol Minnesota web site <www.sokolmn.org> for complete listings and registration forms.

Membership Updates

By Norm Petrik, Membership Director

At the January 21 Board of Directors meeting, three individuals and one couple were accepted as members in Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota: David Kostik of Richfield, with interests in language and History/Genealogy; Blanka Brichta of Burnsville, with interests in cooking, genealogy, gymnastics, history, language, dance, dinners, festivals, films, literature, music, and theater, Nicole Hoiland of Saint Paul, with three children and with interest in gymnastics; Margaret Taylor and Ken Boyd of Saint Paul, with interests in festivals and the Sokol Camp upkeep.

At the February 6 Board of Directors meeting, two people were accepted as members in Sokol Minnesota: Richard Vanyo from Saint Paul, and Ella Pratt from Saint Paul, with interest in gymnastics. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND COPIES OF THESE OLD SLOVO ISSUES

The Minnesota Historical Society Library wants past issues to make its collection of our newsletter as complete as possible.

Slovo has found all of the needed issues, except:
v. 34 no. 2 (February 2011) Postcard (Fall 2010)

If you have a copy of these and are willing to donate them, Sokol Minnesota will be grateful.

Contact managing editor

M.L. Kucera: <slovo@sokolmn.org>. Thank you!

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March FEATURED FRIDAY at C.S.P.S. Hall

Our next Featured Friday on March 25 is a joint activity of C.S.C.C., *Česká a slovenská škola Twin Cities*, and Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota: **Multi-Lingual Seminar, Session #1: Benefits of Multilingualism: How to become smarter and more employable**, 7 p.m., C.S.P.S. Hall. Speakers: Dr. Kendall King, Dr. Marcus Alexo, and the director of German Immersion School. Members and representatives of other ethnic communities in Minnesota will discuss the benefits and also challenges of being multilingual or raising a multilingual child in the United States, plus what we can do to maximize this opportunity. This meeting is open to the public.

Volunteer for Festival of Nations!

Come, visit, and work a shift at the Festival of Nations, May 5 to 8. This year's theme is *Folklore and Fairytales*. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota serves authentic food in the Café and supports children and teen dance groups. Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers and Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers perform. The Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota is working with Sokol Minnesota to prepare and staff the Culture Booth.

Volunteer for a shift at the Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota Café or Culture Booth, and stay for the day, to enjoy the Festival. Set up, take down, and festival shifts are needed in both areas.

During the festival hours, volunteers need to be dressed in folkdress/*kroj*. Sokol Minnesota can provide *kroj*.

General Chair: Joyce Tesarek

Café chairs: Jason Brozovich and Dawn Bulera

Café volunteer contact: 651-436-5896

Children and Teen Dancers Chair: Louise Wessinger

Culture Booth chairs: Cheryl Nelson and Renata Ticha

To volunteer for a shift at the Culture Booth, email to **both** co-chairs: <cherylnt@earthlink.net> **and** <tich0018@umn.edu>

Student Hours:

Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, May 6, 9:30 - 4:30 p.m.

General Public Hours:

Friday, May 6: 4:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 8, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Show-and-Tell with Potluck Supper FEATURED FRIDAY on April 22

You are invited to bring your favorite Czech or Slovak keepsake for Show-and-Tell

**Potluck Supper starts at 7 p.m.
Program at 7:30 p.m.**

A-F: Salads or vegetables or fruit

G-K: Dessert

L-N: Main course or entree

O-Z: Breads or chips/dip/appetizers

Donation jar for pop, bottled water, and beer.

Sokol provides coffee and tap water, plus paper products.

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

13th Annual Roast Duck Dinner, Another Great Success

Co-chairs Doreen McKenney and Joan Sedlacek happily reported that the 13th annual Roast Duck Dinner on January 23 sold out, serving 90 duck dinners plus two vegetarian meals. Not only were there diners from the metro area, but also from Darwin, Owatonna, and Rochester in greater Minnesota, as well as Roberts, Wisconsin.

