



ASW Flyer June 2009

AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd, 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,

I would like to thank everybody in Sokol who contributed his time and energy for our First Slavic-American Festival. I realize that some worked harder than others, but let me assure you that Sokol Washington values contributions from every member. I would dearly love to name those who deserve our thanks the most, but there are too many and space is at a premium.

Sokol also owes a debt of gratitude to the other DC-area Slavic-American organizations that supported us by forwarding our flyers to their own very large email lists, which was responsible for an especially large turnout. Specifically I would like to thank the St. Luke Orthodox Church for their support, to the Ukrainian community leaders (Zenia Thompkins and Mikhajlo Datsenko), to all of the Bulgarian groups (Larry Weiner), the Czechoslovak Happy Hour email lists and to the Slovak and Czech Embassies. Also I thank the participating groups; our own Czech and Slovak School, Bob Rychlik (Fujara), Lada Russian Children Ensemble, the Slavic Male Chorus of St. Andrews, and the Czech and Slovak Heritage Singers of Baltimore. Next year, we hope the festival will grow even bigger and so, in conclusion, I would just like to say that you all should feel proud of yourself for a job well done.

Nazdar!

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

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www.sokolwashington.org



REGULAR JUNE EVENTS



Mondays, June 1, 8, and 15
Junior and Senior Volleyball: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fridays, June 5 and 12
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 to be announced 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.
Contact Br. Tony Bartos at: babinak@aol.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. 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**.*



ADDITIONAL JUNE EVENTS

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| Tuesdays, June | Indoor Soccer League | - Sokol Washington soccer players have started a new indoor soccer season. 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. |
| June 20th (June 21st Camping is optional) | Canoeing & Camping | - An early summer, annual and very popular outing trip on the South Fork of Shenandoah river; for all water enthusiasts of all ages. Starting at 9:30am from HQ of Downriver Canoe Co., VA. Please RSVP by Saturday June 13th to Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org |

FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS

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| Early August | 4th Sokol Washington Open Soccer Tournament & After Party | - This will be the 4 th year Sokol will conduct an open 6 vs 6 Soccer Tourney (8-10 registered per team). This is an all-day fun event for players of all ages and proficiencies, which ends in the traditional after-party; just like it was always done in Europe. Contact Br. Josef Cerny at 703-861-7039 or: bobescerny@msn.com |
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**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 School Spring Activities Update

Czech and Slovak language classes are held regularly on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, and afterwards, most of the children move on to the gymnasium for optional Sokol Gymnastics classes, conducted from 8:00 to 10:00.

Occasionally, there are special events planned. One such event took place on May 16th, at the **Festival of Saints Cyril and Methodius:** Slavic-American Festival, where the children performed Czech and Slovak folklore dances and songs they had worked on over the last 2 months after school. The kids showed a great talent in performing their native heritage dances and songs. The Festival enjoyed a great success. Many people had come to join us to celebrate our Slavic cultures and enjoyed our food, beer and wine, performances, moon bounce, games, and being with and among friends. We liked to thank all the parents, families and friends for



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their cooperation in preparing for and working at this event. The purpose of the festival was to raise money for the Czech and Slovak School. Please extend also our thanks to all your friends and family who came to support our school by joining us at this event.

Also, on Friday evening, May 29th, the Slovak Embassy hosted an International Night and invited the Sokol Czech and Slovak School children to perform. Slovak embassy personnel, led by Mr. Michal Pavuk, were excellent hosts to the parents and teachers, and our children had a wonderful time performing.

The school year is nearly over, and it has been a successful one. Thank you to all the teachers for their enthusiasm and drive to teach our kids the nuts and bolts of the Czech and Slovak languages. The remaining activities, listed below for this school year, will take place during the normal Friday lecture hour from 7 to 8 pm:

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 throughout the calendar year. Our one main fundraising activity was 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, or if you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Sis. Michelle Perschbacher. In the event of insufficient funds from fundraising efforts, contributions and grants, each family will be required to contribute to the overall funding of School operations.

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 below.

Next year we resume our school on Friday, September 11, 2009. Have a great summer break!

Thank you,
Sis. Simona Merchant-Dest and Sis. Michelle Perschbacher
(simonamd@comcast.net or mperschbacher@verizon.net)

Czech and Slovak Play Group

The Czech and Slovak Play Group was originally organized for toddlers through 3-4 year-olds, and is meant to be a feeder group for the Czech and Slovak School, under Sokol Washington auspices. We can meet at the St. Luke Orthodox Church at 6801 Georgetown Pike, in McLean, VA. We have a young lady that is willing to lead the children in songs and activities; however, the group must be reorganized so that it will be self-sustaining.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please send your contact information to Br. Tony Bartos (703-395-1071 or babinak@aol.com).



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. Milos Toth at (301) 585.8534, mtoth.tns@gmail.com or Br. Tony Bartos at 703-395-1071, babinak@aol.com.

The American Sokol invites you to "Saddle Up!" and attend **The American Sokol 2009 Slet** www.slet2009.com, the 2009 International Sport and Cultural Festival on June 23 – 28 at Fort Worth, Texas!

During the XXII American Sokol Slet, among the normal slet events, there will be opportunities to participate in the 5K Run, Sat. June 27th, Bowling Tournament, Fri. June 26th, Golf, Thurs. June 25 and March in the downtown Parade Friday, June 26th.

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.

The Avalon Theater will screen the documentary film **LOST HOLIDAY** (ZTRACENÁ DOVOLENÁ) on **June 10**, 2009 at 8 pm. A film crew embarks on a seemingly impossible mission to uncover the identity of six Asian men who were photographed on 22 rolls of undeveloped film found in a Swedish dumpster in the documentary *Lost Holiday*. The Avalon Theatre is located at 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015. For more information, call the box office at: (202) 966-3464.

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@yahooogroups.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 – The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles in Brno prepared an exhibit on 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 research



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material for this exhibit. We are in the process of collaborating with ASO, in Chicago, Bohemian Benevolent Literary Association (BBLA or www.bohemianbenevolent.org) in New York and other organizations, to help bring this exhibit to New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and possibly Texas. BBLA has currently secured exhibition space in NYC for exhibiting during the latter part of October, and we are waiting for responses from Washington and other cities.

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 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.



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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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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.

“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.