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AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 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

I would like to thank the organizers and volunteers that helped with the Sokol Washington Volleyball Tourney and Josefska Party for the wonderful job they did and for making both events a big success. Among several other activities, this month Sokol Washington will hold the Jiri Parma Tennis Tournament, on Sunday, May 11.

Next Friday evening, May 9 at 8:00, we will hold a meeting with all who are interested in restarting the Czech and Slovak school that Sokol operated years ago (see announcement below). I look forward to seeing you there or at one of our other 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.

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
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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**.*

www.sokolwashington.org



Regular MAY EVENTS



Volleyball:	Mondays, May 5, 12, 19,	8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Gymnastics for Children:	Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Adult Aerobics:	Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	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

Czech and Slovak School Meeting Notice – Friday, May 9, 2008

Wood Acres Elementary School
5800 Cromwell Drive
Bethesda, MD

Sokol Washington, with support from the Washington Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU or Spolecnost pro Vedy a Umeni), desires to restart the Czech and Slovak school that used to be in existence years ago.

The Czechoslovak School, originally organized by Sokol in the fifties, was reactivated on May 10, 1986. It was financed by Sokol, plus regular contributions from SVU and CNCA and fees from students' families. The first session on Sept. 13, 1986 had 15 children in attendance. The school program progressed rapidly under the professional direction of Dana Sablikova and Brother Jan Kocvara and their able assistants. In addition to their Czech and Slovak language classes, (which eventually were also offered to adults,) the children were introduced to poetry, folk songs and dance. Soon they were performing at events presented in the area. These included the 40th anniversary of our Sokol Washington Unit and the opening ceremonies of the Sokol USA National Slet. The children always presented programs at the annual St. Nicholas parties and were often included in the T. G. Masaryk Birthday (March 7th), as well as the Czech and Slovak Independence Day (October 28th) programs. The school was held in conjunction with children's gymnastic classes. The schedule used to be divided into Czech and Slovak language instruction, folk songs/dance and gym classes. Unfortunately, only the gymnastic classes are meeting at the present time.

All interested parents and (potential adult) students are asked to come to next Fridays Gymnastics class 8:00 PM at Wood Acres ES to discuss how the School is to be organized and run under Sokol Washington auspices. If you cannot attend, please contact Br. Tony Bartos at: 703-395-1071.



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Sokol Washington Volleyball Tournament

This year's tournament was a truly enjoyable experience, under the first time, but very able, leadership of Br. Jiri Danihel. Nine teams participated, where the standings of the top 4 were:

1. Do Dna
2. Sokol Cleveland
3. Sokol NY A
4. Sokol Washington A

Also participating was IFC Bohemia (Sokol Washington's soccer players), Sokol NY B, a team from American University, "This Won't Take Long," and the "Embassy" team composed of players from the Czech and Slovak Embassies. Afterwards, thirsts were alternatively provoked and quenched with Kocour's Goulash and Pilsner Urquell, served up during the Josefska Party.

Additional MAY EVENTS

May 11th: 9am – 6pm. Bluement Pk. Arl. VA	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, 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 - Sundays	Recreational Soccer	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
May	Indoor Soccer League	- 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



FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS

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
August 16-24:	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.

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/>

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 (Společnost 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



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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 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.

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