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There's Something for Everyone at the Czech and Slovak Festival

By Jyni Koschak, Publicity Director

Find fun for all ages at our 27th annual Czech and Slovak Festival.
Join us at the C.S.P.S. Hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 25.
The outdoor stage offers continuous entertainment.
Admission is free and facilities are accessible. Food is available indoors and out.

27th annual CZECH & SLOVAK FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 25 • 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2016

October Slovo Deadline
September 1

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September 7, 7 p.m.

Czech and Slovak
Family Event
September 11, 4 - 7 p.m.

Board of Directors
September 15, 7 p.m.

Czech and Slovak
Festival
September 25,
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The main program begins at 11:30 a.m. with a flag ceremony, followed by performances and presentations highlighting our Czech, Slovak, and Moravian cultures, as well as our ongoing Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota activities.

Traditional specialties on the menu include *Segedínský guláš* (pork) with potato dumplings, chicken *paprikáš* with mini dumplings, *halušky* (pork, cabbage, and dumpling hot dish), *karbanátky* (pork burger), *jitrnice* (Czech sausage), *párky* (hot dogs), *kulajda* (creamy soup with dill, mushrooms, eggs, and potatoes), plus wine and Czech beer. The Sweet Shoppe entices visitors with *koláče* (filled pastry), *perníčky* (decorated gingerbread), and other baked specialties.

- Other festival features include vendors with unique craft and ethnic items for sale, *koláče*-eating contests for children and adults, visit by Czech-Slovak Minnesota Royalty, and information booths hosted by several cultural organizations.
- For children, there are a variety of games, a puppet show, and a raffle.
- In the first floor classroom visit an exhibit of Czech-Slovak pottery, from vintage to contemporary. The Sokol Gift Shop also is open on the first floor.
- On the second floor find treasures and deals at a silent auction to raise money for maintenance and improvement of the C.S.P.S. Hall.
- On the third floor, you can take a tour of our historic meeting room.

Program Preview: The outdoor stage features a lively mix of music, dance, and more. The Sokol children's groups, the *Taneční Mládež* and *Taneční Teens*, perform. Sokol gymnasts demonstrate their best tumbling. Guest performers include the *Domáci* Czech Folk Dancers from New Prague, Lipa Slovak Folk dancers, the SlovCzech Band, 2015 Miss Czech Slovak Princess Madison Jerde, and the St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers. A schedule listing all performers will be available on the Sokol website by September 15.

The Czech and Slovak festival is a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. Please help grow our festival by spreading the word to new people. We look forward to seeing you!

...find more Festival information on pages 2 and 3



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Hall Calendar of events:

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By Vice President Denis Novak

Pozdrav bratři a sestry/Greetings Brothers and Sisters

As I write a few words in her place, our President Judy is spending all her time and energy in fighting some serious health issues. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

It seems much too soon to be saying that autumn is just around the corner, but it is. Soon every weekend will be filled with ethnic, town, or church festivals. The aroma of grilled food will fill the air. With the arrival of autumn, we will also come to our major fall event, the 27th annual Czech and Slovak Festival held this year on Sunday, September 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the C.S.P.S. Hall located at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul.

I invite everyone to come for an afternoon filled with ethnic food, some great dance performances, singing, live music, and a silent auction. Bring your friends. You don't need to be Czech or Slovak to have fun.

You can also check out the progress of work done to the historic C.S.P.S. Hall. You will notice that a sprinkler system for fire protection is finished and that air conditioning offers relief from summer heat and humidity in the great hall. Work is never done. We are now faced with an immediate need to replace the fire escape on the north end of the building. Once again we need your help to provide the funds to do the job. *Nazdar!*

New Sokol Member

Alexa Turgeon from Lonsdale, current Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Queen, is interested in genealogy, history, language, dances, festivals, films, literature and theater. She became a member of Sokol Minnesota at the Board of Directors' meeting on August 18. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota! Norm Petrik, Membership Director

Volunteer at the Festival!

