



ASW Flyer January 2009

AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 2009, 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!

MESSAGE FROM THE STAROSTA

I would like to thank everybody for making our annual ST. NICHOLAS (MIKULASSKA) PARTY a success. Specifically, I would like to thank all the volunteers needed for room setup, cleanup, ticket sales, handing out drinks and food, volunteers contributing to the bake sale, food and pastry preparation and to the children of the Czech and Slovak School for performing Czech and Slovak Christmas carols. Special thanks should go to Sister Darina Tomkova, who bravely took on the task of organizing this, her first MIKULASSKA for Sokol Washington. I believe everyone, including Saint Nicholas, accompanied by the Angel and Devil, distributing Christmas Bags of Goodies to the Children; they all had a wonderful time.

I hope you have all had a Merry Christmas, so let me wish you a Happy and prosperous New Year. Normally we have our Monthly meetings the first Wednesday of every month; however, seeing that last Wednesday Orthodox Christmas was celebrated at St. Luke Orthodox Church, we are having our monthly meeting a week later this Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 8:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

Nazdar!
Br. Jan Kocvara,
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, 2009**.

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**.*

Regular January EVENTS



Mondays,

Jan. 5, 12, and 26

Junior and Senior Volleyball:

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fridays,

Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30

Czech/Slovak School for Children:

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Gymnastics for Children

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Adult Aerobics

8:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday,

Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31

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

Indoor Soccer League

- Indoor Soccer Season is ongoing. 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: bobescerny@msn.com

PAST EVENTS





The 9th annual Sokol Washington children's ski camp took place in Burke Vt. From 12.28.08 - 01.04.09. 63 ski enthusiasts and 2 dogs braved temperatures of down to -25°F to slide, skid jump and roll on and off the slopes of Vermont's North East Kingdom.

Join us next year! Br. Pavel Klein



Future - PLANNED EVENTS

Feb. 14 	31st Annual Baca Cup International Invitational Ski Race	- this annual downhill ski race and party for everyone, will take place on Saturday Feb. 14, 2009 at the Blue Knob Ski Resort (near to New Bedford) located in Claysburg, PA. Details will be available on the website www.bacacup.com . To register in advance please contact Dasha (Dashafletcher@yahoo.com) or Carl Fletcher (CWFletcher@mris.com). For additional information and directions to the Blue Knob Ski resort, please contact the resort directly at 800-458.3403 or 814-239.5111.
Feb.-Mar. 	Sibrinky – Sokol Costume Ball	- Sokol is planning to hold its annual Sibrinky/Fasiangy Costume Ball in February or March. More information will be forthcoming soon. If you would like to volunteer or help out during this fun event, please contact Br. Josef Cerny at 703-861-7039 or: bobescerny@msn.com
March 28	Josefska Party	- A traditional party for everyone. ASW welcomes volunteers to help organize this party. Should you be interested in helping to organized this party please do not hesitate to contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org
March-April	Sokol Volleyball Tournament	- A traditional sporting event to be held at Sokol New York Hall in NYC, NY with Sokol units from other cities paticipating. Contact jdanihel@comcast.net or babinak@aol.com

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

Czech and Slovak School Update

Czech and Slovak language classes are resuming in January (see dates under regular January events). Classes are held from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, and afterwards, most of the children move on to the gymnasium for Sokol Gymnastics classes. Please contact: Simona Merchant-Dest (simonamd@comcast.net, 301-528-8278) or Michele Perschbacher (mperschbacher@verizon.net, 703-455-3686) for more information and being included on the "Skola" e-mail list.

On Saturdays, the "Skolka," or Czech and Slovak play groups for children in the "under four year-old age group," continues to meet weekly. Please contact: Martina Sestak (703-470-0511, martinasestak@yahoo.com) or Jan Bartos (703-283-8915, john.l.bartos@gmail.com) for information and inclusion on the "Skolka" e-mail list.



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASW is still looking for volunteers willing to help with children gymnastics and the aerobics classes. Those interested, please contact Pavla Cornejo at 301-693-3169, Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658, kleinp@epilepsydc.com, Br. Milos Toth at (301) 585.8534, mtoth@BroadViewNet.com or Br. Tony Bartos at 703-395-1071, babinak@aol.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/>

Something for Moms in Loudoun County, VA, is a group of moms (Mamicky, Maminky, Moms), at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MamickyMaminkyMoms/>, and e-mail is: MamickyMaminkyMoms@yahoogroups.com. If you would like to participate in our group, contact Livia via e-mail at: gerlach.tatry@gmail.com.

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>

Czech Films at the Avalon Theater www.theavalon.org as a part of "Lions of Czech Film Series":

Jan. 14, 2009, 8PM - **Ninght Owls** (Deti noci) (Dir. M. Pavlatova, 2008, 88 minutes)

Feb. 11, 2009, 8PM - **Vaclav** (Dir. Jiri Vejdelek, 2007, 97 minutes)

March 25, 2009, 8PM - **Echoes of One World Film Festival**

(Opening night! Czech documentary screening of **Gyumri**)

April 8, 2009, 8PM - **Little Girl Blue** (Dir. Alice Nellis, 2007, 93 minutes)

May 13, 2009, 8PM - **Marbles** (Kulicky) (Dir. Olga Dabrowska, 2008, 75 minutes)

June 10, 2009, 8PM - **Lost Holiday** (Ztracena Dovolena) (Dir. Lucie Králová, 2007, 84 minutes)

Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles (see below) – Prior to its recent official opening on November 29th by Premier Miroslav Topolanek, Exile Museum personnel organized an exhibition at the EU in Brussels, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Czech and Slovak liberation. Miroslav Neovesky and Vaclav Vlcek, two Sokol Washington members, both of whom spoke at the Czech and Slovak Liberation commemoration held on October 25th, contributed research material towards this effort. Brs. Vlcek and Bartos are in the process of bringing this exhibition to the United States after it concludes its stay in Brussels.



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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 Kratochvil, PhDr., 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 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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"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:
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\$10 for all other countries = \$30.