



Monthly Membership

Meeting

Wednesday, June 6

8:00 P.M.

Bethesda Regional Library

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

All members and guests are invited.

After a short business meeting, join us for a celebration of 2011/12 Sokol year!

Memorial Day Weekend Camping/Canoe Trip

Join us for a three-day
camping/canoe trip over the
Memorial Day weekend

(May 26 - 28) on the Southern Branch of
the Potomac in the Monongahela
National Forest, West Virginia.

For more information,
contact Bro. Pavel Klein at (301) 424-
1658 or kleinp@epilepsydc.com

CALENDAR

Weekly Activities in June

Mondays, June 11 - **Volleyball** (8 - 10 p.m.)

Fridays, June 1, 8* - **Czech/Slovak School for Children** (7- 8 p.m.)

Fridays, June 1, 8 - **Gymnastics for Children** (8 - 10 p.m.)

Fridays, June 1, 8 - **Czech/Slovak School for Adults** (8 - 9 p.m.)

Fridays, June 1 - **Zumba** (8:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

*The above activities are held at Wood Acres Elementary School,
5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.*

*On June 8 the school will hold an end-of-the-year party for all students and their families.

Upcoming Special Events

Annual One-Day Canoe Trip - Sunday, June 17th

on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River - for water enthusiasts of all ages.

Meet at 9:30AM sharp at the HQ of Downriver Canoe Co., Bentonville, VA.

RSVP by Saturday June 13th to Bro. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org.

(See details on last page of this newsletter.)

Children's Summer Camp Blue Rock - August 22 – 26, 2012

(Pod modrou skalou) Monongahela National Forest, WV.

Contact Bro. Miroslav Honzák at sokol@sokolwashington.org

or leave a message for him at (703) 759-1500.

MESSAGE FROM THE STAROSTKA

Dear Members and Friends:

With the upcoming June 6 membership meeting ASW will wind down another successful year. This meeting will be our last before the summer break. June is also the month when we conclude, for the season, our ongoing weekly activities – the Czech and Slovak School, gymnastics, volleyball, yoga and zumba. These activities will resume in September. During the summer months, we nevertheless will be offering a few activities for you to enjoy – a one-day family canoe trip in mid-June and the children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monongahela National Forest.

Please join us this coming weekend for our traditional Memorial Day weekend camping/canoeing trip – a great combination of nature, healthy activity and the companionship of old and new friends. See above for more information.

Saturday May 12 was a busy day for ASW, as we held (unintentionally) two activities. The annual tennis tournament was held in Arlington, and Czech and Slovak School children performed at the European Union Embassies' Open House at both the Slovak Embassy and the Czech Embassy. Please see Thank You section.

We urge you all to attend the June 6 meeting. We will discuss and plan our activities for 2012/13 year and we want you 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 or call me at (202) 223-8344, and I will take your ideas to the meeting. The June 6 meeting also will be a celebration of our 2011/12 accomplishments - after a brief administrative meeting we will be enjoying some traditional Slovak and Czech delicacies.

Our Unit has had a very fruitful year. It is thanks to the hard work of. . .

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... countless volunteers that we were able to offer our many wonderful programs and confirm our continuing viability and vitality in the American Czech, Moravian and Slovak Community of the Washington, DC metropolitan area and beyond. **THANK YOU to all!**

We hope Sokol has been a good friend to you and your family this year.

Nazdar,

Lucia - Lucia Maruska Levendis

THANK YOU TO:

- Bro. **Igor Labuda** for organizing another successful Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament;
- **Students of Sokol Czech and Slovak School** who represented us so wonderfully at the Slovak and Czech Embassies' EU Open House on Saturday May 12 – praise and awe came from everyone;
- Sis. **Dana Sablikova** and Bro. **Peter Knapp** for all their work in preparing the program for the Slovak and Czech Embassies' performances, and Sis. **Dana Kolajova** for her assistance with the preparation of kroje;
- Sis. **Michaela Kiss** for so skillfully managing our Czech and Slovak School;
- ASW Scholarship Committee, Sis. **Michaela Kiss**, Bro. **Pavel Klein** and Bro. **Peter Kukura**, for their work on establishing the ASW Scholarship, and a special thank you to Bro. Kukura for working out the details of the application process;
- Brothers and Sisters **Miroslav Honzak, Milos Toth, Olga Simakova, Ondrej Schneider, Petr Pompach, Zuzana Steen, Helena Kanownik, Peter Knapp, Radovan Kohlmayer, Pavel Tojzl, Vaclav Kolaja** and youth member **Peter Mayer** for their dedication and work in instructing gymnastics;
- Sis. **Zuzka Brnakova** our volunteer instructor for Zumba and Sis. **Petra Tojslova** our volunteer instructor for yoga;
- Brothers and Sisters **Tibor Bartalos, Vladimir Kovac, Helena Kanownik** and **Zuzana Steen** for assuring the success of our many social events;
- Brothers and Sisters **Pavel Klein, Eva Majerova, Pavel Majer, Tibor Bartalos, Pavel Tojzl, Miroslav Honzak, Milos Toth** and **Igor Labuda** for assuring the success of our outdoor and sports events;
- Bro. **Jonathan Altman** for taking on our website reconstruction;
- Treasurer, Bro. **Milos Toth**, and our auditors, Bro. **Milan Blaha** and Bro. **George Levendis**;
- Membership, Financial and Correspondence Secretary, Bro. **Tibor Bartalos**;
- Sis. **Helenka Hodjatzadeh** our newsletter editor and website mistress;
- Bros. **Pavel Klein, Jonathan Altman, Jan Kocvara, Peter Kukura, Igor Labuda, Vaclav Slovak, George Levendis** and Sis. **Michaela Kiss**, our officers and trustees; and,
- **All our other wonderful volunteers** who have put in many, many hours of work to assure the success of our activities.

Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament Results**Men's Singles**

winner: Robin Sestak
runner-up: Premysel Skacha

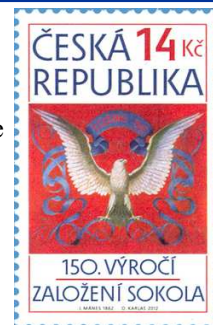
Women's Singles

winner: Hana Vagnerova

Men's Doubles

winner: Premysel Skacha & Vasek Vlcek
runner-up: Robin Sestak & Igor Labuda

This year the Sokol movement celebrates 150 years! In observance of this anniversary, the Czech Republic issued a commemorative stamp featuring the original Sokol flag designed by the renowned Czech artist, Josef Manes.



XV. ALL – SOKOL SLET 2012 IN PRAGUE - 150 YEARS IN MOTION July 1- 6 <http://www.sokol.cz/sokol/?action=slet2012>

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL

After several weeks of practice, students of the Czech and Slovak School performed at both the Slovak and Czech Embassies on the occasion of European Union Embassies' Open House Day on May 12.

Students' performances were a great success - thank you to all the students for their exemplary representation of the School and our Sokol unit. Instrumental in preparing the students for these performances were Mrs. Dana Sablikova, Bro. Peter Knapp, Starostka Lucia Levendis, and many parents and our teachers. Thank you all!



Only two sessions of classes (June 1 and 8) are left before we take a break for the summer vacation.

The school will resume operations in September. Again, we will be offering two Czech and two Slovak classes, although we always are ready to add classes as necessary. Ages of students range from 5 to 12. For the younger children, we offer a preschool class. Classes are held Fridays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Optional folklore classes are held immediately after the language classes.

Following the language classes, gymnastics for children is offered from about 8:15 – 10:00 PM. Gymnastics is open to all interested children whether or not they attend school.

We also offer adult Czech and Slovak classes. These meet at 8:00 - 9:00 PM on Fridays. All the classes, folklore activities and gymnastics are held at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.

If you are interested, please visit any Friday night (check calendar) or contact Michaela Kiss at mishah@hotmail.com

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2012

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

- Individual Membership (adult /voting)..... \$35.00
- Two Adults Membership (both voting)\$65.00
- Family Membership I. (one voting adult / all children up to 18 and one other non-voting adult)\$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 to American Sokol Washington, Inc., c/o Financial Secretary, Tibor Bartalos, 1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704, Washington, DC 20024.

Please note you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting and take the Sokol oath.

Also note, families whose children participate in gymnastics, Czech and Slovak school or Sokol camps must be members!

All your contributions to Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible.