Doreen and Joan boiled forty pounds of potatoes to prepare tasty potato dumplings slathered in butter and drizzled with gravy. They also made a sweet and sour red cabbage dish using fifty pounds of cabbage and nine pounds of bacon. Finally, they baked several delicious lemon poppyseed cakes for dessert.

The number of seats for this dinner is always fewer than those available for the other dinner events hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, not for lack of interest or lack of floor space for table settings, but because so much oven space is needed to bake and serve all those roasted duck halves in a timely manner.

Sokol is fortunate to have Joan in charge of baking using the 500° ovens; it requires great skill to maneuver so many large and hot trays from oven to oven while ensuring that each duck is cooked to perfection.



Jake Jacobson poured Ron Andrle a glass of wine.

Then there is that delicious caraway rye bread ordered from Cecil's in the Highland Park area. Cecil's has baked bread for all of Sokol's sit-down dinners for more than 30 years, and as usual the guests loved the bread. After picking up the 15 loaves of freshly baked bread from the bakery, Doreen told her sister that the aroma might just top that of the fragrance you enjoy with a "new car smell."

The co-chairs applaud and recognize the following volunteers who contributed to serving the dinner: Don and Pat Andrle, Judy and Tom Aubrecht, Wendy Bednar, Mary Cahill, Jean Draheim, Jean Hall, Ed Hamernik, Jake Jacobson, Marit Lee Kucera, Jitka Sebek, Steve Shimer, Ann Siefert, Joyce Tesarek, Shirley Verner, and Louise Wessinger.

After the evening meal, Chuck Draheim gave tours of the third floor meeting room.

Our behind-the-scenes volunteers, who are not always recognized, were Sue Martin and Martina Gurgel, in charge of Facebook posts; Joe Landsberger in charge of the Sokol website; and Dennis Cahill who made sure reservation checks were delivered to the treasurer Don Haselbauer, who sent reports to the reservationist (co-chair Doreen McKenney).

Thanks to everyone for another successful dinner!

Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities Fundraiser for Sokol Minnesota at Duck Dinner

Duck Dinner guests had the chance to bid on 30 of the most unique hand-decorated flower pots donated by parents of the *Česká a slovenská škola Twin Cities*. Jitka Sebek and Martina Gurgel organized the fundraiser; material to make the flowerpots was donated by Jan Kostal, Marketa Resong, and Alena Youngberg; the time to decorate them was donated by Lenka Bragg, Zuzana Bracknell, Blanka Brichta, Jana Castillon, Marketa Drbohlavova, Martina Gurgel, Simona Nemcova, Marketa Pavek, Romana Pulkrabek, Dagmar Rosenthal, Helena Sverak, and Louise Wessinger.

Highest bidders (and now the proud owners) were Julie Assef, Blanka Brichta, Sue Carver, Jana Castillon, Jean Draheim, Olga Espinosa, Michaela Giancarlo-Kotek, Martina Gurgel, Ed Hamernik, Jake Jacobson, Ann Janda, Jan Kostal, Marit Lee Kucera, Jolana Morley, Mary Novak, Jitka Sebek, Marilou Sethre, Denise Stibal, Joyce Tesarek, Adriana Wenberg, and Roger Wencil.

The amount pledged was \$415, but \$484 was received and given to Sokol Minnesota. Many thanks to all that helped with this unique fundraiser.



Hall Restoration Projects

By Joyce Tesarek, Finance Chair

With each new year, we initiate new restoration projects to keep our C.S.P.S. Hall functioning properly. City of Saint Paul inspectors mandated our most recent project. We need to repair or replace the shed and back fire escape stairs from the second floor auditorium. We know that the stairs are not up to code. The concern is the cost. The Board of Trustees and Hall Planning Committee are working with a contractor to determine the best plan. There are various proposals on the table, but all of them look to be at least in the \$50,000 range.

This is a significant amount of money, but together we at Sokol Minnesota have paid off and completed more substantial projects, such as our new central air conditioning and sprinklers. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to fund our projects; all donations are tax deductible.

