



ASW Flyer April 2008

AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 2008, 8:00 P.M.

at

**St. Luke's Orthodox Church,
6801 Old Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA**

After a short business meeting, join us for conversation during a traditional social hour with soft drinks, coffee and snacks. Looking forward to seeing you there!

MESSAGE FROM THE MISTO-STAROSTA

Welcome to Spring! Beside our other normal activities, this month we will hold our Volleyball Tournament, on April 5 at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042. Our Josefska Party will be held that same evening. We will have Sokol visitors from New York and Cleveland. This is always a fun event, even if you don't play, come and watch or just come to the party. We always need volunteers so don't be shy – help us out while you're having a great time.

The Spring Indoor Soccer Season has started very well, in that we have, so far, won every game. As noted below, we are also starting recreational Soccer this month. And, as promised in past newsletters, we have looked into starting an outdoor team; however, the costs seemed prohibitive (\$1800 for 9 games), so we are investigating other options.

Brother Klein is planning another Shenandoah outing this month. Please contact him if you are interested in a hiking weekend for children and parents.

Some of us (Brs. Vaclav Vlcek, Miro Neovesky, David Vanca and I) are helping to gather and translate material for the EU exhibition in Brussels, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia being organized by the Czech and Slovak Exile Museum of Brno. Anyone interested in supporting this effort, please contact me (703-395-1071).

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events!

Nazdar!

Br. Tony Bartos,
Vice President, American Sokol Washington, DC

E-mail Address – Our E-mail address is sokol@sokolwashington.org Please let us know your E-mail address. If you don't have E-mail or can't access our web site then send us a written request and we will keep sending you a paper copy of our flyer.



Regular APRIL EVENTS



Volleyball: Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Gymnastics for Children: Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Adult Aerobics: Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 8:15 to 9:30 p.m.



Volleyball, Gymnastics and Adult Aerobics are taking place at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell DR, Bethesda, MD.

For more information call Br. Pavel Klein – (301) 424.1658 or Br. Milos Toth (301) 585.8534

Additional APRIL EVENTS

April 5:	Volleyball Tournament: 8:00-8:30 Registration 8:30 to 16:45 Play	- A traditional sporting event with guests from Sokol New York and Sokol units from other cities. If you have problems finding the school (gym) or if you are late, please Contact jdanihel@comcast.net or call Jiri Danihel at (703)-453-0442.
April 5:	Josefska Party	- A traditional party for everyone. ASW seeks volunteers to help to organize this party. If you are eager to help please do not hesitate to contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@gmail.com
April (Sundays)	Recreational Soccer	Starting in April, we will hold open, walk-in soccer games Sundays; weather permitting, on the fields of Spring Hill Recreation Center, near Tyson’s Corner. This is non-competitive, in that its primary purpose is only to “work up a thirst” for Pilsner Urquell, which is not very hard in the first place. Contact Br. Josef Cerny at 703-861-7039 or at: Bobescerny@msn.com
April:	Hiking	- Hiking weekend in Shenandoah for children and parents. For more information on this event contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301-424-1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com



MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Thanks to all Sokol Washington members who already submitted their 2008 dues. The membership dues are **\$29.00** per member and the **deadline** to submit Sokol Washington, D.C. membership dues was **March 31, 2008**.

You can also enroll for a Sokol Washington, D.C. **family membership** of **\$40.00** (the family membership includes all children age to 18).

New members also pay a one-time administrative fee **\$5.00**

Members, who did not pay the dues to date, please make your check payable to Sokol Washington, D.C., and mail it at your earliest convenience to our Financial Secretary:

Br. Tibor Bartalos
1001 3rd St., S.W., Apt. 705
Washington, D.C. 20024

Your contributions to Sokol Washington, D.C. (501c3) are tax deductible.
Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your end-of-year contributions.
*The **United Way CFC designation code** for our unit is **5043**.*

FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS

April (con't)	Indoor League Soccer	- Indoor Soccer Season started in March. Fans or prospective participants can come to watch or play Tuesdays at the Fairfax Sportsplex in Springfield, VA. Those interested should contact Br. Josef Cerny at 703-861-7039 or: Bobescerny@msn.com
May, Memorial day weekend:	Canoeing	- Canoeing trip on the Southern Branch of the Potomac, in Monangahela National Forest, WVA. For more information on this event contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301-424-1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com
May: 11th 9am. – 6pm. Bluemont Pk.	Jiri V. Parma Tennis Tournament Arl. VA	- An annual sporting event attracting local & out of town participants. Leave a message for Igor Labuda at: 703-759-1500 or islabuda@msn.com with your suggestions or offers of help.
May:	Whitewater outing	- A traditional whitewater outing for beginners and mid advanced in PA State Park. For more information contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@gmail.com
June:	Canoe Trip	- An early summer very popular outing trip on the Shenandoah river. For more information contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@gmail.com
July:	Soccer Tournament and Pig Roast	- We are planning to hold our 3 rd Annual Sokol Washington Soccer Tournament and Pig Roast, which grew to 11 teams last year! Contact Br. Josef Cerny at 703-861-7039 or at: Bobescerny@msn.com
2nd half of August:	Summer Camp	- Children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monangahela National Forest, WV. For more information on this event contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301-424-1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com

DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE PLANNED EVENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS FLYER AND ON THE SOKOL WEBSITE.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASW is still looking for volunteers willing to help with children gymnastics. Those interested, please contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658, kleinp@epilepsydc.com or Br. Milos Toth at (301) 585.8534, mtoth@aderasolutions.com

Sokol Washington, D.C. Libor Kozak Fund www.liborkozak.com - a special "Thank you!" to all who already contributed.

Screening of WINNER of Czech Lion Award (Czech Oscars), the humorous business ventures of four men trying to make ends meet in the film **City of the Sun (Sluneční stát)** on April 9, 2008, at 8:00 pm at Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015, <http://www.theavalon.org/news.cfm?id=71>

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/>

The American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center presents on **April 1, 2008** selection of 35 photographs from the **Prague Quadrennial 2007**: 11th International Competitive Exhibition of Stenography and Theatre Architecture, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in June with a record-breaking 35,000 visitors from more than 70 countries.

This modest photo exhibition also demonstrates how the event transformed the city of Prague into a living stage for a world theatre.

http://www.american.edu/cas/katzen/museum/2008apr_prague.cfm

Prague Quadrennial (PQ), which has taken place in the Czech capital since 1967, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2007. Over the course of its previous ten exhibitions, PQ has become a world-renowned cultural event. Its prestige is substantiated by the enormous and continuously growing interest of the individual countries and artists participating in the event. Over the past ten PQs, the world's leading stenographers have participated in the event, including such theatre legends as Tadeusz Kantor, David Borovsky, Ralph Koltai, Luciano Damiani, Ming Cho Lee, Alejandro Luna, and architect Oscar Niemeyer, but also such famous contemporary theatre makers as Achim Freyer, Robert Wilson, Jennifer Tipton, J. C. Serroni, Heiner Goebbels, Anna Viebrock, Julia Taymor, Adrienne Lobel, George Tsypin, Paul Steinberg, and many others.

PQ is not only for theatre and specialized artists – it is also intended for the average spectator who wants to learn and become involved in the creative process through the exhibitions and interactive programs.

Prague Quadrennial has received the support of the President of the Czech Republic and UNESCO in past exhibitions. In 1999 and 2007, UNESCO awarded the prestigious "UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of Arts" to emerging stage and costume designers. Prague Quadrennial continues to be organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, and is realized by the Arts Institute - Theatre Institute in Prague.



Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles – 20th century

The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles from the 20th Century, located in Brno at 22 Štefánik Street, wishes to inform all exiles of Czech and Slovak origin around the world of its founding, and is asking them for their collaboration and support.