Sunday, September 25

Your help is needed to make our festival a success!

Volunteer tasks are available before, during, and after the event for people of all skill and mobility levels.

Jobs range from distributing flyers to baking, set-up, serving, selling, clean-up, and more.

Enjoy fun and fellowship while supporting Sokol.

For more information, please contact Joyce at 612-822-6147 or email us at <festival@sokolmn.org>

Good turnout is a key ingredient for our success!

Please promote the festival
by telling others about it.

You can email, phone, post on social media,
and distribute flyers within your circles of influence.

For more information, call **651-225-1285**
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**We Need
Your
Help
with
Festival
Publicity**

Silent Auction Treasures Needed

Do you have a new or gently used item?

Czech or Slovak pottery, antiques, or household items?

Want to create a theme basket (holiday, spa items, etc.)?

Donate a gift certificate (weekend at your cabin, etc.)?

Do you have a business or know of one that would donate a gift certificate?
(Be sure to collect business cards to display next to the certificate.)

Be creative! People love to shop. All proceeds go to restore our historic C.S.P.S. Hall.

Contact Jean Hall at 612-597-3085 or Joyce at 612-822-6147
or email us at <festival@sokolmn.org>

Smisek's Czech Pottery Collection on Display at C-S Festival By Louise Wessinger

A renewed interest in their Czech heritage began for Susie and John Smisek of LeCenter, Minnesota, when their daughter Anne was chosen as Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota in 1999.

They began collecting pottery imported from Czechoslovakia. As their collection grew, so did their knowledge and appreciation for the diversity and craftsmanship in the various styles of the pottery. The different styles range from simple single color patterns to complicated motifs, colors, and glazes.

Both Susie and John enjoy spending time at flea markets, garage sales, antique stores, and collectible shows



hunting for new pieces for their collection, which has grown to over 2,000 items. With years of experience, they know exactly what to look for on each piece that will tell them where it is from and

when it was created. New pieces are photographed and catalogued.

Each piece has its own story to tell and the Smiseks love to tell the stories not only about what each piece is, but also how they acquired it. Many patterns that are well known and collected, but Susie and John focus on Lusterware, Victoria China, Mrazek, Amphora, and Dittmar

Urbach. Their collection started with Lusterware, but now features many colorful ethnic motifs, florals, and birds and farm animal designs. One piece even contains vulture cup handles!

Stop by to see a part of the Smisek's beautiful pottery collection in the first floor classroom of the C.S.P.S. Hall during the Czech and Slovak Festival on Sunday, September 25. You are welcome to bring your questions about Czech pottery for Susie and John to answer.



Sokol Minnesota Receives a Grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

By Joyce Tesarek, Finance Chair

Once again, Sokol Minnesota has been the grateful recipient of a generous grant of 20,000 CZK (over \$800) to support our work on the hall renovations. This year, Mr. Bořek Lizec, Consul General of the Czech Consulate in Chicago, included a hand-written personal note with the award, in which he gave thanks and "great appreciation of all your support to you personally and to all your colleagues, and only best memories of the April visit of the Prime Minister and its preparations." This spring on April 2, Sokol Minnesota had the honor and the pleasure of a visit from the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic H.E. Mr. Bohuslav Sobotka, the Czech Ambassador to the United States H.E. Mr. Petr Gandalovič, and the Consul General and his consulate staff from Chicago.

Members of Sokol Minnesota greatly value our connections with both the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, the history, the culture, and the traditions, as well as our relationships to both the countries and their people today.

C.S.P.S. LEGACY FUND

We ask for your support for 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> *Thank you!*



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Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

By Arlene Hamernik, Corresponding Secretary

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

Adopt a Step: \$500: Daniel Washick

General Fund: under \$99:

Ken and Sharon Wyberg in memory of **Tom Pallo**.
Mary and Thomas Nelson, Catherine Piela, Elsie Roepke, Joan Sedlacek, and Ken and Sharon Wyberg in memory of **Ralph MacHolda**.

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Legacy Fund: \$100 - \$499: Marie Krikava.

