

ASW ZPRAVODAJ

June 2010

NEXT MEETING



**Wednesday
June 2, 2010
8:00 PM**

Little Falls Library
5501 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816

DON'T MISS

Blue Rock Camp (Tábor pod modrou skálou)

August 25 – 29, 2010

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MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

With the upcoming June 2 membership meeting we will wind down another successful Sokol year. This meeting will be our last before the summer break. June is also the month we conclude for the season our ongoing weekly activities. Sokol Czech and Slovak School, gymnastics, volleyball, yoga and zumba will take a two month break...

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CALENDAR

June 2010

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Indoor Soccer League | 8 PM ASW Monthly Meeting @ Little Falls Library (see side banner) | | 7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7 - 7:50 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Zumba | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 8 - 10 PM Volleyball | Indoor Soccer League | | | 7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 8 - 10 PM Volleyball | Indoor Soccer League | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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EVENT DETAILS

| What | When | Details |
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| Volleyball | Mondays, June 7, and 14 8:00 – 10:00 PM | At Wood Acres Elementary School 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816 Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and shoes (rubber sole sturdy shoes) for your children so that they may safely participate in gymnastics. |
| Czech and Slovak School | Fridays, June 4, and 11 7:00 – 8:00 PM | |
| Children's Gymnastics | Fridays, June 4, and 11 8:15 – 10:00 PM | |
| Gymnastics for the Little Ones* | Friday, June 4 8:15 – 9:30 PM | |
| Adult Yoga/Zumba | Friday, June 4 8:30 – 9:30 PM | |
| Czech and Slovak Preschool | Friday, June 4 7:00 – 7:50 PM | |
| <p>*Gymnastics for the Little Ones are being offered during the same time as the gymnastics for the older children. Parent participation is crucial so please make sure you are available to help few times a month. The class is led by Olga Simakova and runs from approximately 8:15 to 9:30 pm.</p> <p>ASW is still looking for volunteers willing to help with children gymnastics and the aerobics/yoga classes. Those interested, please leave a message for Br. Miroslav Honzák or Sis. Olga Simakova at (703) 759-1500 or send them an email at sokol@sokolwashington.org.</p> | | |
| Indoor Soccer League  | Tuesdays | Sokol Washington soccer players continue to enjoy an indoor soccer season. Fans or prospective participants can come and watch or play at the Fairfax Sportsplex in Springfield, VA. Those interested should contact Br. Josef Cerny at (703) 861-7039 or bobescerny@msn.com for exact playing times. |
| Blue Rock Camp (Tábor pod modrou skalou) | Wednesday, August 25 – Sunday, August 29, 2010 | Children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monongahela National Forest, WV. Children under seven years must be accompanied by a parent. For more information on this event, contact Br. Miroslav Honzák at sokol@sokolwashington.org or leave a message for him at (703) 759-1500 |
| Libor Kozak Memorial Century Bicycling Event  | Saturday, October 2, 2010 | The 3 rd annual bicycling event. Please save the date. More information will follow. |

American Sokol Washington, DC Chapter, Inc. (ASW) is a non-profit organization and all of its officers are volunteers. That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol Unit thrive.

Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.

Detailed information about the above planned events will be published in this flyer and on the ASW website.

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA (*Continued*)

... and will resume in September. Sokol will be offering a few summer activities for you to enjoy, specifically the children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monongahela National Forest in late August and a possible picnic. And, there are always those impromptu hikes. Watch for our emails about these events. During the summer we will communicate only through emails; the Newsletter will take a two month break as well.

We urge all of you to attend our June meeting. We will discuss and plan our activities for 2010/11 year and we want as many of you as possible to participate in that planning process. If you cannot attend and have ideas or suggestions you would like to share, please email me at maruska@levendislaw.com and I will take your ideas to the meeting. At the June meeting we also need to appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for officers and directors. Our annual election takes place at our September meeting. Consider serving on the Board - we would love to have you. There are many jobs or projects with which you can assist – both small and large.

Finally, this meeting will be a celebration of our 2009/10 accomplishments. For that we will go to the Irish Inn at Glen Echo immediately after the administrative part of the meeting has concluded at the Little Falls Library on Massachusetts Avenue in Bethesda. Please join us for both the brief administrative meeting at the Library and for the refreshments afterwards at the Irish Inn.