The Museum was founded with cooperation from the daughter of General Maurice Pellé, cofounder of the Czechoslovak Republic, in addition collaboration with relatives of General Milan R. Štefánik, with Jiří Ingr – son of Czechoslovak army general Sergej Ingr, also Company "Nazdar" (former members and relatives of the WW I army unit in Paris, specifically their President General J. Flipo). This was also complemented with parts of Dr. Alice Masaryk archives, daughter of our liberator President Tomáš G. Masaryk, from inherited correspondence and papers of university professor Dr. Josef Kratochvíl, PhD., a colleague of Dr. Masaryk during the founding of Czechoslovak Schools in exile. Additional sources of information and support came from Pavel Tygrid, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (Společností pro vědy a umění) in the USA, the Orel organization in exile, individual Sokols, Czechoslovak Legionnaires in Canada, with their Chairman Col. B. Moravec, the family of Major Antonín Bartoš – the National Social party parliamentarian and member of the WW II CLAY-EVA parachute group, journalist Stanislav Berton in Australia, hockey player Oleg Zábrodský and other Czech and Slovak exile organizations and societies. Additionally, through its association with the Society for Culture and Dialogue (K2001), the Exile Museum works in conjunction with the National Museum in Prague and the Slovak National Museum in Martin on Czechoslovak exile exhibits, the Slovak National Library in Martin, represented by Peter Cabadaj, the Bureau for the Documentation and Investigation of Communist Crimes, present day EU parliamentarians, Czech Republic Police Museum and other institutions and individuals around the world. Exhibits about the Czech and Slovak exiles were held under the auspices of Czech and Slovak Presidents, Václav Havel, now Václav Klaus, the President of the Slovak Republic, Ivan Gašparovič, and earlier President R. Schuster.

In addition to serving as a permanent exhibition center dedicated to the exiles in Brno on 22 Štefánik Street, the Exile Museum will also accept, store and collate archives of exiles, it will also support production of documentary films about exiles for Czech Television, store audio-visual records of interviews, material from previous exile exhibits from around the world and other publications concerning the exiles (there have been several publications and films made on the exile theme). The Museum leadership has put on ten's of exhibits around the world. Specifically, in Australia and Israel, the exhibits were in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, represented by the Minister of Culture and the National Library of Luxembourg, the Principality of Lichtenstein – in Prague, with the participation of his Excellency Duke Alois of Lichtenstein and her Royal Highness the Princess of Bavaria. The exile exhibits were also supported by the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic, as well as individual Czech diplomatic personnel from Argentina, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Israel, France, Australia, and Germany; also the "Czech Centers" around the world, The Czech Ministry of Culture, the City of Brno, the Southern Moravian Regional District, and other institutions. Exile exhibitions in the European Parliament in Brussels were under the patronage, financial support and participation of Petr Duchoň, Jan Zahradil, Nina Škottová, Jaroslav Zvěřina, Oldřich Vlasák and other members of the European Parliament.

The Exile Museum collects and consolidates as much information as possible about the exiles for educational purposes and donates its books and publications to schools at all educational levels. The Museum requests that exiles and their families send it all documents, papers, data and other source materials to support our work. Items such as identification documents from refugee camps, correspondence and old letters, photographs and any other audio-visual material, old newspapers and magazines, exile publications, books, personal diaries and other remnants are being sought. Chronicle records detailing exile club activities like Sokol, Orel, other sport or cultural groups and political organizations are wanted, as are



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all uniforms, flags, video records, including three-dimensional artifacts. All of this material is welcome and will be placed on exhibit for you to personally examine at the Exile Museum in Brno. Every item enables us to expand the existing exhibits, as well as associated activity about the exiles during this century.

On behalf of the Exile Museum in Brno, I thank you.

Jan Kratochvil OCM
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“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. There is a chapter by Vera Borkovec about Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA since the 19th century and about Czech Marionette theatre in America by the well-known puppeteer Vít Horejš. More comprehensive chapters about theatre in Canada are by Markéta Goetz-Stankiewicz and by Josef Cermák, respectively, and specifically about Toronto's New Theatre is the chapter by Frank Safertal and Pavel Král, while actor-director Josef Skála writes about Vancouver's Theatre Around the Corner.

Oliver Fiala has put together a chapter about Czech and Slovak theatre in Australia, with emphasis on the Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney regions. Milan Kocourek deals with the émigré theatre in London.

The book has 128 pages of text and about 70 pages of illustrations from various productions.

The beautiful jacket has been designed by the Czech-American graphic artist Líba Puchmajer.

The book can be ordered from the editor-distributor Vera Borkovec (aborkovec@comcast.net) at 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902-1515. 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.