General Fund: \$925 (includes Adopt a Step)
Legacy Fund: \$400

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota members who are celebrating a 90th birthday this year: **Libby Imbrone, Doris McKenney, and Wallace Oliva.** Know someone else who becomes a nonagenarian in 2016? Let *Slovo* know. <Slovo@sokolmn.org>

In Memoriam: Ralph MacHolda, age 88, of Edina, Minnesota, longtime Sokol member, born July 25, 1927, passed away on July 22, 2016. As a master electrician, Ralph could often be found at the Sokol Hall working on electrical projects. For many years, he also enjoyed singing with the Senior Singers. Ralph was very proud of his Czech heritage. He cherished his friendships in our Sokol organization. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly; two daughters, Mary (John) Miller and Judy Bowman; two sons, Edward (Susan) and David; four grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. Sokol Minnesota extends our condolence.

Czechs and Slovaks Enjoy Tamburitza Folk Dance Performance

At the Pittsburgh-based Tamburitza Folk Dance and Music Concert in Arden Hills on August 9, Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers lead by Don Pafko, Honorary Slovak Consul, visited with M.L. Kucera, Honorary Czech Consul. Back (L-R): Paul Knuth, Roman Fiam, Don Pafko, Kyle Bachmayer. Front: Kristin Chepp, Vladia Gregorski, Emily Fiam, M.L. Kucera, Michaela Bachmayer, Sylvia Magana, Lara Ciganko.



Sokol members enjoyed the Tamburitza concert: Back (L-R): M.L. Kucera, Norm Petrik, Joyce Tesarek, Arlene Hamernik, Ed Hamernik. Front: Megan Cahill, Val Kuisle, Mary Cahill, Jason Brozovich, Joan Sedlacek, Frank Trnka. Also attending: Mary Kucera who took this picture.

55th Annual National Wilber Czech Festival in Wilber, Nebraska



1. Alexa Turgeon, Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota at the 30th anniversary pageant of 2016 Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. in Wilber. Michaela Steager, Nebraska, was crowned Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. 2016. 2. L-R, Megan and Mikayla Marek, a 2016 Czech Heritage Junior Royalty Little Ambassador, with their parents Cheryl and Bill from Montgomery. They won first place in the talent show in the 11-years-and-younger category. The two sisters performed a Czech dance they learned as members of the *Domáci* Czech Folk Dancers, lead by Arnie and Deb Ziskovsky. 3. In the Wilber Museum, Lorraine David, Minnesota pageant founder and director, showed her granddaughters the picture of their mother Constance David Will who was national queen in 1989-90. Camille Will, Czech Heritage Junior Royalty Ambassador 2016-2017, and Juliann Will, Czech Heritage Junior Royalty Ambassador 2015-2016. 4. Mary Kucera, Joan Sedlacek, and Marit Lee Kucera enjoyed the water fountain just behind the bandstand in downtown Wilber. Doreen McKenney took this picture of the water follies. Joan worked six hours at TJ Sokol Hall in Wilber where she reported that she was paid double the Sokol rate because she was from out-of-state. See <www.missczechslovakus.com> for more information.



News from Sokol Minnesota's Education/Language Program

By Blanka Brichta, Czech Language Instructor, with Jean Draheim, Director of Education

The 2015-2016 was a year of fun and immense progress! We had wonderful and enthusiastic groups eager to learn some Czech or Slovak last year. Our classes are very diverse, students join for many reasons, which span from learning basic words, to deepening their knowledge of grammar, or expanding their conversational skills. We try to accommodate everyone.

This summer, many of the students traveled to either the Czech Republic or the Slovak Republic. I can't wait to hear on the first day of class how they put their language skills to use. Of course, I have to confess that our potlucks are the very best part of our classes. We always come up with some reason (Czech or not Czech related) to bring homemade Czech foods to share! As a group we also meet for Czech/Slovak related events outside of the classroom, such as going to see Czech movies during the Minneapolis Saint Paul International Film Festival. If this sounds like fun to you, please join us next year!

