

ASW ZPRAVODAJ

March 2012

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
March 7, 2012
8:00 PM
**Bethesda Regional
Library**
7400 Arlington Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 777-0970

DON'T MISS

**Volleyball
Tournament**
Saturday, March 24,
2012
9:00 AM
See p. 4 for details

Josefska Party
Saturday, March 24,
2012
7:30 PM
See p. 4 for details

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

First I would like to share with you exiting news – our Sokol unit has voted to offer a scholarship of up to \$1000 to a deserving student entering or attending college. The Board has come to the conclusion that the young people who work hard to further the objectives of our unit and dedicate many hours of service...

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CALENDAR

March 2012

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	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	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 No Zumba or Yoga	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No activities				No activities	9:00 AM Volleyball Tournament 7:30 PM Josefska Party
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 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, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga/ Zumba	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 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>		
Josefska Party	Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 7:30 PM	A traditional party for everyone. ASW welcomes volunteers to help organize this party. Should you be interested in helping to organized this party please do not hesitate to contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org
Volleyball Tournament 	Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 9:00 AM	The tournament will take place at the Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042 http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/map.html Please note that as a new tournament rule; at least 3 players in each team must be Sokol members! For more information contact Br. Pavel Tojlsl at ptojsl@iie.org .
Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament 	Saturday, May 12, 2012 – 8:30 AM to 6 PM	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)*

...to our unit should be rewarded. The decision to establish an ASW Scholarship was unanimously approved at our January membership meeting. We are still working out the details of the scholarship and once ready we will post all the information on our website. Meanwhile, those who are interested should contact our Director of Education, Michaela Kiss, at mishah@hotmail.com.

A note about our website, we are in process of updating the website, so you will find occasional outages. We apologize. We believe though, that you will be happy with our new website. Meanwhile if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at maruska@levendislaw.com.

We began February with a big party - our traditional Šibřinky/Masopust/Fašiangy or Mardi Gras. Music was wonderful, food was delicious, prizes were great and there was lots of dancing! Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who helped assure the success of this event – please see specific “thank yous” below.

Also during February, our members and friends enjoyed the ever-popular Bača Cup Ski Race. Thank you to the Parma-Fletcher family – we are grateful that you continue to sponsor this terrific event! The race was enjoyed by many and the winners are posted elsewhere in this issue.

On Saturday, March 24 we are bringing you two of our popular events. During the day, the annual Volleyball Tournament, with teams from our area as well as from New York, will be held. The culmination of the day of competition will be our traditional Josefska Party. Come and enjoy!

Please note that the 2012 Membership Dues should be sent in by the end of this month, March. Your dues help our Unit offer our many programs! If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to participate in organizing any of our activities or to serve on the Board, I encourage you to contact me at 202-223-8344 or maruska@levendislaw.com.

Nazdar,

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Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, DC

“THANK YOU”

For Sibrinky to:

Pajtasi, who traveled from New York to bring us traditional Slovak, Czech and Moravian folk music;

Pavla Toth, Tony Svehla and Oliver Gunovsky for delicious food;

Vlado Kovac, for his excellent delivery of the event’s libations;

And to all those who so generously assisted with many necessary jobs:

Andrea Kohlmayer, Radovan Kohlmayer, George Levendis, Ludek Lhotsky, Matt Mudron, Monica Rokus, Vasek Slovak, Jana Svehlova and Milos Toth;

And to Vicki Toth, Natalka Toth, Gabi Kohlmayer, Kubik Kohlmayer, Jonathan Simak and Emma Wolf

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues is **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!

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. Please pardon our dust and be patient.

SOKOL WASHINGTON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2012

The tournament will take place on Saturday March 24th at the Luther Jackson Middle School (3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042) <http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/map.html>

If you have problems finding the school (gym) or if you are late, please call Pavel Tojzl at (202) 270-0026.

The tournament starts at 9:00AM. Please be on time!