I want to extend a special thank you to the students of the Sokol Czech and Slovak School who represented us so wonderfully at the Slovak Embassy EU Open House on Saturday May 8 – praise and awe came from everyone. Also, thank you goes to Igor Labuda for organizing the annual Jiri Parma Tennis Tournament, and congratulations to all the winners. And this past weekend many of our members and friends will be enjoying the Memorial Day weekend canoe trip and campout – thank you to Eva Majerova and Pavel Klein for organizing this event.

We hope Sokol has been a good friend to you and your family this year and that you have enjoyed and benefited both in body and spirit from our offerings of activities and events. And to all of you who have contributed your time to run Sokol events and activities – THANK YOU!

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

ASW MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR YEAR 2010

The deadline to submit Sokol Washington, D.C. membership dues was **March 31, 2010**. Please make your check payable to Sokol Washington, D.C., and mail it at your earliest convenience to the Financial Secretary:

Br. Tibor Bartalos
1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704
Washington, D.C. 20024

Sokol Washington, D.C membership fees 2010 are as follow:

- Individual Membership (adult /voting) \$35.00
- Two Adults Membership (both voting)..... \$65.00
- Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults) \$45.00
- Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years)..... \$70.00
- New Member One-time Administrative Fee \$5.00

New Member's Fee will be prorated quarterly.

Please remember, you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting(s) and consent to take the Sokol oath.

All your contributions to Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible. Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your end-of-year contributions. If you are contributing through the United Way, our CFC designation code is 5043.

Your support will directly benefit all our activities and is greatly appreciated!

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL

Our Czech and Slovak School has been thriving. On June 11, we will spend our last Friday evening together and then will resume our classes again in September.

On average, we have about 35 students in two Czech and two Slovak classes. We accept children ages 4 – 12. Classes are held every Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Wood Acres Elementary School on 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.

Students learn not only the language and grammar, but also their culture and heritage.

Under the leadership of our starostka, Lucia Levendis, and with help of many volunteers, for weeks, the majority of the students actively participated in a folklore practice for the performance at the Slovak Embassy on May 8th – EU Open House Day, which was a great success.

After school and folklore, the children move into the gymnasium for optional Sokol gymnastics from about 8:00 – 10:00 PM.

If you are interested in registering your child in any of the above activities, you're welcome to do so. Please e-mail sis. Andrea Kohlmayer at andreakohlmayer@gmail.com with any questions or concerns, or come in person to the school any Friday night.

Our adult Czech and Slovak classes for beginners continue, meeting at the above location from 8:00 – 9:00 PM. If you are interested or know anyone who would like to join the classes, please contact directly the teachers, Michaela Onel at miska@onel.net (Slovak) or Libuse Ellingerova at libuse.e@seznam.cz (Czech).

OF INTEREST

The Avalon Theatre <http://www.theavalon.org/programs-events/lions-of-czech-film/> presents the movie series reflecting the diversity and some of the best cinema of Czech directors:

- June 9 at 8:00pm – **Grapes 2** - Director: Vlad Lanne, 2009, 95 min, with English subtitles

The Avalon Theatre is located at 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015. For more information, call the box office at: (202) 966-3464.

Summer School of the Slovak Language and Culture 2010 – Center for Language and Academic Preparation of Bratislava School of Law is organizing its 6th year of Summer School of the Slovak Language and Culture 2010 in the period from July 5 to July 23 of 2010 in Bratislava, Slovakia. You can find all information at http://www.uninova.sk/cjop/src/summer_school.php

Czech Speakers for Voice-over Project Needed – Ms. Paola Bakalian of InterNation, Inc., a translation agency based in New York City (<http://internation.com/>) is looking for Czech speakers for a voice-over project. This is well paid project for a corporate client. Voice-over or acting experience is not required, but preferred. The company is based in New York City and would ideally like to find people locally, but they are willing to record in Washington D.C. as well if they find the right person. Give Ms. Bakalian a call (212-619-5545) or email (info@internation.com) if you think you can help.

Slovak Handwritten Cookbook Blog – Tonya Harmon, a Canadian (originally from Southwestern Ontario) of Slovak descent now living in Northern Virginia, is translating her grandmother's handwritten cookbook from 80 years ago from Slovak to English. She is writing about it on a blog, along with some family stories that she has collected over the years. Come check out her blog at <http://paulinescookbook.wordpress.com/> Tonya (Shuster) Harmon (Pauline's granddaughter) thanks you for supporting her in this labor of love.