Our Fall Session Classes Start Very Soon!

Hope to see you in our classroom!

Classes meet once a week for 90 minutes in the evening. They are held from mid-September to mid-April, with two 12-week semesters.

- Beginning Czech meets on Mondays. Beginning Czech 1 starts September 26.
- All levels of Slovak meet on Tuesdays. Slovak starts on September 27.
- Conversational Czech (the most advanced speakers) continues to meet on Tuesdays. Conversational Czech starts on September 27.
- Intermediate Czech meets on Wednesday. Intermediate Czech 1 starts on September 21.

For more specifics about the classes, please email <education@sokolmn.org> To download the registration form, go to <sokolmn.org/education.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Draheim, Sokol Minnesota's Director of Education, at <education@sokolmn.org>

Make this the year that you cross off Learn-to-Speak/Write-Czech-or-Slovak from your bucket list!



Beginning Czech Class students (L-R): Instructor Blanka Brichta, Nancy Blume, Linda Webb, Cynthia McArthur, Raneé Carlson Jez, Garry Weber, missing from photo: Garrett Karalus.



Intermediate Czech class students (L-R): Pavel Pavek, Christy Banks, Lydia Akradi Jaros, Sarah Votruba, Michal Dejko, Richard Sargent.

Upcoming Events

September 17, Dožínky® Festival and Classic Car Cruise, New Prague, is a Czech Harvest Festival patterned after the "Old Country" original, which annually gives thanks for the bountiful harvest. Similarly, New Prague honors its agricultural roots with the Parade of Farm Pride starting at noon. From 10 a.m. to close at 5 p.m., New Prague's beautiful Main Street is transformed into an open-air market with vendors lining the sidewalks, a beer garden featuring authentic Czech beer, and food booths including traditional Czech dishes.

The Czech Heritage Village hosts specialty vendors with Czech imports, information, and Czech entertainment: 10 a.m. Opening Ceremony features Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty talents and Bechyn, Minnesota, Adult Dancers; 2 p.m. *Domáci* Czech Folk Dancers; 2:45 p.m. New Prague Czech Singers; 3:30 p.m. St. Paul Czech Slovak Folk Dancers; and 4 p.m. Colton Tupy on the concertina.

September 17: Malina Brothers perform at a house concert in Inver Grove Heights, 7 - 9 p.m.

Sponsored by The Czech and Slovak Cultural Center, this wonderful Czech folk/bluegrass band perform in a relaxed environment where you can listen to wonderful guitar, banjo, bass, and violin music, plus meet like-minded music lovers from Czech, Slovak, and other cultural backgrounds.

Tickets are \$20. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Renata Ticha at <tich0018@umn.edu>.

Gymnastics Classes Resume in September

Looking for a way to increase your child's flexibility, strength, balance, and possibly defy gravity, all the while having fun and meeting new friends?

Check out Sokol Minnesota Gymnastics. Classes resume the week of September 12 both for girls and for boys.

We have made class adjustments to expand offerings and include more participants this year.

Our outstanding instructors are all back, plus two new instructors, current gymnasts Charlotte and Isabelle, who completed American Sokol's National Instructor School Course this summer.

Everyone looks forward to seeing our returning students (who will have a priority registration opportunity), as well as to new students, as class space permits.

For more information about Sokol Minnesota's gymnastic program, visit our website at <sokolmn.org>, email us at <fitness@sokolmn.org>, or call us at 651-290- 0542.

MOVIE REVIEW: **Operation Anthropoid** By Cinnamon Whaley

Anthropoid, released in theaters on August 12, is based on the true story of Operation Anthropoid, the mission whose goal was to assassinate Reinhard Heydrich, third in command in the Nazi regime. It was in retaliation to this operation that the town of Lidice*, Czechoslovakia, was decimated in June 1942.

The operation was conceived and carried out during May of 1942 from London by the exiled Czechoslovak government and the small resistance movement in Prague. We're led through the six months that soldiers Jozef Gabčík and Jan Kubiš spend plotting the assassination and glimpse the lives of the Czech people who give their support in secret to the soldiers and the resistance.

