

ASW SPRÁVODAJ

April 2012

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
May 2, 2012
8:00 PM

**Bethesda Regional
Library**

7400 Arlington Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 777-0970

DON'T MISS

Tennis

Tournament

Saturday, May, 2012

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

See p. 2 for details

Sokol School Children

Performance @ EU Open House

Saturday, May 12, 2012

See p. 2 for details

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

With warm weather and beautiful sunny days upon us, Sokol volunteers are refueling their energy to continue to provide our usual monthly activities as well as our many seasonal Sokol events. During this past month Sokol hosted the annual Volleyball Tournament...

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CALENDAR

April 2012

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 – 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics No Zumba/Yoga!	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			8 PM ASW Monthly Meeting @ Bethesda Library (see side banner)		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	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES				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	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES				No school and no gymnastics Rehearsal at the Emanuel Lutheran Church for children performing at the Slovak and Czech Embassies	
29	30					
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES					

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, April 16, 23, and 30 8:00 – 10:00 PM	<p>At Wood Acres Elementary School 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816</p> <p>Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and shoes (rubber sole sturdy shoes) for your children so that they may safely participate in gymnastics.</p>
Czech and Slovak School	Fridays, April 13, and 20 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, April 13, and 20 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, April 13, and 20 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, April 13, and 20 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, April 13, and 20 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga	Fridays, April 20 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 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>		
Sokol School Children Performance @ EU Open House	Saturday, May 12, 2012, 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM at the Slovak Embassy 2:30 and 3:30 PM at the Czech Embassy	<p>The performance takes place at the Slovak Embassy - 3523 International Court, NW, Washington, DC 20008</p> <p>And the Czech Embassy – 3900 Spring of Freedom Lane Northwest Washington, DC 20008</p>
Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament 	Saturday, May 12, 2012 – 8:30 AM to 6 PM	<p>An annual sporting event, attracting local & out of town participants, will take place at Bluemont Park, 601 North Manchester St., Arlington, VA 22203</p> <p>http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/scripts/parks/BluemontPark.aspx</p> <p>Those interested should contact Br. Igor Labuda at islabuda@msn.com</p>

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*)

...with teams from our area as well as from New York. The day of exhilarating competition culminated in the annual Josefska celebration which was enjoyed by many members and guests. Thank you to all those who assured the success of these activities – please see below. The results of the volleyball tournament are posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

In April we look forward to our traditional weekend hike in the Shenandoah National Park. This is a wonderful activity for members and friends of all ages, but of course, the weather will be the determining factor - we will let you know the dates by electronic mail.

Looking ahead, May activities will include performances by our school children during the European Union Open House Day on May 12 at the Slovak Embassy (11:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.) and at the Czech Embassy (2:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.). For our tennis enthusiasts, the annual Jiri Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 12, at Bluemont Park in Arlington.

Please note that the deadline for 2012 Membership Dues was March 31. Your dues help our Unit offer our many programs!

Join me and the other ASW officers and directors at our next monthly membership meeting on May 2 at 8 pm at the Bethesda Regional Library. I also encourage you to contact me at 202-223-8344 or maruska@levendislaw.com with any questions or suggestions..

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, D.C.

THANK YOU TO

Pavel Tojzl for organizing and managing the annual Volleyball Tournament;

Tibor Bartalos and his crew of many volunteers for organizing the Josefska Party;

DJ Grandpa, Vlado Kovac and DJ Junior, Robert Pavel for providing the music at Josefska;

And congratulations and all best wishes to new father Vlado Kovac – baby Jane Elizabeth is healthy and thriving.

SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C. VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2012 RESULTS:

1. Prdi
2. Sokol Washington A Cleveland
3. Sokol New York

Congratulations to all participants!

ASW WEBSITE – PARDON OUR DUST

We are in a process of significantly updating our website. We are very excited about the upcoming changes and cannot wait to see how you like the new look and feel. However, while this project is underway, the website may be temporarily unavailable or outdated. Please pardon our dust and be patient.

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues was **March 31, 2012**.

American Sokol Washington, DC membership dues 2012 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

Please make your check payable to "American Sokol Washington, DC", and mail it at your earliest convenience to the Financial Secretary:

American Sokol Washington, Inc.
c/o Br. Tibor Bartalos
1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704
Washington, DC, 20024

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 CFCNCA designation code is 93300.

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

CONFERENCE CZECH SCHOOL WITHOUT BORDERS: CZECH LANGUAGE EDUCATION FOR CZECH CHILDREN LIVING ABROAD

The conference will be organized by the non-profit organization Czech School without Borders and will be held, if enough participants, on June 16 and 17 2012 in Czech Centre in New York <http://new-york.czechcentres.cz/>.

The conference will focus on the Czech School without Borders model of a "Sunday" Czech school, created in 2003 in Paris, and having started and successfully worked in 8 more European countries since. Several other Czech communities around the world (in the Europe, USA and South America) expressed their interest in this school model and made the first steps to be one of them.

Sharing the opinions and the experiences in this field will help to better define the needs of the Czech community in the USA and Canada in terms of the Czech language education for (Czech) children living abroad these days.

The results of the conference will be presented during the annual meeting of the Czech Schools without Borders, held in Prague, in August 2012.

All interested participants, please send an email to csbh@csbh.cz, by March 09 2012.

No entry fee.

If you want to learn more about the Czech School without Borders, please visit: <http://www.csbh.cz/sekundarni-odkazy/co-je-csbh/about-us>

The United States and Canada have become, during the last couple of centuries, a home of the largest Czech and Slovak communities in the world, outside of their original land. Language is the most important part of our cultural heritage, the one which helps to maintain the other traditions. It is important to keep it alive as long as possible.

OF INTEREST

Bistro Bohem – <http://www.bistrobohem.com> opened to the public on March 15 and is becoming Washington DC's newest and most lively and hot hangout. Bistro is located in the historic U Street/Bloomingdale on the corner of 6th and Florida Ave., N.W. Bistro is offering flavorful and tasteful Eastern European cuisine in a relaxed and vibrant atmosphere with several beers, including premium Czech lager Czechvar (Budvar), Slovakian Golden Pheasant (Zlaty Bazant) and a handful of cocktails including a "Bohemian Margarita" and "Becherovka Old Fashioned".

Lions of Czech Film (Czech Oscars) series offer an invaluable opportunity to see the best of Czech cinema. A mixture of films for the upcoming series reflects the diversity and some of the best cinema of Czech directors. The films delve into interwoven relationships, comedic adventures and love stories, to more serious topics of courage and strength in the wake of adversity. All of the films are presented in English or in Czech with English subtitles at The Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015 <http://www.theavalon.org/programs-events/lions-of-czech-film/>

- May 9 @ 8:00PM – Innocence
- May 13 @ 8:00PM – Nicky's Family

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.