



ASW Flyer June 2008

## AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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### REGULAR MEETING

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**WEDNESDAY, June 11, 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

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Sokol Washington will hold its last meeting on the **second Wednesday**, prior to the summer break when many of us will be taking vacations. Even if you normally do not attend our monthly meetings, I especially encourage those of you who are interested in helping us restart the Czechoslovak School next year to come to this particular meeting one hour earlier at 7:00PM (see announcement below).

I look forward to seeing you there or at one of our other events planned for June and the rest of the summer!

Nazdar!

Br. Tony Bartos,

Vice President, American Sokol Washington, DC

**E-mail Address** – Our E-mail address is [sokol@sokolwashington.org](mailto: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

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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**.*

[www.sokolwashington.org](http://www.sokolwashington.org)



## CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL NOTICE

**Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 7:00-8:00 PM**

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

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. A registration form (see below) is being offered to all parents who wish to enroll their children in the planned Czech/Slovak classes, but could not come to the meeting that took place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

We recognize that children living in the USA and children from the Czech and Slovak Embassies have differing language instruction requirements. Nevertheless, we shall make a best effort to address the needs of both. After discussing how to begin with former teachers, with SVU, with several parents, and with both the Czech and Slovak Embassies, we have decided to proceed in the following way. Initially, we intend to hold classes from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, just prior to Sokol Gymnastics classes at the Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda, MD. During September and October, the children will be taught poems, songs and dances, for a program commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Czech and Slovak Independence Day on October 28, 1918.

This approach helps in two ways. It will give us two months to determine how many children we have, what age groups and their degree of language proficiency, or lack of it in Czech and Slovak. We will then be in a much better position to determine a more permanent plan, in terms of the number of teachers and possible Saturday classes, for the months following October. The children's performance during the October 28<sup>th</sup> ceremonies will also give the school some added publicity.

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 various events presented in the DC metro area. These included the 40<sup>th</sup> 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, in the T. G. Masaryk Birthday (March 7th), as well as the Czech and Slovak Independence Day (October 28th) programs.

### School Registration

I hereby register my child/children to attend Czech/Slovak school.

Name(s):

Number of children:

Age(s):

Desired language:

Child's/children's proficiency in the language:

I am enclosing my registration fee of \$ 25.00/family. These checks will not be cashed and the fee will be returned if the registration is canceled prior to the beginning of the classes. We are only asking for this as a sign of your commitment. Please send the fee to: Br. Tibor Bartalos, 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> St., SW, Apt. 705, Washington, DC 20024



**COMMUNITY EVENT – Jiri Vaclav Parma Tennis Tournament 2008**

**2008 Tennis Tournament Champions!**

<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Robin Sestak (def. Vasek Vlcek)
<b>Women's Singles:</b>	Monica Bradikova (def. Sydney Soltys)
<b>Doubles:</b>	Martin Minar & Vasek Vlcek (def. Jaro Soltys & Ludek Bradik)

**Congratulations from ASW members to all participants and to the winners!**

**Regular June EVENTS**



- Volleyball:** Mondays, June 2, 9, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Gymnastics for Children:** Fridays, May 30, June 6, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Adult Aerobics:** Fridays, May 2, 6, 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 JUNE EVENTS**

<b>June 14</b>	<b>Canoe Trip</b>	Very popular canoe trip for water enthusiasts all ages on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Starting at 9:30am from HQ of Downriver Canoe Company, VA Trip #5: J.R.'S CAMPGROUND (15miles; 5-8hrs.; \$65 per canoe). This full day's paddling adventure begins right where the river "gets good" about 4 miles above Compton Rapid (class I.-II.) <b>RSVP</b> to Br. Tibor Bartalos at <a href="mailto:tbartalos@gmail.com">tbartalos@gmail.com</a> by Wednesday 06.11.2008 midnight!
<b>June - Sundays</b>	<b>Recreational Soccer</b>	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: <a href="mailto:Bobescerny@msn.com">Bobescerny@msn.com</a>



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<b>June</b>	<b>Indoor Soccer League</b>	- 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: <a href="mailto:Bobescerny@msn.com">Bobescerny@msn.com</a>
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## FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS

<b>July:</b>	<b>Soccer Tournament and Pig Roast</b>	- We are planning to hold our 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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: <a href="mailto:Bobescerny@msn.com">Bobescerny@msn.com</a>
<b>August 16-24:</b>	<b>Summer Camp</b>	- 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 <a href="mailto:kleinp@epilepsydc.com">kleinp@epilepsydc.com</a>

**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](mailto:kleinp@epilepsydc.com) or Br. Milos Toth at (301) 585.8534, [mtoth@aderasolutions.com](mailto:mtoth@aderasolutions.com)

**Sokol Washington, D.C. Libor Kozak Fund** [www.liborkozak.com](http://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 – 20<sup>th</sup> century**

The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles from the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Kratochvil, 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



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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 Záborský 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 Cabada, 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 Luxemburg, represented by the Minister of Culture and the National Library of Luxemburg, 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.

Jan Kratochvil OCM  
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Czech Republic, Europe  
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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](mailto: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.