If you can help tackle this new project, please donate online at

<www.sokolmn.org>, choosing the Legacy button, or send a check made out to Sokol Minnesota to this address:

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Thank you!

Czech and Slovak Cultural Center Events

March 19: Literary Ventures Book Club discussing *As Golems Go: Rabbi Loew, the Reluctant Czech* by Benjamin Kuras, 10 a.m., C.S.P.S. Hall. Info: Gwen Willems, coordinator, <gwen@cs-center.org> or <www.cs-center.org>

March 19: Informal Czech Conversation Group meets the third Saturday of the month, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Kramarczuk's Café, 215 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.

All ages and levels of Czech language welcome. Meet others who have traveled to the Czech Republic, studied, lived, or grew up there. Info: Jan Knudtson, <janlknudtson@gmail.com>

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April 16: Literary Ventures Book Club discussing *All This Belongs to Me: A Novel* by Petra Hůlová, 10 a.m., C.S.P.S. Hall. Info: <www.cs-center.org> or <gwen@cs-center.org>.

April 16: Informal Czech Conversation Group (see March 19 for time and place)

April 17: Multi-Lingual Seminar, Session #2, Panel Discussion, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at C.S.P.S. Hall. (see March 25 for description.)

Demokracie potřebuje vůdce, ne pány.
Democracy needs leaders, not masters.

Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk
March 7, 1850 to September 14, 1937
First President of the Czechoslovak Republic

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.

General Fund: under \$99: **Geneva Adams, Clarence Bina, Arlene Courneya, Joyce Ehmke, Colleen Gengler, Kevin and Julie Hurbanis, William Jech, Vince Jirik, Val Kuisle** in memory of **Kathy Kuisle, Doreen McKenney** in memory of **Dave Martin's mother Anna, Josephine Parvey, Pamela Snopl.**

\$100 - \$499: **Kent and Marlene Hinshaw** in memory of **Ralph Halbert, George Hoffman, Joan Sedlacek, Dan Washick.**

\$500 - \$999: **Cynthia Coulter, Czech & Slovak School of Minnesota, Medtronic Foundation Volunteer Grant Program** awarded for **Don Haselbauer's** volunteer work for Sokol Minnesota.

Legacy Fund: under \$99: **Minnesota Sokol Camp Association, Marketa Resong.**

\$100 - \$499: **Charles Kalvoda** in memory of **Johnny Kalvoda.**

Slovo: \$50 from **Minnesota Sokol Camp Association. Taneční Mládež Dancers:** \$25 from **Kathleen Phillip.**

General Fund: \$2,236 **Legacy Fund:** \$305

C.S.P.S. LEGACY FUND

We ask for your support of renovations to C.S.P.S. Hall as we celebrate the Hall's 129th year in 2016.

Contact Joyce Tesarek to discuss your tax-deductible donation: 612-822-6147 or <finance@sokolmn.org>

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Marit Lee Kucera Installed as Czech Honorary Consul at C.S.P.S. Hall, December 5, 2015

