



ASW Flyer October 2008

## AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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### MONTHLY MEETING

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**WEDNESDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 8:00 P.M.**

*at*

**St. Luke 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!

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### MESSAGE FROM THE STAROSTA

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As the new President I would like to emphasize my belief that our organization will thrive only if we continue to be a vehicle for activities that our members, as well as the Czech and Slovak community in the Washington Metropolitan area, are interested in, and are willing to volunteer their time, effort and enthusiasm to ensure their success. I invite all members, as well as non-members to submit their suggestions and ideas, either in our Newsletter, or personally at one of our monthly meetings to which I hereby invite all who believe that preserving our heritage is a worthwhile thing.

In keeping with this ideal, we have started operating the Czech and Slovak School prior to our Gym classes on Fridays, and this month we are just beginning a Czech and Slovak Pre-School play-group for the four and under crowd; these taking place Saturday mornings.

Also this month, the commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Czech and Slovak October 28<sup>th</sup> Liberation from Austria-Hungary, will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This being, still in the planning stages, we welcome volunteers. Hope to see you at the meeting and I would like to hear any suggestions you may have.

Nazdar!  
Br. Jan Kocvara,  
President, American Sokol Washington, DC

<p><b>E-mail Address</b> – Our E-mail address is <a href="mailto:sokol@sokolwashington.org">sokol@sokolwashington.org</a> 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.</p>
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## Regular October EVENTS



**Mondays,**

**Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**Senior Volleyball:**

**8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

**Fridays,**

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
**Czech/Slovak School for Children:**  
**Gymnastics for Children**  
**Adult Aerobics**

**7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
**8:15 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays,**

**Oct. 4, 11, 20, 25, 30**  
**Czech/Slovak pre-School for tots:**

**10:00 to 12:00 a.m.**



**Volleyball, Gymnastics, Adult Aerobics and the Czech and Slovak School is held at the Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell DR, Bethesda, MD. The Pre-School is held at St. Luke Orthodox Church Hall, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA.**

**For more information call Br. Tony Bartos – (703) 395.1071, Br. Pavel Klein – (301) 424.1658 or Br. Milos Toth – (301) 585.8534**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATOR

On October 28, Czechs and Slovaks all over the world will commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of an independent Czechoslovak state. They will honor the day when their forefathers liberated their lands from Austrian and Hungarian dominance, and fulfilled the long-awaited dream of self-determination. This important anniversary deserves to remember those brave and determined individuals who worked tirelessly for the Czechoslovak cause, and determined the future of both nations. In next issues of the ASW newsletter, we will reminisce on those heroes in order to honor their legacy and emphasize the importance of this anniversary.

Br. Vaclav Vlcek

## 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**.*



## Additional OCTOBER EVENTS

<b>Indoor Soccer League</b>	- Indoor Soccer Season started again. Fans or prospective participants can come to watch or play 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>
<b>Weekend Hiking Trip</b>	- In Shenandoah National Park – contact Br. Pavel Klein at: 301-424.1658

## Czech and Slovak School Update

There were 26 children attending the Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda, MD for the startup of the Czech and Slovak school on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. After initially holding class from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, most of the children then moved to the Gymnasium for Sokol Gymnastics classes. Subsequently, attendance stabilized at 19 and 20, with not always the same children attending. In keeping with our initial plan, the children are preparing songs, poems and dances for a program commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Czech and Slovak Independence Day, which will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2008. This is a temporary mode of operation during September and October, so that we can gauge serious interest and determine the number of children, their age groups, and their degree of language proficiency.

On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we had our first session of the "Skolka," or Czech and Slovak play groups for children in the under 4 year-old age group. Thirteen tots attended, with several families excusing themselves from the first session, we expect this group to grow significantly.

Prospective Czech and Slovak teachers as well as parents interested in the school (Skola) or the play group (Skolka) should contact Br. Tony Bartos at 703-395-1071.

## 2008-2009 Sokol Officers

President:	Jan Kocvara
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**FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS**

<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Czech and Slovak Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Commemoration</b>	The Official Commemoration will take place on Saturday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> at St Luke Orthodox Church Hall, details about the program will follow.
<b>Sun. October 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sokol Wreath Laying, as part of the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> commemoration</b>	Sokol Members will be laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 12:15 PM. Additional information on the October 28 <sup>th</sup> commemoration (possibly held on the same Sunday) will be publicized in the weeks ahead, once plans have been finalized.
<b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>geriatric/pediatric marathon</b>	42 Km hike along the C&O canal. – contact Br. Pavel Klein at: 301-424.1658
<b>To be determined</b>	<b>Libor Kozak Memorial Century</b>	Cycling for 100 Km, 100 miles, or 100 x 0.5 Km for Sokol fledglings < 10 years old. – contact Br. Pavel Klein at: 301-424.1658
<b>Sat. November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KATERINSKA PARTY</b>	Traditional Party for the young at heart. The party will take place at Veterans of Foreign Wars Club (VFW) McLean, Post No. 82, 1051 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA 22102. Br. Tibor Bartalos is looking for volunteers to help organize the event – you may contact him at <a href="mailto:tbartalos@gmail.com">tbartalos@gmail.com</a> before October 31. The event will only materialize if we get enough volunteers!
<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Nicholas Party for Children</b>	Party for children and adults allowing you to enjoy great food, meet St. Nick, the angel, the devil, and giving you and your children ample opportunity to tell if you have been “naughty or nice...”
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Skiing</b>	Week-long skiing trip to Burke Mountain, Vt. For children +/- parents. – contact Br. Pavel Klein at: 301-424.1658

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

**GENERAL 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/>

**Moravian and Slovak Folksongs** – For those of you who enjoy Moravian and Slovak Folklore, Radio Jih, in southern Moravia, has added 24/7 cimbalom music to its online broadcast; available at: <http://www.play.cz/radio-jih-cimbalka>



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The 7-member rock band **Plastic People of the Universe** are set to jet to Washington, DC for a stop at the Iota Club <http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/> on October 2, 2008. The band will meet with fans beginning at 7:30 pm. Their concert kicks off at 8:30 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door. The Iota Club is located at 2832 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.

**Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles (see below)** – organized an exhibition at the EU in Brussels, commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech and Slovak liberation. Miroslav Neovesky and Vaclav Vlcek, two Sokol Washington members, contributed research material towards this effort. We are in the process of bringing this exhibition to the United States after it has concluded its stay in Brussels.

### **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 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 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



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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 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.

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\$5 for USA = \$25

\$6 for Canada = \$26

\$10 for all other countries = \$30.