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Providing fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs.

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Annual Czech Roast Pork Dinner - October 24, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

The popular Czech Roast Pork Dinner, for which Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota is renowned, will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 24, at 12:30 p.m. at our Sokol CSPS Hall, 383 Michigan Street at West 7th in Saint Paul. The meal features many favorites including roast pork (*pečená vepřová*), raised-bread dumplings (*kynuté knedlíky*), and sauerkraut (*zelí*), plus dessert and coffee. The bar will have beer on tap and soft drinks for purchase. Ray Vanyo is returning as Sokol's chef for this culinary feast. Our many Sokol kitchen volunteers enjoy producing this delicious dinner for you, your family, and friends. Bring a group and enjoy a fine Sunday dinner together.

Price of the dinner is \$16 for adults, \$8 for children under 9. Pre-paid reservations must be received by Monday, October 18. Please make your reservations by calling 651-290-0542. Write your checks to Sokol Minnesota and mail to Sokol Minnesota, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102. Write *Pork Dinner* on the envelope and also on the memo line of your check.

Our dinners are an important part of the fundraising efforts needed to maintain our

Sokol unit's many events, programs, and the building itself. We invite you to enjoy a great Czech dinner and support Sokol Minnesota at the same time. Keep in mind that our CSPA Hall is in the neighborhood where many Bohemian immigrants settled in Saint Paul. Our historic building dates from 1887. It is still the heartbeat of many activities for those of Czech and Slovak heritage, as well as a landmark that continues to serve the neighborhood in the West End of Saint Paul.

Our own Sokol Gift Shop, *Krásné Dárky* (Beautiful Gifts), will be open from noon until 2 p.m. on October 24. Now is the time to start thinking about those special holiday gifts to give to your friends and relatives. Doreen McKenney and her mother Doris will welcome you and show you the many fine Czech and Slovak imported items, such as Czech glass ornaments, straw weavings, jewelry, cookbooks, music on cassettes and CDs, plus dolls, t-shirts, ribbons and trims, glassware, and fine crystal. When you come for the Pork Dinner, plan extra time for a visit to *Krásné Dárky*, located on the first floor of the CSPA Hall.

Piano recital to benefit Sokol

On Saturday, October 30 at 7 p.m. Sokol Minnesota will join Wells Pianos in producing a benefit concert for Sokol Minnesota. Kieran Wells of Wells Pianos lives in the West 7th neighborhood, and his piano shop is at 1330 Grand Avenue. A nine-foot grand piano will make its appearance in our hall, along with two stellar pianists who will play Slavonic selections.

William Yang, of Eden Prairie, is a student of Paul Wirth at the Wirth Center for Performing Arts in St. Cloud, which has forged partnerships with school districts around Minnesota. William has appeared in young artist concerts and most recently at the Polish Festival featuring Chopin. He appears to be a soft-spoken nine-year-old until he attacks a broad range of composers including Chopin for us. The selections by Frédéric Chopin will include Prelude in C minor, Op.28 No.20;

Waltz in A-flat Major, Op.42; Ballade No.3 in A-flat Major, Op. 47; Waltz in C# minor, Op.64 No.2; Nocturne in F# Major, Op.15 No.2; Scherzo No.1 in B minor, Op.20.

The second half of this benefit will feature award-winning Anton Melnichenko, a graduate student at Hamline University, studying under Alexander Braginsky. Anton will showcase Czech composer Antonín Dvořák's Eight Waltzes, Op. 54; Allegro con fuoco and Allegro modetato, as well as Bedřich Smetana's Concert Etude, "On the Seashore." He will conclude with Chopin's Ballade No. 3 in A-flat Major, Op. 47 and two other pieces to be announced at the performance. At the intermission, a selection of *potica* and *kolache*, plus wine and beer will be available for purchase. The performances will be recorded for later broadcast through support by Hailun USA.

Upcoming Events

Nov./Dec. Slovo
Deadline
October 1

Mystery Dinner
October 10
5:30 p.m.

Board of
Trustees
October 13

Board of
Directors
October 14

Family Sunday
October 17
4:30 p.m.

