

ASW SPRÁVODAJ

April 2011

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
April 6, 2011
8:00 PM

Bethesda Regional Library

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

DON'T MISS

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

Even though spring weather seems to be avoiding us, Sokol volunteers are working hard to provide our members and friends with the usual seasonal Sokol activities and events. This past month our volleyball team traveled to New York for the annual Volleyball Tournament. The thank you to the organizers are bellow....

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CALENDAR


April 2011

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					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	7:30 PM Josefska Party
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES		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	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	No Activities - School closed for Spring Break		No Activities - School closed for Spring Break		No Activities - School closed for Spring Break	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Easter Monday- School closed		8-10 PM Volleyball @ Franklin Sherman 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 Zumba	

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	 Wednesdays, April 13, and 27 8:00 – 10:00 PM	At Franklin Sherman Elementary School 6630 Brawner Street McLean, VA 22101 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.
	Mondays, April 4, and 11 8:00 – 10:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak School	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children’s Gymnastics	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga/ Zumba	Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 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> <p> We now have two evenings of volleyball available. For more information about Wednesday sessions, please contact Andrea Kohlmayer at andreakohlmayer@gmail.com or leave a message for her at (703) 759-1500.</p>		
Spring (Josefska) Party 	April 2, 2011	An annual Spring dancing party for everyone.
Weekend Hike in Shenandoah National Park 	April 2011	Traditional hiking weekend in the Shenandoah National Park. For more information, contact Br. Pavel Klein at: (301) 424-1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com

What	When	Details
Sokol School Children Performance @ EU Open House	May 7, 2011, 11 AM and 12:30 PM	The performance takes place at the Slovak Embassy - 3523 International Court, NW, Washington, DC 20008
Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament 	Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 8:30 AM to 6 PM	This annual all-day event will once again be held at Bluemont Park, in Arlington, VA. All participants must be present at 8:30 AM sharp. Tell your friends to join in at this open fun event. The registration fee is \$15 for Sokol members and \$20 for non-members. It guarantees at least two singles games and includes food, beverages, trophies for winners and most importantly FUN! For more information and directions visit our website www.sokolwashington.org . For additional information you may contact Br. Igor Labuda at: islabuda@msn.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)*

.... In April we also look forward to our traditional weekend hikes 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.

And, looking ahead, see our calendar for our May activities which include a performance by our school children on May 7 at the Slovak Embassy and our annual tennis tournament on Saturday, May 14.

Please note that the deadline for 2011 Membership Dues was the end of March. 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 April 6 at Bethesda Regional Library. I also encourage you to contact me at 202-223-8344 or maruska@levendislaw.com with any questions or suggestions.

Nazdar,

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Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, DC

“THANK YOU” TO:

Robin Sestak for organizing the Sokol Washington DC Team; and thank you to Sokol New York for hosting this year’s tournament. See the article on the tournament results below.

CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL BEST WISHES TO:

New father Vladimir Kovac – baby Angela is healthy and thriving;

And newlywed Darina Tomkova Khan.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2011 HOSTED BY SOKOL NEW YORK

As the headline suggests, this year’s tournament was organized by Sokol New York. The team from Sokol Washington DC headed there under the care of Robin Sestak. This is a note he send to the hosts:

THANK YOU very much for organizing such a great tournament and taking care of us. We really felt like we are one big Sokol family. Goulash was excellent and we surely enjoyed the 2 kegs of Pilsner. Hope to see you all in DC next year.

Tournament Results

1st Place - Sokol NYC

2nd Place - Sokol NYC-B

3rd Place - Sokol Washington DC

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2011

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues was **March 31, 2011**.

American Sokol Washington, DC membership dues 2011 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 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.

If you are interested, please do come in person any Friday night or contact Andrea Kohlmayer at andreakohlmayer@gmail.com with any questions.

Majority of our students have been working very hard to learn their Czech and Slovak traditional dances for the upcoming performance at the Slovak and Czech Embassies (EU Open House Day in May).

And since the Easter is around the corner, our teachers will prepare something special for their students. They'll be learning about Czech and Slovak Easter traditions as well as decorating hard boiled eggs the "old fashioned" way.

After school and folklore, the children move into the gymnasium for optional Sokol gymnastics from about 8:15 – 10:00 PM.

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 the teachers directly: Michaela Onel at miska@onel.net (Slovak) or Marcela Davenport at marcelahd1@hotmail.com (Czech).

OF INTEREST

The Lions of Czech Film Series with collaboration with the Avalon Theatre offers an invaluable opportunity to see the best of Czech cinema in the Nation's capital:

April 21, 8 pm: From Subway with Love (Roman pro zeny)

May 11, 8 pm: Twosome (Dvojka)

June 8, 8 pm: Identity Card (Obcansky prukaz)

This film series gives the Washington, DC, community an opportunity to view Czech films that are popular hits in Europe and have received numerous honors and awards at film festivals. Most of the films have received the prestigious Czech Lion Award, the Czech equivalent of an Academy Award. All of the films have limited distribution in the United States.

Ticket information: The Avalon Theatre is located at 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC20015. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or online at www.theavalon.org.

Acoustic Jazz Concert - The Libor Smoldas Quartet - April 6, 2011 at 7 PM - at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom St., NW, Washington, DC 20008. The band is fronted by Libor Smoldas (guitar), and includes Josef Feco (bass), Tomas Honzem (drums) and Petr Benes (piano). The Libor Smoldas Quartet is the leading representative of the so-called "new generation of Czech jazz." The band plays mainly original compositions—contemporary acoustic jazz. Their latest album Live at the Jazz Dock (2010) attracted huge interest from listeners and earned favorable reviews in the Czech press. R.S.V.P. to czech_events@yahoo.com with "Jazz Concert" in the subject line by April 5, 2011. Admission: \$ 10

NEVYZÚVAJTE SA, PROSÍM... Na návštěve Milan Markovič (Don't Take Your Shoes off, Please... Milan Markovič Visiting) – Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 6 PM – Embassy of Slovakia & Marika Productions cordially invite you to a humorous program at the Embassy of Slovakia, 3523 International Court, NW Washington, DC 20008. Admission: \$30.00. Don't miss this great evening full of fun and surprise. They described humorist/comedian Milan Markovic as Jay Leno of Slovakia, but the Slovaks say that Jay Leno is Milan Markovic of USA. www.markovic.sk
Please be advised that this program is in Slovak language!

More information about all performances of the US/Canada Tour can be found and tickets can be purchased at:

www.marikaproductions.com

Marika: 604.618.6724

Tickets may be also purchased at the door.

EU Open House/Search for Volunteers – Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM – The Slovak embassy is seeking for volunteers to help with the on of its most visited events. Last year they hosted almost 3,500 people during that day. Volunteer's responsibility will be to help Embassy's staff in kitchen, animation in kid's corner, cleaning, serving food and other duties. No previous training is needed. All volunteers will wear (and keep) t-shirts with an EU logo. They are seeking helping hand from 4-6 volunteers. If you are interested, contact Terézia Šajgalíková at (202)237-1054 ext. 223 or email terezia.sajgalikova@mzv.sk by no later than April 30, 2011.

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.slovakiplaygrounds.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.