1. Bořek Lizec, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago; Marit Lee Kucera, newly installed Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic; Jaroslav Zajíček, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), Embassy of the Czech Republic in Washington, D.C. 2. M.L. Kucera with DCM Zajíček. 3. Installation toast with *Staropramen* beer from the Czech Republic: Don Pařko, Honorary Consul, Slovak Republic in Minnesota; Chuck Nickolay, Mayor of New Prague, Minnesota; Sharon Valasek, Honorary Consul, Czech Republic in Kansas City; M.L. Kucera; Jaroslav Zajíček; Bořek Lizec. 4. Minnesota Consular Corps: Britt Ardakani, Norway; Miro Medved, Slovenia; Bruce Karstadt, Sweden; M.L. Kucera, Czech Republic; Teresa Palacios Olson, Chile; María Antonia Calvo, Spain; Heino A.P. Beckmann, retired, Germany; (Back) Jaroslav Zajíček, DCM, Czech Republic, Washington, D.C.; Eivind Heiberg, Norway; Christa Tiefenbacher-Hudson, Germany; Bořek Lizec, Czech Consul General, Chicago; Don Pařko, Slovakia. Attending, but not pictured: Alberto Fierro Garza, Consul General, Mexico; Örn Arnar, Iceland; Tímea Takács, representing Hungary; Kelsey Mullen, representing the Consul General of Ecuador; Kim M. Erickson, retired, Sweden. 5. Kathy Jorgenson, Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, and Mary Cahill, Installation Committee Chair. 6. Bořek Lizec with Gail Naughton, CEO, Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 7. National anthems sung by Corbin Jerde (U.S.A.) and Madison Jerde (Czech Republic). 8. Czech and Slovak Cultural Center: Bea Flaming, Renée Reed, Renata Ticha, Cheryl Nelson, Joyce Tesarek. 9. Guests. 10. South Bohemian Bagpipe Band, led by Frank Trnka. 11: Patricia M. Bergh, Anne M. Bentley, Pat Mestenhauer, family of the late Dr. Josef Mestenhauer, Czech Honorary Consul, 1999-2008.

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1. Marketa Resong, Caterer; Jaroslav Zajíček, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), Embassy of the Czech Republic in Washington, D.C.; Marit Lee Kucera, newly installed Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic; Dawn Bulera, Caterer. 2. Dave Stepan with *Staropramen* beer. 3. Bořek Lizec, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago; M.L. Kucera; Betty McCollum, Fourth Minnesota District Congresswoman; Jaroslav Zajíček. 4. Installation Committee Members Libuse Imbrone and Phyllis Vosejпка. 5. Teresa Pojar with pitcher of *Staropramen*. 6. Bořek Lizec, M.L. Kucera, Jaroslav Zajíček, Gail Naughton, and Sharon Valasek, Honorary Consul, Czech Republic in Kansas City, led by Joan Sedlacek on a tour of Sokol Hall. 7. New Prague Mayor Chuck Nickolay with Jim and Mary Jo Chlebecek. 8. Judy Aubrecht, Sokol Minnesota President, and Martina Gurgel, *Slovo* photographer. 9. Bruce Karstadt, Swedish Honorary Consul; Deb Ziskovsky; *Domáci* Folk Dancers and Jr. Royalty coordinator; Cindy Coulter, Sokol Minnesota Board Secretary. 10. Crowd. 11. Crowd. 12. Reception Butlers: Christina Raduenz, Elizabeth Trnka, Judy Aubrecht, Kailey Mach. 13. Katie Haselbauer, Dawn Bulera, Don Haselbauer, Sokol Minnesota Treasurer, preparing *chlebičky*. 14. Western Fraternal Life Association (WFLA) members: Ed Hamernik, Colleen Cahill, Megan Cahill, Jaroslav Zajíček, M.L. Kucera, Joan Sedlacek, Debra Brown, Minnesota State Director and Chairman of the Western Fraternal Life Board of Directors Duane Jirik, Installation Committee Food Reception Chair Pam Kotval, Anne Leland.

New Member FUNd-Raising Event Coming in November: Cookie Walk By Pam Kotval

The Sokol Minnesota Board of Directors has approved a new fundraising event that will replace the fall 2016 Craft Show and Bake Sale that has been held in conjunction with the annual Fall Pancake Breakfast (scheduled for Sunday, November 20). While this new event will require many helping hands beforehand, it will also put some fun in FUNd-raising!

Have you ever attended a cookie walk? In a nutshell, it's an event where dozens and dozens and dozens of yummy cookies are available for purchase by the public. The buyers line up, are given a bakery box and disposable gloves, and walk around the cookie offerings to pick the kind and number of cookies of choice. Then the box is weighed, the buyer pays a set price per pound (regardless of the kind and number of chosen cookies), and goes home with a box full of goodies for holiday eating and sharing!