Membership
Meeting
October 22
7 p.m.

Roast Pork
Dinner
October 24
12:30 p.m.

Piano Concert
October 30
7 p.m.

Senior Singers
Tuesdays
10 a.m.

Proctna
1st & 3rd
Mondays
6 p.m.



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President Komentář/President's Note

By Joe Landsberger

Pozdrav bratři a sestry/Greetings brothers and sisters

Let's share a commitment to Sokol Minnesota's growth and prosperity in the coming years!

When I took on the presidency, I made a four-year commitment. This December my term ends and I will cease to be a board member. However, I will work to support our athletic committee in building our fitness programming and to fill in as a volunteer with other functions where needed. With Mary Cahill, the Board of Directors has developed a program for tots two to four years of age that may serve as an entry to our next existing level of gymnastics and fitness programming.

The American Sokol Organization has joined First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move Campaign." Sokol Minnesota is also joining the effort, and I personally am committed to its underlying principles. In June I joined the YMCA and frequent training three times a week. One notch off the belt! Better blood flow! Lower cholesterol!

The Sokol philosophy of a healthy mind in a healthy body is very appropriate to the challenges of our time: diabetes, obesity, asthma, and all the health problems children of today will be experiencing as they grow older. Even adults benefit! Our *prostna* program under the leadership of Doreen McKenney and Marit Lee Kucera has grown as a wonderful low-impact exercise program, it continues over 100 years of building on the Tyrš and Fugners' Sokol philosophy.

To keep Sokol Minnesota viable we need support. Long range we need a "training" program to usher in new people and new ideas. In the past four years new approaches have paid off with multiple city, state and federal grants, but internally we need to complement these initiatives. In this issue we launch a fundraising effort, so that the phrase "Na Zdar" or "To Success" can ring more clearly for Sokol Minnesota.

Na Zdar

Advertise in *Slovo*

The November/December double issue of *Slovo* has space for a limited number of business card sized advertisements. The cost is \$25 for a 3.5 inch by 2 inch space. If you would like to advertise your business or special event, please contact the *Slovo* at slovo@sokolmn.org.

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The *Slovo* Advisory Committee welcomes reader submitted news about Sokol Minnesota and Slovak- and Czech-related subjects. Send articles and pictures digitally to: slovo@sokolmn.org. We are instituting a new system for maintaining our paid subscription list. Please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address with your new or renewal non-member subscription. Make out your check to: Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota. For problems with subscriptions, please contact us via e-mail: slovo@sokolmn.org; phone: 651-290-0542; or write to *Slovo* (address below). *Slovo* gift subscriptions and non-membership renewals are \$15 as of October 1; please send to: Sokol Minnesota *Slovo* Subscriptions/Renewals

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News from the Board of Trustees

Contributed by Chuck Draheim



Brendon Hinshaw

New Custodian Joins Sokol Minnesota

We have a new custodian! Brendon Hinshaw, son of Scott Hinshaw and grandson of Kent and Marlene Hinshaw, was hired by the BOT to assume the role recently vacated by the retirement of Tom Murphy. Brendon began his duties on September 9, 2010. Brendon will report to the BOT with Don Haselbauer being his direct supervisor. Please welcome Brendon to Sokol Minnesota. All requests for event set-ups and any custodial questions/concerns should be directed to Don either by telephone at 612-722-3430 or by e-mail at trustees@sokolmn.org.

Street Repair

Work is underway on Michigan Street. New curbs, gutters, streetlights, and driving surfaces are being installed by the City of Saint Paul. As previously noted, access to the Hall parking lot will be more difficult and, on one or two occasions, impossible. Work is scheduled for completion this fall. Please take the construction into account as you plan your visits to the Hall.

Education Updates

Contributed by Jean Draheim, Education Chair

This fall, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota will be offering several new classes. In the hands-on craft category, we will offer a class teaching you how to make the wonderful, long belts that the male folk dancers wear. The class is open to anyone over the age of 14. The belts would be a great addition to your *kroj* or make a wonderful present.

