

ASW SPRÁVODAJ

December 2010

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
January 5, 2011
7:30 PM
Location: TBA

DON'T MISS

**St. Nicholas/
 Mikulasska Party**
 Saturday, December 4
 3:00 PM
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MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

As we enter the last month of 2010, let us be thankful for the friends and community we have in Sokol. ASW has been fortunate in this respect, our friends and supporters are many and we have the good will and hard work of a large number of volunteers and thus we have been able to bring you an array of wonderful programs....

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CALENDAR

December 2010

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Zumba	3:00 St. Nicholas/ Mikulasska Party
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball				7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Zumba	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball				7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Yoga	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball				Merry Christmas! 	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Happy New Year's Eve! 	

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, December 6, 13, and 20 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, December 3, 10, and 17 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, December 10 and 17 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, December 10 and 17 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga/Zumba	Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17 8:30 – 9:30 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 8:30 to 9:30 pm. There is a Warm up form 8:00 to 8:30 pm in which all the parents may participate with their children if they want.</p>		
Mikulasska Party 	Saturday, December 4, 2010 3:00 – 6:00 PM	Party for children and adults allowing you to enjoy great food, meet St. Nick, the angel, the devil, and giving you and your children ample opportunity to tell if you have been “naughty or nice...” If you would like to help, please send us an email at sokol@sokolwashington.org or leave a message at (703) 759-1500. For more information, visit our website www.sokolwashington.org and go to Events.
Ski Trip to Vermont 	December 27, 2010 – January 3, 2011	A week-long ski trip to Burke Mountain, Vermont. For children with or without parents. (Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by at least one adult.) For more information or to sign up, contact Br. Pavel Klein at: (301) 424.1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com

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*)

... One of these ever popular ASW programs, our Mikulášska Party, will be held this Saturday, December 4, at 3:00 pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church in McLean. We hope you will join us for the traditional zabíjačka, Czech beer, and, of course, a surprise visitor (with gifts!) for all the children. So that our officers and volunteers can put their efforts into preparing this very special event, we will forgo our monthly membership meeting this month. If you wish to contact me, please call me at 703-615-3465 or write me at maruska@levendislaw.com.

Whether or not you will be at the Mikulášska Party to receive in person our holiday wishes, we hope that you will enjoy a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year! Šťestí, zdraví, pokoj, lásku vinšujeme Vám, veselé vánoční hody vašim rodinám! A na ten Nový Rok, aby ste mali šťastný krok, doma lásku, svornosť a všetkého hojnosť!

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

This past month ASW members and friends enjoyed our traditional Kateřinska Party. Thank you to Tibor Bartalos, his crew of many volunteers and DJ Vlado Kovac for organizing this event and assuring its success.

ASW 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE WAS MARCH 31, 2010

Missing ASW membership deadline payment unfortunately means your membership suspension two months after this deadline and you can not be reinstated until your membership dues are paid and up to date.

Please take a few minutes to write a check, payable to "Sokol Washington", for your 2010 membership dues and send it to the following address:

American Sokol Washington, Inc.
c/o Tibor Bartalos
1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704
Washington, DC, 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

On average, we have about 35 students in two Czech and two Slovak classes. We accept children ages 5 – 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.

For the past few weeks, the children practiced their folk songs and carols for the upcoming performance at Mikulasska party - a popular family event that takes place this Saturday, December 4th (see additional information in “event details”).

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 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 Marcela Davenport at marcelahd1@hotmail.com (Czech).

OF INTEREST

May in December – Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom Street, N.W., Washington, DC; Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Washington DC Chapter cordially invites you to a celebration of the 200th anniversary of Karel Hynek Mácha’s birth with readings from his famous poem “Máj” in the Czech original and English translation. For security reasons you are asked to R. S. V. P. (leave a message if necessary) to (301)229-4064 Helena Fabry or (301)622-4775 Vera Borkovec.

Check out These Links:

- Slovak Handwritten Cookbook Blog: <http://paulinescookbook.wordpress.com/>
- The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library new oral history program: <http://www.ncsml.org/News/20091123/30/New-Oral-History-Project-Underway.aspx>.
- Enhancing Children’s Lives in the Communities Where They Live: www.slovakiaplaygrounds.org
- The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles from the 20th Century: www.muzeumexil.cz
- Traditional Slovak recipes website: www.slovakcooking.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/>

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.