

AMERICAN SOKOL



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Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 5
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
2012/13 Sokol year!*

CALENDAR

Weekly Activities in June

Mondays, June 3, 10 - **Volleyball** (8 - 10 p.m.)

Fridays, June 7, 14* - **Czech/Slovak School for Children** (7- 8 p.m.)

Fridays, June 7, 14 - **Gymnastics for Children** (8 - 10 p.m.)

Fridays, June 7, 14 - **Czech/Slovak School for Adults** (8 - 9 p.m.)

Fridays, June 7, 14 - **Yoga & Zumba** (7:30 - 8:15 p.m. & 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

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

**On June 14 the school will hold an end-of-the-year party for students and their families.*

Upcoming Special Events

Annual One-Day Canoe Trip - Sunday, June 16

(See details on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Children's Summer Camp Pod modrou skalou - August 18 – 25, 2013

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 5 membership meeting we will wind down another successful Sokol 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. All 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 on June 16 and the children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monongahela National Forest in late August. Please see our calendar for details and watch for our emails about these events.

We urge you all to attend the June 5 meeting. We will discuss and plan our activities for the 2013/14 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. At the June meeting we also need to appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for officers and directors. Our annual election takes place at our September meeting. Consider serving on the Board - we would love to have you. There are many jobs or projects with which you can assist – small or large.

At the June meeting we will vote on awarding what will be our very first Sokol Washington Scholarship. Good luck to applicants!

Finally, this meeting also will be a celebration of our accomplishments. We will be enjoying traditional delicacies. So join us for both the brief administrative meeting and the party afterwards, all at Bethesda Regional Library in downtown Bethesda.

Our Unit has had a very fruitful year. It is thanks to the hard work of countless volunteers that we have been able to offer our many wonderful programs and to 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!

Nazdar, Lucia



SPECIAL THANK YOUS TO:

- Bro. Igor Labuda for yet another year of organizing our annual Jiri Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament – it was enjoyed by all. See list of winners elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Bros. Pavel Klein and Michal Jarnik for organizing a great Memorial Day Weekend Canoe and Camping Trip;
- Students of our Czech and Slovak School who represented us so wonderfully during this year's EU Embassies' Open House on Saturday May 11, at the Slovak and Czech Embassies – praise and awe came from everyone and the children were featured on Slovak TV news;
- Sis. Michaela Kiss, Sis. Dana Sablikova and Bro. Peter Knapp for all their hard work in preparing the children for the EU Embassies' Open House performances;
- Sis. Michaela Kiss for managing our Czech and Slovak School;
- The Scholarship Committee, Sis. Michaela Kiss, Bro. Pavel Klein and Bro. Peter Kukura;
- Bro. Miroslav Honzak, Bro. Milos Toth, Vicki Toth, and all the parents who assisted them in running the gymnastics program;
- Sis. Erin Knapp, our volunteer instructor for yoga and Zumba;
- Sis. Pavla Toth, our facilities manager;
- Bro. Jonathan Altman for all his work on preparing our new website; and
- Sis. Monica Rokus for her dedication, patience, and time (several hundred hours) working on designing our beautiful revised website.

Also, Thank You to All who have served on our Board

- Bro. Pavel Klein, our Vice-President;
- Bro. Milos Toth, our Treasurer;
- Bro. Tibor Bartalos, our Membership and Corresponding Secretary;
- Sis. Michaela Kiss, our Director of Education;
- Bro. Miroslav Honzak, our Director of Men;
- Sis. Helenka Hodjatzadeh, our Newsletter Editor;
- Bro. George Levendis, our Recording Secretary;
- Bro. Jonathan Altman, our Bylaws Chairman; and
- Bros. Vasek Slovak, Jan Kocvara, Peter Kukura, Igor Labuda and George Levendis - Board of Trustees and Reconciliation Committee members.

For water enthusiasts of all ages! Annual One-Day Canoe Trip - Sunday, June 16

Sokol Washington, D.C.'s 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 12, 2013 to Bro. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org
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 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

European Union Embassies' Annual Open House Day

Students of the Czech and Slovak School once again delighted the audiences with their performances at the Slovak and Czech Embassies on May 11 during the EU Embassies' Annual Open House Day. Dressed in traditional folk costumes, "kroje", of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, they were "ambassadors" of the two countries' cultural heritage and traditions.

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 Sis. Dana Sablikova, Bro. Peter Knapp, Sis. Michaela Kiss and Starostka Lucia Levendis. Thank you all!



CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL

Only two sessions of classes (June 7 and 14) are left before we take a break for the summer vacation. The school will resume operations in September.

If you are interested in our school, please contact Michaela Kiss at mishah@hotmail.com.

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2013

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues was **March 31, 2013**.

- 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!

Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament Results

- Men's Singles** winner: Robert Sestak
- Women's Singles** winner: Hana Vagnerova
- Men's Doubles** winners: Andy Lukosik & Robert Sestak
- Women's Doubles** winners: Vendula Kurcova & Hana Vagnerova
- Mixed Doubles** winners: Hana Vagnerova & Tibor Bartalos

4.kvetna 2013 zemrela po delsi nemoci na Floride Janet Nanak, roz,Rysava. Ve Washington area zila pres 27 let, prestehovala se i s manzelem a detmi do Pompano Beach, Fl, kde meli motel Jasmin Villa, hojne navstevovany ceskymi a slovenskymi krajanymi. Od roku 2007 zili castečne na Floride, castečne v Trencianskych Teplicich na Slovensku. Bylo ji 75 let. Zadusni mse se konala v Pompano Beach, 19.kvetna.