The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library (NCSML) is launching a new oral history program <http://www.ncsml.org/News/20091123/30/New-Oral-History-Project-Underway.aspx>. NCSML will be gathering personal stories, family sagas, and community histories of communist-era (1948-89) émigrés from Czechoslovakia who settled in

Chicago, Washington DC, and Cleveland. They're in the process of setting up the framework and plan on interviewing in June, in these three cities. Why not, say, NYC or Pittsburgh? There's only so much money in the grant they got.

If you fit the above-mentioned criteria, or know someone who does, or can give the project any leads, please contact: Rosie Johnston, Project Coordinator, 319-362-8500 ext. 214, rjohnston@ncsml.org Dave Muhlena, Project Director, 319-362-8500 ext. 202, dmuhlena@ncsml.org

Enhancing Children's Lives in the Communities Where They Live - in this fast paced world the Slovakia Playground Foundation www.sloviaplaygrounds.org would like smiling kids networking the old fashion way. Face to face - On the playgrounds – Being active! Slovakia Playground Foundation is a Virginia-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing quality playgrounds for the children of Slovakia.

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences 25th World Congress – Central Theme: Contributions of Czechs and Slovaks to Science and Technology of the 21st Century, June 27 – July 3, 2010 in Tabor, Czech Republic. For more information, visit www.svu2000.org.

Slovakcooking.com - Check out this website dedicated to traditional Slovak recipes at www.slovakcooking.com. They come with step-by-step photo illustrations. The website creator is looking for more contributors, especially those who know how to bake delicious Slovak sweets (kolace, torty, etc...). If you'd like to share your recipes, contact Lubos Brieda at lubos@slovakcooking.com.

2010 Miss Czech Slovak US Scholarship Pageant is searching for candidates to represent states from the East Coast. This is a wonderful opportunity for a young woman to be able to represent her passion for her heritage, meet other young women with similar interests, and possibly win scholarship money or other prizes - over \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. The national pageant reaches over 40,000 Czechs and Slovaks.

General requirements:

- Contestant must be age 16-26 of Czech or Slovak decent
- Contestant must be a US Citizen (or have a valid Social Security Number)
- Contestant must be able to travel to Wilber, Nebraska August 7, 8, and 9, 2010
- Contestant must either live in or attend school in the state she represents

There are 4 competition categories: Private Interview; On-stage Interview; Kroj Modeling; Talent Presentation Interested? MaryElizabeth Lackey would love to hear from you, please contact her at (785) 317-5010 or mary_eliza@yahoo.com and visit www.missczechslovakus.com

Czechoslovak Happy Hour – a social gathering of Czech and Slovak community and friends. Feel free to obtain more info at <http://cshappyhour.net/index.html>

The Washington Czech Language and Slovak Language Meetup Groups at <http://czech.meetup.com/126/> and <http://slovak.meetup.com/34/> and Northern Virginia Meetup Group <http://czech.meetup.com/154/>

The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles from the 20th Century, located in Brno, wishes to inform all exiles of Czech and Slovak origin around the world of its founding, and is asking them for their collaboration and support. In addition to serving as a permanent exhibition center, the Exile Museum will also accept, store and collate archives of exiles, it will also support production of documentary films and more. The Museum requests that exiles and their families send it all documents, papers, data and other source materials to support our work.

For more information or if you have materials to donate, contact Jan Kratochvil, OCM, Director, Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles – 20th century, Stefanikova 22, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic, Europe, tel. no.: 011-420-603-552-351, email: muzeumexil@muzeumexil.cz

NOTE: If you are planning to visit the Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles, please arrange your visit in advance via e-mail or the phone number listed above.

Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad edited by Vera Borkovec - the book is a historical document dealing with Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA, Canada, Australia and England. The book can be ordered from the editor-distributor Vera Borkovec at 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902-1515 (aborkovec@comcast.net). Payment must be by check in U.S. dollars and made payable to SVU. The price of each book is \$20. For shipment by airmail (the ground shipment is no longer available), you must add: \$5 for USA = \$25; \$6 for Canada = \$26; \$10 for all other countries = \$30.