Our own Sokol cooks will be teaching two different foods classes. One will be a "from scratch" kolache class. We will learn how to make and knead the dough, rolls the balls, add the filling, and bake to the perfect shade of golden brown. These pastries make tasty coffee accompaniments and freeze well.

The other cooking class will be a savory and hearty side dish, *kuba*. This dish, with its barley, garlic, mushrooms, and onions, is a versatile addition to holiday or everyday meals.

The dates and time of these classes are yet to be determined. Watch the Sokol Minnesota website (www.sokolmn.org) later this month for details.

Reminders: We will be learning and singing Czech, Slovak, and Sokol songs with Sister Georgiana Dolejsi at 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of the membership meetings. Come early and sing with us!

We will be offering our language classes in three sessions from September to May. Sign up now, if you haven't already. Language class information is on our website at <http://www.sokolmn.org/language.htm>.

Be sure to send your Family History Stories to Brother Chuck Draheim at cmdraheim@aol.com. He is working to compile our collective history to share with members.

If you have questions about any of the classes being offered, please call Jean Draheim, Education Director at: 651-426-2826.

Membership Report

Contributed by Norm Petrik, Membership Director



(left to right) New members Ludimila and Martin Ganco and children Samuel and Lea, and Gale Thomson

Sokol Minnesota accepted three new members at the August 27 membership meeting. Gale Thomsen, from Apple Valley, has interest in language, cooking, singing, and various events. Gale has a strong Czech heritage which she wants to learn more about.

Ludimila and Martin Ganco, from Plymouth, express interest in dances and dinners. They have two children, Samuel, age four, and Lea, age two. Ludimila and Martin are from Slovakia, and have been in the United States for several years. Martin is a professor at the University of Minnesota.

All three new members were present at the meeting and were welcomed into membership with a hug from Jan Knudson. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota! Our membership meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

WANTED:

Publicity Director to write and send press releases about Sokol events, plus produce our calendar of events postcard twice a year. If you like to write and you would like to help promote the many fine events and activities that our organization produces and hosts, this is the perfect volunteer job for you.

Contact: publicity@sokolmn.org for more information.

Introducing Debbie Jindra, Miss Czech-Slovak MN Queen 2010-2011!

Contributed by Debbie Jindra



I grew up in Montgomery, Minnesota, where my family currently resides, and I love to visit. In high school I was crowned the Montgomery Kolacky Day's Queen, which sparked my extreme love and passion for representing my heritage. I am 100% Czech and have grown up with many traditions such as attending Czech festivals, eating kolacky and dumplings, hearing Czech spoken all around me, and of course watching and dancing to my dad's polka band. As long as I can remember, I have loved dancing the polka with anyone and everyone. I was crowned Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen at the beginning of April, 2010 and started preparing for the national pageant shortly after. Throughout my reign I have traveled to many festivals in Minnesota and have also been a visiting queen in Iowa and Wisconsin state pageants.

On August 7 and 8, 2010, my family and I took our motor home on a road trip to Wilber, Nebraska, for the Miss Czech Slovak US pageant. This two day pageant consisted of four main judging categories; and contestants were also judged on their public presence and speaking throughout the weekend. Saturday morning started with a seven-minute interview with three judges, following many pictures, an introduction on the bandstand, and a parade. Later that evening was the *kroj* modeling competition, which included an explanation of the contestant's *kroj*. The final segment was the

talent competition, followed by farewells and the long awaited crowning ceremony! My talent consisted of two authentic Czech folk dances which Don Pafko and Deb Ziskovsky graciously helped me perfect. Since these were dances from Moravia, Louise Wessinger kindly allowed me to borrow a beautiful Moravian *kroj* to complete my ensemble.

I was fortunate enough to win the Sokol Award, which is the award for the highest scoring heritage talent contestant. I also won the Oratory Award, for best public speaker and stage presence throughout the entire weekend. I was extremely honored to have received these two awards. I also came home with the Miss Czech Slovak U.S. 1st Runner Up Award. I was very surprised and ecstatic to receive this award and honor.