Schedule:

9:00AM – 9:30AM Registration and Opening

See your captain or bulletin board for detailed schedule for your team. We will have 3 courts to play on. Remember, each game will have a referee assigned from different teams. Captains will be responsible for this task.

Please note that as a new tournament rule; at least 3 players in each team must be Sokol members!

12:30PM – 13:00PM Lunch (a free lunch will be provided to all the PLAYERS and out-of-town visitors).

4:00PM End of the tournament (Estimated)

Prizes will be given to the best three teams at the Spring Josefska Dancing Party the same day. Out-of town volleyball players have a free admission!

Registration:

Fee for all home teams \$60.00

Please, submit all the fees by 10:00AM

R.S.V.P to Pavel Tojzl at ptojsl@iie.org before March 17, 2012

GYM RULES - MUST OBEY

SPRING DANCING PARTY 2012 (JOSEFSKA ZABAVA)

Spring dancing celebration of Sokol Washington, D.C. gives you a great opportunity to meet new friends and get together with old buddies and rock & roll.

Do not miss a Midnight's Raffle!

For refreshment you can enjoy the "Kocouruv" beef goulash and on tap the Pilsner Urquell from Bohemia, one of the world's very finest beers with the intense taste of the Saaz hops, which blends with the malty sweetness of the barely to produce a harmonious bitterness and creamy body; and a great selection of world wines.

When: Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 7:30PM

Where: VFW Club (the Veterans of Foreign Wars) McLean Post No. 82, 1051 Spring Hill Rd., McLean, VA 22102

Admission: Adults \$15.00, Sokol members: \$7.00, * Out-of town volleyball players have a free admission

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME! Please contact us at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org before March 17, 2012

Directions: Take Georgetown Pike (Rd. 193) West from 495. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Swinks Mill Rd. Then turn right onto Old Dominion Dr. At the next light, turn left onto Spring Hill Rd. The VFW parking area will be immediately on your left.

34th ANNUAL BAČA CUP CHAMPIONS

Men's Alpine: Tomas Pavlicek

Women's Alpine: Renata Altman

Men's Ambassador's Cup: Daniel Klein

Women's Ambassador's Cup: Dasha Fletcher

Men's Snowboard: Lukas Bart

Women's Snowboard: Paula Bart

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

Light in the Darkness – March 8 – 25 at the Synetic Theater. For more information, see the following web page: <http://synetictheater.org/mainstage/lightdark.html>

Animation: The Little Mole in the City (Krtek ve městě) and other animations – March 17, 3:30 pm at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008 – created by Zdeněk Miler, Czech Republic, 1982, animations, time length: about 45 minutes. **Synopsis:** The Little Mole in the City follows the adventures of the famous Czech mole Krtek and his sidekicks, hedgehog and rabbit, as the head to the city after their home—the forest—has been taken over by industrialization. The Embassy will also screen Miler's short films Little Mole and the Ducklings (Krtek a kachničky) and Little Mole and the Robot (Krtek a robot) to round out the event. Enjoy an afternoon with the family at the Embassy of the Czech Republic watching the Czech classic films of Zdeněk Miler, a renowned Czech animator. The event is part of the Environmental Film Festival. **About the Creator:** Czech animator Zdeněk Miler made approximately 50 films featuring his famous creation - Krtek (little mole). The idea for Krtek's creation came when Miler was commissioned to make an educational film for children in 1956. Since he was strongly influenced by the films of Walt Disney, he looked for an animal as the main character. In the beginning, the mole spoke, but Miler wanted his mole to be understood everywhere in the world so he decided to use his young daughters at the time as voice actors, reducing the speech to short non-figurative exclamations in order to express Krtek's feelings and world perception. Today, Krtek can be seen in over 80 countries. Animator Zdeněk Miler passed away on November 30, 2011. The screenings are also in tribute to his remarkable body of work. R.S.V.P. to czech_events@yahoo.com and put "Krtek" in the subject line. **Audience:** All ages

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.sloviaplaygrounds.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.