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

OF INTEREST

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library invites you to its two-day grand opening festivities, on Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15, 2012. Entertainment, food, beverages, and activities will take place inside the new museum and outside in the amphitheatre and under tents. Three exceptional exhibitions will inaugurate the galleries; presentations will be held in Heritage Hall; and the theatre will feature footage of the museum's incredible move to its new location and a documentary about Alphonse Mucha. <http://www.ncsml.org>

Miro (Meky) Zbirka US Tour 2012 - Tuesday, June 12th, 8 p.m., Embassy of the Slovak Republic, 3523 International Court NW, Washington, DC. Purchase tickets at <http://www.cskstore.com/> or 347-537-6854.

The National Gallery of Art will feature the **films of Czech animator Jan Švankmajer** on May 26, 27, June 2, 3, 10; East Building Concourse Auditorium, admission is free <http://www.nga.gov/programs/film/JanSvankmajer.shtm>

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OF INTEREST *continued*

Embassy of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the visit of the delegation of the Parliament of the Czech Republic invites you to the opening of the exhibition **Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich**, followed by a screening of the Czech film **Lidice**. May 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom St, NW, Washington, DC. RSVP to washington@embassy.mzv.cz, by May 30, 2012, please put "Heydrich" in the subject line.

Embassy of the Slovak Republic will present the film **Music (Muzika)**, as part of a film project of the Visegrad 4 - Humor as Resistance: Life Behind the Iron Curtain, June 7, at 7 p.m. RSVP: emb.washington@mzv.sk

Bistro Bohem – <http://www.bistrobohem.com> - new Czech restaurant in Washington DC, located in the historic U Street/ Bloomingdale, corner of 6th and Florida Ave., N.W. Here you can find Czech and Slovak specialties, Pilsner on tap, bottled Golden Pheasant (Zlaty Bazant) and a handful of cocktails including "Bohemian Margarita" and "Becherovka Old Fashioned".

Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad edited by Dr. Vera Borkovec - the book is a historical document of Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA, Canada, Australia and England. Order from the editor-distributor Dr. Vera Borkovec, 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902 (aborkovec@comcast.net). Payment must be by check in US dollars, payable to SVU; the price is \$20; shipment by airmail (ground shipment no longer available) add: \$5 for USA, \$6 for Canada, and \$10 for all other countries.

From **Miss Czech-Slovak US** - We are looking for the 2012 Miss Czech-Slovak US! Do you know a female American Citizen of Czech, Slovak or Silesian descent who is proud of her heritage? Would she like to win over \$10,000 in cash and prizes? Would she like to win a trip to the Czech or Slovak Republic? Our goal is to promote our pageant and further not only the state pageants but also develop relationships with states without current state pageants. <http://www.missczechslovakus.com>

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. <http://cshappyhour.net>
- **Washington, DC Czech Language and Slovak Language Meet-Up Groups** at <http://czech.meetup.com/126/> and <http://slovak.meetup.com/34/> and Northern Virginia Meet-Up Group <http://czech.meetup.com/154/>

For water enthusiasts of all ages! Annual One-Day Canoe Trip

Sokol Washington, D.C.'s annual and very popular canoeing trip on the **South Fork of the Shenandoah River**

9:30AM sharp from the HQ of Downriver Canoe Company, VA (884 Indian Hollow Road Bentonville, VA 22610-2206, (540) 635-5526)

Trip #5 (Trip #4 if water is low): J.R.'S CAMPGROUND (15miles; 5hrs paddle time.) This full day's paddling adventure begins right where the river "gets good" about 4 miles above Compton Rapid (class I.-II.)

RSVP by Wednesday June 13, 2012 to Bro. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org
PRICING: canoe \$65; kayak \$44 **Musical instruments are welcome.**

NOTE: Minimum age 5 with close parental supervision! No glass containers on the river!

WE GO RAIN OR SHINE!

DIRECTIONS from Washington, D.C.: Follow interstate 66 West off the beltway for 54 miles to the first Front Royal exit (exit 13-Linden/ Front Royal); exit here and pick up route 55 West and follow it 5 miles into Front Royal; keep going straight (past McDonald's) to a "T" intersection (3rd traffic light); turn left on to route 340 south and follow it 10 miles to the village of Bentonville; just past a big white church on your right, turn right onto route 613 (Indian Hollow Road) and follow it one mile; as you emerge from the woods you will encounter two outfitters. Downriver Canoe Company is the outfitter on the right.

