



ASW Flyer April 2009

AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 1st, 2009, 8:00 P.M.

at

**Little Falls Library,
5501 Massachusetts Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20816**

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Czech and Slovak school organized by Sokol Washington has been progressing apace. The dedicated people making this possible deserve our support. So if you wish to support the school financially, or if you know of funding sources that we should investigate, please bring it to the attention of Brother Antonin Bartos (703-395-1071). On May 16th, Sokol Washington is helping to organize the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slavic-American Festival at St. Luke Orthodox Church in McLean, VA, where the school and other Slavic groups from the DC area will perform. Sokol's share of the profits will all go towards supporting the school, so save the date and come hungry; your presence will be a great show of support.

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.



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Regular April EVENTS



Mondays, April 20, and 27
Junior and Senior Volleyball: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fridays, April 3, 17, and 24
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.

Czech/Slovak pre-School will meet April 11, 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.
Contact Sis. Martina Sestak at: martinasestak@yahoo.com for more information



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. Pavel Klein – (301) 424.1658, Br. Milos Toth – (301) 585.8534, or Br. Tony Bartos – (703) 395.1071

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Thanks to all Sokol Washington members who already submitted their 2009 dues. The membership dues are **\$29.00** per member and the **deadline** to submit Sokol Washington, D.C. membership dues is **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**.*

www.sokolwashington.org



ADDITIONAL April EVENTS

April 5	One Day Hiking Trip	<p>– Hiking one of the most spectacular hike in the Shenandoah National Park. Jarilo is promising mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s. The Sharp Rocks vinery's visit is optional upon completion of the spectacular hike, indeed. For more information contact Brother Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org</p>
April 25	Sokol Volleyball Tournament	<p>– A traditional tournament, held once a year, hosted by Sokol New York in NYC, NY with Sokol units from other cities participating. Sleeping accommodations are available directly within the Hall. To register or for more details contact either Bros. Danihel jdanihel@comcast.net (703-655-5903) or Bartos babinak@aol.com (703-395-1071).</p>
Tuesdays, April	Indoor Soccer League	<p>– Last week, Sokol Washington soccer players won their playoff with BG Express. 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 for exact playing times.</p>

Future - PLANNED EVENTS

May 10	Jiri Parma Memorial Sokol Tennis Tournament	<p>– This annual all-day event will once again be held at Bluemont Park, in Arlington, VA. Registration is at 8:30 AM, the Tournament commences at 9:00 AM sharp. Tell your friends to join in at this open fun event. Contact Brother Igor Labuda for more information at: islabuda@msn.com</p>
May 16	Sts. Cyril And Methodius Slavic-American Festival/Dance	<p>– Sokol Washington, together with the St. Luke Orthodox Church committee, will organize its second joint event. This is still in the planning stages. The proceeds will be divided equally and <u>the Sokol portion will support the Czech and Slovak School Fund</u>, under Sokol auspices. Volunteers with suggestions or inquiries, please contact: bobescerny@msn.com, ph: 703-861-7039 or babinak@aol.com, ph: 703-395-1071</p>
May 23-25	Children's Canoeing Trip	<p>– Traditional Memorial Day weekend canoeing trip outing. 3days event on the Southern Branch of the Potomac in Monangahela National Forest in West Virginia. For more information contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com</p>

**Sokol Washington D.C. is a not profit organization and all of its officers are volunteers.
That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time,
offer their contribution to help our Sokol thrive.**

The organization can be only as good as the members participation in its activities.

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



Czech and Slovak Play Group

We will meet April 11th at St Luke Orthodox Church at 6801 Georgetown Pike, in McLean, VA. We will discuss how the play group will be organized from now on. If you are aware of anyone who can lead youngsters in songs and activities, please contact Br. John Bartos at john.l.bartos@gmail.com. If you are interested in participating in the program, please send your contact information to Sis. Martina Sestak martinasestak@yahoo.com or John Bartos.

Czech and Slovak School Spring Activities Update

We are pleased to announce that the Theater Production for parents and adults was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Iva Zichova, Motylik Zofajova and Marketa Jenesova. The Slovak class performed a skit "From Slovakia to America", the Czech 1 class performed "O velke repe" (The Story of the Big Beet) and the Czech 2 class performed a puppet production of "O Sipkove Ruzence" (Sleeping Beauty). Kudos to all the performers!

The Czech and Slovak School would like to inform you of its upcoming special events and activities planned from now until the end of the school year. Czech and Slovak language classes are held regularly on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and afterwards, most of the children move on to the gymnasium for optional Sokol Gymnastics classes, conducted from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The following activities take place during the normal Friday lecture hour from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

April 3 – Easter celebration

The children will decorate eggs, learn to weave "pomlázky" (Easter switches) and learn about various Easter customs in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. We ask parents to send several hard-boiled eggs with each child for decorating.

May 16 (Saturday) – Festival of Saints Cyril and Methodius: Slavic-American festival with food, dancing and fun for the whole family.