While many films about World War II focus on the death and destruction occurring around the characters, this film felt significantly different as it

focuses on a small group of people with a central mission and does not call attention to the larger picture of current events. At first I felt like this detracted from the atrocities of the war, but as we follow the characters and the severity of their mission, I understood that they simply had no room to focus on anything outside of the mission, and it wouldn't lend itself to the film to do so.

The production team was able to give all of the characters depth and identity, if not personal history. While we don't know the characters' back stories, *Anthropoid* was definitely a reminder of the heroics of both military and civilians. As World War II recedes further and further into the past, a fresh view of the lives of these brave people should be welcomed and reflected upon. Our daily news consumption is so filled with war today and yet it is so far removed from the lives we live that it's

difficult to truly comprehend what is happening in the world. Giving two hours to watch a film about a team of people risking their lives to fight a truly evil empire brought me to tears and allowed me to take some time for reflection today.

Many movies that are based on true events are embellished; until I read more on the historical events upon which the film was based, I wasn't sure how much was true to history. As it turns out, nearly everything in the film is reflective of the follow-up reading I've done. Well done, director Sean Ellis! A well-made film with great acting that ultimately shared stories of World War II with a new generation of movie-goers.

* see June/July 2016 *Slovo*, article on page 10, *Remembering Lidice: "Lidice Shall Live,"* by Tony Brendel. Over the years, several articles have appeared about Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota *Slovo*.

82nd Annual Kolacky Days in Montgomery

Kolacky Days featured a long parade on July 24 in the historic downtown of Montgomery and a wide range of entertainment in Memorial Park, including St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers led by Louise Wessinger and *Domáci* Czech Folk Dancers from New Prague led by Deb and Arnie Ziskovsky.

A popular (and delicious) food booth supported the Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Queen pageant.

(Front L-R) Jessica and Judy Metcalf enjoyed favorite Czech foods served by past Minnesota state queens (back L-R) Ashley (Vlasak) Zimanske, 2003-2004 and Anne (Smisek) Jans, 1999-2000.



Sokol Minnesota Annual Memberships

Renewals: Individual \$50; Couple \$90. Senior \$40 (over age 65); Senior couple \$80. **New memberships:** Individual \$55; Couple \$95.

This includes a one-time \$5 registration fee with our national organization, American Sokol Organization. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota's annual membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are reduced for members joining after June 30.

Membership applications: <www.sokolmn.org> or by request from Norm Petrik (612-822-6147). Please send your completed membership application and check to

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

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BOOK REVIEW: Miloš Forman Was Driven to Express Life Cinematically By Gwen Willems, Ph.D.

Turnaround: A Memoir. Miloš Forman and Jan Novak. London: Faber and Faber, 1993, 295 pages. Available in libraries and used bookstores.

Miloš Forman is a renowned screenwriter, film director, and actor. He began life in Čáslav, Czechoslovakia, in 1932. After his parents died in concentration camps in 1943 and 1944, relatives raised him. Forman went to school at the elite King George boarding school, where a fellow student was Václav Havel, and the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.

Forman's early works, *Loves of a Blonde*, a well-known movie of the Czechoslovak New Wave, and *The Fireman's Ball*, a biting satire on Eastern European communism, made him a celebrity in Czechoslovakia. During the 1968 Prague Spring and Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, he was in Paris. He later came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen in 1977.

Forman thrived in New York, where he lived in the iconoclastic Chelsea Hotel. He received Academy Awards for Best Director for his films *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *Amadeus*. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* won all five major Academy Awards: Best picture, Actor in Leading Role, Actress in Leading Role, Director, and Screenplay. Most of Forman's films put a spotlight on a particular time in history. Among his other hits are *Hair*, *Valmont*, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, and *Ragtime*.