So, you ask, where will all the dozens and dozens and dozens of cookies come from? With some organizations that host cookie walks, members are asked to contribute a certain number of dozen of whatever they want to bake within certain guidelines. However, for our event, we want to focus on the special *Vánoční cukroví* (Christmas sweets) that are a part of our Czech and Slovak heritage. Think Vanilla Rolls, Bear Paws, Beehives, Linzers, Caramel-Nut Wafers, Nut Rolls, and many other possibilities. A core committee will determine what kind of cookies to make and the quantity of each. Starting in October, the committee will schedule a number of

daytime and evening sessions for volunteers to come to the Hall and participate in the baking. Maybe you already know how to bake a particular cookie, or maybe you want to learn how. Either way, these will be dedicated baking sessions with added Sokol member camaraderie. Sokol will provide the ingredients and recipes, and you will be guided by experienced bakers. The cookies then will be packaged and frozen for the Cookie Walk.

The committee will determine how home bakers can contribute other traditional bake-sale items to be included as a part of the Cookie Walk event. The Cookie Walk also will incorporate the Sokol *koláče* that have traditionally been a part of the Bake Sale table.

But first things first! Pamela Kotval has volunteered to help chair this event. She needs two other members to be a part of a core committee to plan and coordinate all of the work that needs to be accomplished beforehand. The core committee is not responsible for the breakfast itself, but will coordinate with the breakfast's committee chairs to facilitate this concurrent event.

There's only one requirement to be on the core committee: you need to "know your way around the kitchen" and understand basic baking techniques. For more information, call Pam at 952-944-0745 or email <pakotval@msn.com>. Otherwise, watch *Slovo* for more information about the Cookie Walk and the baking sessions as the details unfold!

Sokol Camp Booya Picnic Coming in August By Kari Muyres

BOOYA. What does this word mean to you? According to a variety of sources, there are multiple meanings of the word. Just try Googling it, and you'd be amazed at how many digital trails lead to different and opposing meanings!

For example: Wikipedia, the information superhighway dictionary, states, "...it's a thick soup of probable Belgian origin made throughout the upper Midwest in large, specially designed kettles meant to serve hundreds or thousands of people."

On the other hand, when doing a Google search on the word "Booya," I found a link to "BOOYA Fitness," where they urged me to click on their site for my first month free trial membership.

Mmm, this might be a good idea following large quantities of booya consumption!

Again, I find even more definitions, as I look to Urban Dictionary's take on Booya, where they claim that Booya means "'Bam!,' 'in your face!!,' and 'hell yeah!!!,' all at the same time. A term that congratulates, describes excitement, lets others know the magnificence of the celebration." This may be heard at the campground late Saturday night before the Booya Picnic.

At any rate, whatever your preferred definition of Booya is, I think we can all agree it means a tasty, delicious concoction with some strong comradery! And it is the direct product of meticulous planning and preparation when Sokol Brothers and Sisters come and work together in a spirit of celebration for Sokol Camp, our organization's historic treasure.

**Mark your calendars now for the
2016 Booya Picnic
held at Sokol Camp
19201 Woodland Acres
in Pine City, Minnesota.**

**The picnic will be
Sunday, August 14,
noon until 5 p.m.,
rain or shine.**

Interested in helping at the Camp or the preparations in the Twin Cities? Contact Kari Muyres at 763-226-0313. We are always in need of Booya volunteers, whether it's stuffing envelopes or gathering used items for our country store. Proceeds from the picnic go directly to the upkeep and maintenance of Sokol Camp. We'd love to see you there!

We extend a big thank-you to all of the members who helped at the 2015 picnic, the Pine Country Parade, and the preparations before the picnic!

RECRUITS ARE NEEDED

**The Sokol Minnesota Singers
need additional voices to carry on
an important part of our Czech and
Slovak culture: singing and
remembering our folk songs.**

You do not need to know the language; most of us don't.

Those who do, help the rest of us with pronunciation. No doubt you're already familiar with some of the melodies from childhood. If not, they're short, simple, and easy to remember.

None of us are professional singers.

We just like to sing and don't want to lose our heritage. You do not have to be Czech or Slovak to sing with us.

All you need is a desire to sing.