I went home from Wilber inspired to learn more about my heritage, wanting to teach others all that I've learned, and excited that I get to represent my heritage for another year as a U.S. royalty member. I am very much looking forward to this upcoming year. I already know I will be traveling back to Iowa and Wisconsin; additionally I will make a trip to South Dakota and possibly North Dakota. Adding other states to this list is not out of the question!

Ambassador Sedgwick Presents Credentials to President Gašparovič Announcement provided by the Slovak Embassy in the United States

Contributed by Donald Pafko, Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic

After presenting his credentials to the President of the Slovak Republic on August 18, 2010, Ambassador Sedgwick released the following statement: "I am extremely excited and privileged to be here in Slovakia to represent President Obama. I had a cordial and productive conversation with President Gašparovič and Foreign Minister Dzurinda this morning on the wide range of issues upon which our nations cooperate. I believe that there is a nexus of opportunity in this new era of relations for increased cooperation between the Slovak Republic and the United States of America. Some of those opportunities include common goals in the fields of business and trade development, transparency and rule of law, education and cultural exchange."

Ambassador Theodore Sedgwick grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated with honors from Harvard College, cum laude, where he majored in Ottoman History.



Saint Paul Sokol Member Romelle Vanek, of Shoreview, was married on May 26 at the beautiful 14th century Saint Thomas Catholic Church complex in Prague, Czech Republic, to David Ferris of The Villages, Florida. The wedding mass was held in the Saint Barbara Chapel, dating from the 13th century. Both Romelle and David are also members of the Czech Club in The Villages, Florida.

It will be 99 years, 11 months and 10 days between the Oct 10 date for *Death by Kolacky* and the Sokol production of *Praha je Praha* on Sunday, October 30, 1910. *Praha je Praha* is the earliest production for which we have a program and a script in our Sokol Minnesota archives. In other words, we are 20 days short of 100 years between the two events.

The Journey and Getting to the Good Stuff

Contributed by by Ginger Simek, President ,Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International - <www.cgisi.org>

Mark Saturday, October 30, 2010, on your calendar, as Lisa Alzo will be our speaker at the CGSI Quarterly Meeting. Lisa is a popular, knowledgeable, nationally, known speaker who has spoken at various genealogical events throughout the country on a variety of topics. She is the author of *Finding Your Slovak Ancestors*, *Three Slovak Women*, *Baba's Kitchen*, and co-author of *Cleveland Czechs*. She has authored many articles for genealogy publications including our own *Naše rodina*. Lisa teaches genealogy courses for Family Tree University and The National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She serves on the CGSI Board of Directors.

Lisa returned from her own family fact-finding mission this past summer and is looking forward to sharing not only the basics of family research, but also her enthusiastic suggestions for making it come alive. Come and find out what was most helpful. This is a rare opportunity to hear her speak locally.

Registration opens at 12:45 p.m. The program will begin at 1:15 p.m. There will be a refreshment break and the second part of the program will begin at 2:45 p.m. followed by our Annual Member Meeting at 3:30 p.m. During registration and the refreshment break, visit and browse our sales table for items such as dictionaries, maps, auto atlases, language aids, heritage and history books, and much more.

The program will be held at 1185 Concord Street North in South Saint Paul in the main floor auditorium. Ample parking is available both north and south of the building as well as across the street. The 71 B bus from downtown Saint Paul stops in front of the door. Everyone is welcome. Suggestion donation: \$5 for CGSI members and \$8 for non-members.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE: DEATH by KOLACKY A 10-10-10 Event

Plans and rehearsals for our second Sokol Murder Mystery Dinner are well underway. This event on October 10 (10-10-10 is a lucky date!) offers a chance to just have fun. It's not a serious staged event; it's a time for you to pretend you are in another place at another time, where you will interact with characters that could have stepped out of a *Dick Tracy* comic strip. Well, that could be true if *Dick Tracy* had been Bohemian and lived on the West End of Saint Paul in 1929.

Don't forget that your ticket also gets you a fine Czech dinner. Chef Hana Matousek promises to create a lovely fall meal that features beef rouladen or a vegetarian option. You can be sure that a few kolacky will also figure into both the culinary and the mystery parts of the evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the mystery action starting promptly at 6 p.m.