The strength of *Turnaround: A Memoir* is that it's a light read, filled with the kind of engaging anecdotes about his career and personal life that he shared with an auditorium full of people, including myself, at the Walker Art Center a few years ago. Its weakness is not including more insights into what makes a good director, his examination of free speech, and the dissidence he and others expressed in the Czech New Wave. In a 1993 BBC Late Show interview, Forman suggested that it was more socialist to work within the Hollywood system than under communism. In Hollywood, films are censored by the people who accept or reject them, while under communism, faceless bureaucrats vetoed scripts, spied on sets, and banned films. One of the book's highlights describes Forman's return to

Prague to film Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* in 1984, when he was the successful prodigal son having to deal again with the absurdist state security of communism.

Forman has remained a Czech at heart. As he wrote: "... even after I'd been separated from my country and culture, which happened by default and which left me with a family stranded in Prague, I was pulled strongly back. I am a sentimentalist who doesn't feel whole with all the roads to the landscape of childhood blocked, without a way to confront the memories that make you what you are. I felt incomplete when I was cut off from the places I'd scored my first goal, stolen my first kiss, perfected my goulash, has alcohol spin the world around me for the first time and yelled my first 'Cut!'"

Co-written with novelist Jan Novak, the memoir is full of photos and straight-forward storytelling that disclose cultural influences on Forman and his personality, which include sexism that can make a modern American reader wince, as it shows Forman judging women first and foremost on their looks. Read the book to learn about movie making: Forman is knowledgeable, fascinating, and entertaining on that topic.

The Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures group starts the 2016-2017 year on September 17, 10 a.m., C.S.P.S. Hall, with a discussion of Charles Jonas (1840-1896): Czech National Liberal, Wisconsin Bourbon Democrat by C. Winston Chrislock.

For more information: <cs-center.org>

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EVENTS AT C.S.P.S. HALL
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Sokol Minnesota 2016 Events

Czech and Slovak Family Event

September 11, 4 - 7 p.m.

Potluck supper and family activities.

Czech and Slovak Festival

September 25, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A fun-filled event with ethnic food,
 dance performances,
 live music, and a silent auction.

Please sign up to volunteer. See page 2.

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Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota *SLOVO* September 2016

Fall 2016 Events at Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

383 Michigan Street, St. Paul, MN 55102 • 651-290-0542 **Join us!** ~~~ Gift shop open during Sokol events ~~~

•27th Czech & Slovak Festival: Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Live music, folk dancers, gymnasts, children's games, ethnic food, Czech beer, Czech-Slovak pottery and glass exhibit, fujara demonstration, vendors, info booths, silent auction. Dance to Slov-Czech at 4 p.m.! Free admission. Accessible facilities. 612-822-6147.

•Family Events: On Sundays, September 11, October 16, and November 13, 4 - 7 p.m.

Potluck supper, family activities for children of all ages. *Mikulášská besídka*: December 3, 3- 9 p.m.

•Czech Roast Pork Dinner: Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m.

Traditional menu: roast pork, raised-bread dumplings, sauerkraut, dessert, and coffee. \$18 adult, \$9 child under 9. Cash beer and wine bar. Prepaid reservations by October 16: 651-290-0542.

•Pancake Breakfast/Holiday Craft and Bake Sale: Sunday, November 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

\$7 adult; \$5 child under 9; \$20 family of four. No reservations needed. Pre-order *koláče*: 651-290-0542. Reserve a craft table: 651-433-2008.

•Sokol Children's Holiday Party: Friday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Dancers perform. Special visit from *Svatý Mikuláš*.

•Membership Holiday Party: Sunday, January 8, 2017, 3 p.m.

Festivity, food, and fun. Reservations by December 26: 651-290-0542.

•14th Annual Candlelight Roast Duck Dinner: Saturday, January 21, 2017, 5 p.m.

With half a roast duck, soup, potato dumplings, sweet and sour red cabbage, and dessert. Limited seating. \$23 per person. Cash bar. Prepaid reservations by January 14: 952-941-0426.



Go to www.sokolmn.org for the latest information on all events. Questions? events@sokolmn.org