Don Haselbauer is our director.

We meet at 10 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of most months at the Hall. Come, join us!

Your heart will rejoice.

**Den Svatého Josefa
Saint Joseph Day
a day for fun and liveliness
March 19**

“Golden Hands” By Vanda Kofroňová, columnist from Prague

“The golden Czech hands” is what we proudly say anytime we hear about a success of a Czech entrepreneur. In the last year, entrepreneurs succeeded in American markets even more than the year before. So far, even the biggest Czech firms do not have a sizable footprint in the United States. The value of Czech exports to the United States is approaching 100 billion crowns, but it could be much more! To support development of Czech exports, a new business accelerator has been opened just outside New York. It is called MeoHub. Thanks to it, you should soon be able to buy outdoor clothing made by the Czech company Bushman, chairs by Therapia, or food by Hamé. MeoHub has space for around 15 Czech companies in all. The selection process for the remaining spaces in the project continues and should be filled up over the next months.

And another thing may help in the future. Even though there have been many doubts about the process of negotiation and the effects of it, The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership might be a chance for Czech firms to reach American market without barriers.

What it is that the Czechs have to offer? Well, you probably

know the most famous: Pilsner Beer, Škoda cars, and glass made by Moser. But what about the others? Let me briefly go through three profiles:

Bata's Shoes. This footwear company was founded in 1894 by Tomáš Baťa, a shoemaker from the Czech town of Zlín, together with his siblings Antonín and Anna. Currently the company employs 50,000 workers and operates 50 production plants in 68 countries around the world and has sold over 221 million pairs of shoes.

Petrof Pianos. The company was established in 1864 by Antonín Petrof, originally a joiner (cabinet maker). It is the biggest piano manufacturer in Europe and has borne his name to the present day. Currently based in Hradec Králové, Petrof is managed by the fifth generation of this family.

Becherovka. Jan Becher company produces this herbal liqueur drink according to a traditional secret recipe, over 200 years old, without adding any chemical preservatives, artificial colors, or emulsifiers. The old-fashioned formula is quite simple: it contains only quality water from Karlovy Vary, high-quality ethanol, natural sugar, and a very specific and harmonious mix of herbs and spices. (Not to mention, quite a kick!)

News and Notes of Interest

Lovers in Prague Video review by Marlin Heise

She is a diplomat in Prague, Czech Republic, and the daughter of the president of Korea, so she speaks Korean, Czech, and English if needed. He is a police detective in Seoul, Korea, who is looking for his missing girlfriend, a piano player in Prague. You are treated to 18 episodes of a typical twisting romance that reveals only a little background information about the four main characters. The first two episodes and a few minutes of the final scenes are filmed in beautiful Praha. This DVD is available through Saint Paul Public Libraries.

Upcoming Events

March 19, Saturday, Ethnic Dance Theatre's annual dance party, Ukrainian Center, 301 Main Street N.E., Minneapolis. Live music by Orkestar Bez Ime.

April 9: The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant, American Legion Club, Montgomery, Minnesota, features ethnic foods served at 5 p.m. with the pageant beginning at 7 p.m. A reception and dance follow the coronation. Dinner and pageant tickets are available from Jerry or Lorraine David 507-364-9370 or at Montgomery Oil Company. The pageant website is: <www.missczechsllovakmnpageant.org>

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Czech Animation Series at Trylon Microcinema

Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3,

3258 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis 55406; 612-424-5468. The Trylon accepts cash only at the door, advance tickets can be purchased online at <www.trylon.org>.

These screenings are made possible by support from the Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, with additional support from Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic in Minneapolis, Minnesota (Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul, with office in Saint Paul), Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, *Česká a slovenská škola Twin Cities*, the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, and Cinnamon Whaley.