For prepaid reservations call: 651-459-9404.
\$40/person or \$200/per table for gang of six.
Mail checks to: 10-10-10 Dinner, Denis A. Novak,
8876 Greene Ave. S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016.
Make check out to Sokol Minnesota.

Quilt Raffle



Kaye Goers, President Joe Landsberger's sister and accomplished quilter, has adapted a pattern "Bohemian Treasures" for a queen size quilt for our Sokol Roast Pork Dinner raffle October 24. The quilt provided a wonderful backdrop ornament for our festival program on September 19!

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and will support the installation of the fire protection sprinkling system at our CSPA Sokol Hall. If you would like to purchase tickets or help to sell them for this worthy cause, please contact Joe at 651-297-9000 or president@sokolmn.org.

Successful Sokol Camp Annual Booya on August 10



[L] Back Row: Chicago Sokols and friends: Doreen McKenney, Ellie Babka, Norm Petrik, Bernie Babka, Jerry Zitko, Joan Sedlacek. Front Row: Rascal Babka, Joyce Tesarek, Elaine Zitko. [R] Booya Cooks: Jake Linscheid, Ann Miller, Scott Miller, Dominick Andretta.

80th Annual Camp Picnic

Contributed by Ray Vanyo

We enjoyed an excellent Booya on a cool, breezy Sunday afternoon in beautiful Pine City at the Sokol Camp. The 80th Annual Sokol Camp Booya and Picnic was the most successful ever. We had record crowds and a full day of activities that everyone enjoyed. Thanks go out to all of the volunteers and attendees. Without all of you, this event could not have been the success it was.

Sunday Family Events

Family Nights will be held on October 17 and November 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come and join Czech-Slovak-American families and their children all ages in an afternoon full of activities and great potluck supper. Register with Olga Splichalova Espinosa at mnscsc@yahoo.com or 651-293-3999. Please state the number of people attending and what food you'll bring. Plan to feed 4-6 people.



Sokol Minnesota members (folk dancers, prostna athletes, and puppet handlers) in the parade line-up for the 150th anniversary celebration for St. Wenceslaus Church, Spillville, Iowa, September 4, 2010.



Tumbling for Tots - Pre-schoolers Get Their Own Class

Pre-schoolers will have their very own class this fall at CSPS Hall. Tumbling for Tots is specially designed for kids ages 2-4. The class will be held on Tuesdays, 3:30- 4:30 p.m. from October 5 to November 23.

Youngsters will practice following directions while having fun in a safe environment, as they start on the road to life-long fitness. Pre-registration is necessary to ensure a small class size. A parent must be present for all classes. Complete information is available by email: fitness@sokolmn.org or call: 651-297-9000.

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota salute the 150th anniversary of Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

Contributed by Marit Lee Kucera



Jarda and Jitka with their smiling Sokol Minnesota handlers at the end of the parade. Along the route our puppets waved at many Sokol Minnesota, Sokol Cedar Rapids, and CGSI members and friends including Al and Dorothy Sladek, Georgiana Dolejsi, Doris McKenney, Arlene Hamernik, Rich and Sandy Saliny, Harold and Barbara Davidson, Jyni Kochak, Peg Endres, Kathleen Ruhland, Patrick Dwayne (dramatizing The Mushroom Picker), and Mark Bigaouette (displaying Czech and Slovak memorabilia in the old convent school).

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This prostna is performed in blocks/troops of nine, with six women and three men per square. The Minnesota athletes performed to three different songs, To our Maidens by Antonin Dvorak, Coming to America by Neil Diamond, and American the Beautiful, the classic American patriotic song with lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates from 1895.

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Many members of Sokol Minnesota joined the festivities in Spillville, Iowa, over Labor Day Weekend as Saint Wenceslaus, the oldest Czech Catholic Church in the United States, celebrated its 150th anniversary.

In the parade were Jitka and Jarda, the puppets and their handlers; the prostna group of nine; and the Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers.