Location: St. Luke's church (where the St. Nicholas party is held). This festival is currently in its planning phase and, therefore, no firm time is yet known, but save the date! We ask the parents for their cooperation in preparing for this event (contributing Czech and Slovak home-baked goods, providing raffle items, etc.), as this will be a FUNDRAISER for the Czech and Slovak School! Please extend the invitation to all your friends and relatives to come and support this fundraising effort!

We are also planning on having the children perform folk songs and dances at the Festival. Practice times for this production will be on Fridays from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. after the normal lecture hour. Please let us know if your child/children will be participating in this performance at the Festival and if they will be able to attend the practices at the above-stated time. Keep in mind that, ideally, the children themselves should have the desire to perform and learn the new songs and dances for this performance. Please contact us via email at simonamd@comcast.net or mperschbacher@verizon.net ASAP so that we may begin planning the program.



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June 5 – End-of-the-year final examinations

June 12 – Distribution of exam results and report cards

Please note that the Czech and Slovak School does not currently have the necessary funding to continue operating until June. Our one fundraising activity will be the Slavic-American Festival of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and it is likely that we will require further grants and/or contributions. Anyone with contacts to organizations or individuals that would possibly be in a position to help the Czech and Slovak School obtain grant monies, please contact Br. Tony Bartos at babinak@aol.com or 703-395-1071. In the event of insufficient funds from fundraising efforts and grants, each family will be required to contribute to the overall funding of School operations.

Recently we had a slight increase in the number of Slovak students; however, more would be desirable for both groups (we are currently at about 23 children). If you know of other families that would like to send their children to Slovak or Czech classes, please let us know. If you have any other questions, comments, ideas or reminders, please do not hesitate to contact us at the email addresses above.

Thank you,
Simona Merchant-Dest and Michelle Perschbacher

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASW is still looking for volunteers willing to help with children gymnastics and the aerobics classes. Those interested, please contact Sis. Pavla Cornejo at 301-693-3169, Br. Milos Toth at (301) 585.8534, mtoth.tns@gmail.com or Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658, kleinp@epilepsydc.com

St. Luke Orthodox Church Sisterhood is having a **Bake Sale April 4th**, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come sample favorite homemade Easter pastries.

Czech Film "**Little Girl Blue (Tajnosti)**" at the **Avalon Theater** on Wednesday, **April 8** @ 8pm - one night only <http://www.theavalon.org/news.cfm?id=71#czech> WINNER! Czech Lions (Czech Oscars) for Best Film and Best Cinematography (Ramunas Greicius), and the Czech Critics' Award.

Czech National Theater Ballet <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As2WJasQkqA> will be performing at the **Sidney Harman Hall** at the **Harman Center for the Arts** on **April 25**, 7 pm and **April 26**, 2 pm www.harmancenter.org "Friends of Czech Culture/Sokol" will receive a 20% discount off of tickets using the discount code **5957**.

The Studio Theatre is featuring "**Rock'N'Roll**" by playwright **Sir. Tom Stoppard** (born Tomáš Straüssler on 3 July 1937 in Zlín, Czechoslovakia) **April 22 – May 31**. Sophisticated, funny and electrifying, Stoppard's latest play spans decades and dynasties with the spin of a record player. The master playwright takes a tender, imaginary journey through the life he might have led if he had returned to his native Czechoslovakia http://www.studiotheatre.org/plays/plays_details.php?plays_id=152



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Behind the Velvet Curtain exhibition **April 3 – May 18** presents women artists who entered the Czech and international art scene in the last 15 years (all of them were born in the 1960s and 70s). The exhibition takes viewers into the marginalized zones of the former communist society where there is no place for addressing, without prejudice, female desire, sexuality, identity, maternity, or age.
http://www1.american.edu/cas/katzen/museum/2009spring_behind.cfm

The Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant www.missczechslovakus.com is looking for the **2009 Miss Czech Slovak US**. For 23 years the Miss Czech Slovak US has been produce heritage ambassadors for all Czechs and Slovaks across the United States. Now, we are looking for a contestant from Virginia! Entries must be received no later than June 1, 2009.

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>

Brussels exhibit of the Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles (see below) to US – We are in the process of collaborating with ASO and other organizations, to help bring this exhibit to New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and possibly Texas. The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles in Brno was asked to prepare an exhibit that pertained primarily to the liberation of the Czechs and Slovaks from Austro-Hungarian rule on October 28-30, 1918, for the occasion of the Czech Republic assuming the EU Presidency in Brussels. Brs. Vlcek and Neovesky, of Sokol Washington, helped with preparation of material for this exhibit.

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



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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 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 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.

Jan Kratochvil OCM

Director, Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles – 20th century

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NOTE: Are you planning to visit the Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles?

Please arrange your visit in advance via e-mail or phone number listed above.



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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 at 12013 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902-1515 (aborkovec@comcast.net). 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.