Invention for Destruction (1958, DCP, 83 min., Czech with English subtitles), director Karel Zeman with actors Lubor Tokoš and Arnošt Navrátil. The illustrations of Jules Verne novels come alive in a dazzling admixture of black-and-white animation and live action. Behold steampunk submarines, crazy squid fights, and bicycle zeppelins! This gorgeous, clever, and touching film has been beautifully restored by The Karel Zeman Museum. **April 1-2, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m.**



Alice (1988, DCP, 86 min., Czech with English subtitles), director Jan Švankmajer with actress Kristýna Kohoutová. Švankmajer's creepy and disturbing hybrid of live action and stop-motion animation (often involving taxidermy, meat, or broken dolls) is probably not a good idea for young children (who want to sleep well) to attend.

April 1-2, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.

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Slovo salutes the great team that monthly prepares our newsletter for mailing (tabbing, labeling, sorting, and counting). Twice a year, the mailing team labels and sorts over 1,000 postcards into postal zones.

Front: Megan Cahill, Val Kuisle. Back: Arlene Hamernik, Deb Ziskovsky, Arnie Ziskovsky, Carolyn Sorensen, Colleen Cahill, Mary Cahill, Joan Sedlacek. (Missing: M.L. Kucera, photographer)

George Pokorny, age 89, Lindstrom, Minnesota, longtime Sokol member, passed away on January 29, 2016. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth, who was very active as a young person in the Sokol Minnesota gym classes. Survived by his second wife, Joan Grossmann, five children and Grossman stepchildren, his brother Ralph, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our condolences.



Carpathian Festival: Honorary Consuls promoted Czech and Slovak events and organizations at the Carpathian Festival on January 17, Landmark Center, Saint Paul. Above: Renata Ticha, Czech and Slovak Cultural Center President, and Don Pafko, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic. Below: Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, with help from Jean and Chuck Draheim, also had items for sale, assembled by Doreen McKenney, from the Sokol Minnesota Gift Shop.



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Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, Attn: Membership, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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A Trip Filled with Surprises By Denise Stibal

Last fall my husband, Gary Zweber, and I decided to take a vacation to Europe, including the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary. We started in Prague and visited the most popular sites, then proceeded to travel for a week in Austria. Upon arrival in Vienna, we discovered the train station packed with refugees, and also learned that trains were not running to Budapest due to the political circumstances.

A change in plans was needed for the upcoming weekend. The good news is that we had purchased a Eurorail pass, allowing us to travel anywhere by train. I had been to České Budějovice in 1993 and always wanted to return, so we boarded the first available train on Friday. The city is famous for its Renaissance and Baroque buildings and for the largest square in the Czech Republic, and also one of the most beautiful. It is the home of *Budvar* beer, later to be known as Budweiser in the United States.

We booked a room at Hotel Zvon, with a great view of the town square. To our surprise, it was the night of the annual town festival! This started with a bagpipe concert, followed by a pageant with locals dressed in Renaissance Costumes, horses, knights, and torch-bearing villagers. Of course the “dialogue” was in Czech, which I didn’t understand, but still it was fantastic to watch. The next day we walked around and witnessed a “Mini Renaissance Festival” with vendors dressed in medieval clothes and actors performing shows.

We also saw a young Czech couple taking photos in the square prior to their wedding.

Next we went to Prague, where we attended Mass at Saint Vitus Cathedral and checked out a town fair. That evening we met Tomáš and Markéta Stibal for dinner at *U Pinkasu*, a classic Czech Restaurant. Tomáš and I had connected on LinkedIn and I messaged him and asked if he would like to meet. He responded “yes” and met us at our hotel. We have not determined how or if we’re related, but perhaps someday we’ll figure it out. We talked about life in the United States versus life in the Czech Republic, education, politics, and family. He is 30 years old and works for a division of Medtronic and is fluent in English.

Of course, he was very young when the Communist era ended, but he did tell us that the party is still alive and can be very convincing to those who are young and uninformed. Since our return, we have been emailing and sending pictures. Regardless if we’re related, we’ve formed a new friendship, with a story that I could share with my relatives and friends in the United States. Although our trip took some “unexpected” turns, the end was a delightful experience and was unforgettable.



Gary Zweber and Denise Stibal with Tomáš and Markéta Stibal

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