The Saint Paul Czech and Slovak folk dancers performed twice, the prostna group did its callisthenic routine, and Frank Trnka played the organ in the church on Saturday afternoon. The folk dancers engaged the audience in a peek into the past through the dance, music, and folk dress of the area formerly known as Czechoslovakia. Their performance included a rich selection of traditional dances from the villages of Moravia, Bohemia, and Slovakia. Everyone was delighted by the lively tempo of polkas and mazurkas, dreamy waltz turns, and the ever

increasing pace of the czardas which starts slowly and ends with a flurry of footwork and movement. The history and folklore were expressed by the dance steps, all performed in historic folk dress with the beautiful handwork and style of each region, enriched with colorful ribbons, fabrics, and embroideries.

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Sokol Minnesota prostna athletes during their performance in Spillville. Front to back: Leah Sticha, Doreen McKenney, Mary Cahill, Mary Jo Chlebecek, Don Haselbauer, Katie Haselbauer, Pam Kotval, Marit Lee Kucera, Jean Hall with introduction by Georgiana Dolejsi, far right. Watch for a picture of The Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers in Spillville in the next Slovo.

1,000 dozen kolaches were baked for the Spillville celebration and sold out!

OCTOBER at CSPS HALL

Mystery Dinner Death by Kolachky

Sunday, October 10, 5:30 p.m.

\$40 or \$200/table of six

(see page 5)

Czech Roast Pork Dinner

Sunday, October 24, 12:30 p.m.

\$16/adults; \$8/children

(see page 1)

"Bohemian Treasures"

Quilt Raffle Fund Raiser

\$2 per ticket

Drawing at Pork Dinner.

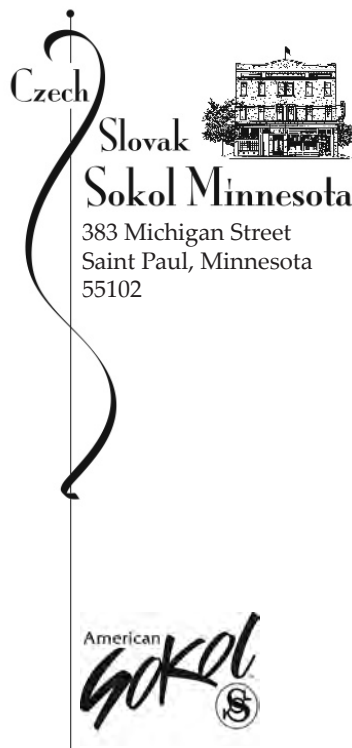
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Piano Concert

Dvořák, Smetana, Chopin

Saturday, October 30, 7 p.m.

\$10. (see page 1)



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Happy Anniversary CSPS Hall!!

In 2012, our CSPS Hall will celebrate 125 years of continuous use by the Czech and Slovak communities and the West 7th Neighborhood. Did you know the CSPS Hall is the longest serving Czech-Slovak hall in continuous use in the U.S., the longest serving national hall and theatre in Minnesota, and is included on the National Register of Historic Properties? Our Hall continues to be a center for the Czech and Slovak communities, as well as a vibrant neighborhood and cultural resource.

Like any building its age, the Hall needs care and renovation so that it can better serve present and upcoming generations. To keep our CSPS Hall as vital part of the neighborhood and Czech and Slovak cultural life in Minnesota, we are starting a five-year CSPS Hall Legacy Campaign. We have an ambitious list of repairs and improvements listed in the enclosed brochure. We need your help to make them possible.

Most recently, with the support of Congresswoman Betty McCollum, we have been awarded a Save America's Treasures matching grant of \$150,000. For year one of the campaign, we will focus on this \$150,000 grant, and we hope to have this matched by year end. If only 50 people would donate \$3000 we would have our match. Every donation is welcome" Will you help?

Please read the enclosed Legacy Building Fund Campaign brochure and make a generous tax-deductible donation or pledge. Help give the Hall another happy, healthy 125 years!

Joyce Tesarek, Legacy Building Fund Chair, 612-822-6147 or joyce@sokolmn.org

Volunteers!

CSPS Clean-up Day

October 30

Saturday, 8 a.m.

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Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota Annual Meeting on

Friday, November 19, 7 p.m.

A list of the Board of Director's slate of officers will be listed in the next *Slovo*.