



ASW Flyer September 2009

AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 9th, 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to invite all the members of the Washington D.C. unit American Sokol Organization, to our annual meeting that will take place on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 in the St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA at 8:00 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to exercise your right to participate in shaping the future of our unit because a new Executive Committee will be elected. Therefore, I appeal to every member not to miss this once in a year chance.

Nominations may be submitted at the meeting, or, by contacting members of the Nominating Committee, Br. Igor Labuda (islabuda@msn.com) and Br. Martin Novotny (novotny.m@hotmail.com).

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.



REGULAR JUNE EVENTS



Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28
Junior and Senior Volleyball: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fridays, September 11, 18 and 25
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 SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesdays, September	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.
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FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS

October 4th	Annual Sokol Appreciation Picnic	- The Annual Sokol Appreciation Picnic will be held at Fletcher's Boathouse for all Sokol family members, free of charge. Guests are welcome, with voluntary donations to Sokol Washington also being welcome. Expect to enjoy volleyball, mini-soccer, great food, kids activities and, of course, charming company. Volunteers, always being welcome, should offer their services to Vladimir Kovac at: vlad54@netzera.com
November 7th	Katerinska Party	- A 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. ASW is looking for volunteers to help organize the event - you may contact ASW at sokol@sokolwashington.org before October 24. The event will only materialize if we get enough volunteers!

**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 Update

The Czech and Slovak School would like to welcome new and existing students to the 2009 - 2010 school year. Classes are held on Fridays from 7 - 8pm and afterwards, most of the children move on to the gymnasium for optional Sokol Gymnastics classes, conducted from 8 - 10pm. Classes are held at Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda, MD; the first class being on **Friday, September 11**. Please meet in the all-purpose room for the opening welcome and announcements.

We are excited to be offering 5 class options corresponding to the varying needs of our young students: **1st grade Slovak, 2nd grade Slovak, Beginning Czech, 1st grade Czech and 3rd grade Czech.**



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Due to last year's interest among some parents and other Sokol members, we will also be offering **2 adult courses: Beginning Czech and Advanced Czech**, which will be held from 8 - 9pm after the children's school hour. Slovak courses for adults can also be accommodated as soon as there is sufficient interest.

Any interested families in the Slovak or Czech classes mentioned above, please let us know. If you have any other questions, comments, ideas or reminders, please do not hesitate to contact us at simonamd@comcast.net or mperschbacher@verizon.net.

Thank you,
Simona Merchant-Dest and Michelle Perschbacher

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 Avalon Theatre will screen Elementary School (Obecna skola) on September 9th. 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@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



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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 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, Sokol USA in Pittsburgh, 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 (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 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,

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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: If you are planning to visit the Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles, please arrange your visit in advance via e-mail or the 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.