

ASW ZPRAVODAJ

March 2011

NEXT MEETING



**Wednesday
March 2, 2011
8:00 PM**

**Location: The
Levendises**

**2547 N. Vernon St.
Arlington, VA 22207
703-525-2579**

DON'T MISS

**Volleyball
Tournament**
Saturday, March 26
in New York
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MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

With the coming spring Sokol members and friends can look forward to return of many of our traditional activities. On March 26 our volleyball team/s will be traveling to New York for the annual Volleyball Tournament, which is held alternatively in New York and here in DC. Then on April 2, we invite you to our annual Jozefka Party, a traditional celebration...

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CALENDAR

March 2011

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			8 PM ASW Monthly Meeting @ The Levendises (see side banner)		7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Zumba	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball				7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Adult Yoga	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	NO VOLLEYBALL - Schools activity				7 - 8 PM Czech/ Slovak School 7:15 - 8 PM Czech/Slovak Preschool 8:15 - 10 PM Children's Gymnastics 8:30 - 9:30 PM Yoga	Volleyball Tournament in New York
27	28	29	30	31		
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball					

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, March 7, 14, and 28 8:00 – 10:00 PM	<p>At Wood Acres Elementary School 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816</p> <p>Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and shoes (rubber sole sturdy shoes) for your children so that they may safely participate in gymnastics.</p>
Czech and Slovak School	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga/Zumba	Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:30 – 9:30 PM	
<p>*Gymnastics for the Little Ones are being offered during the same time as the gymnastics for the older children. Parent participation is crucial so please make sure you are available to help few times a month. The class is led by Olga Simakova and runs from approximately 8:30 to 9:30 pm. There is a Warm up form 8:00 to 8:30 pm in which all the parents may participate with their children if they want.</p>		
Volleyball Tournament 	March 26, 2011	<p>A traditional sporting event to be held at Sokol New York Hall in NYC, NY http://sokolnewyork.org/ with Sokol units from other cities participating. For more info contact Robert & Martina at contact@sestakremodeling.com</p>
Spring (Josefska) Party 	April 2, 2011	<p>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</p>
Weekend Hike in Shenandoah National Park 	April 2011	<p>Traditional hiking weekend in the Shenandoah National Park. For more information, contact Br. Pavel Klein at: (301) 424-1658 or at kleinp@epilepsydc.com</p>

**American Sokol Washington, DC Chapter, Inc. (ASW) is a non-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 Unit thrive.
Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.**

Detailed information about the above planned events will be published in this flyer and on the ASW website.

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA (*Continued*)

...of one of the most common names in Czechy, Moravia and Slovakia – so, come and enjoy!

During February, our members and friends enjoyed the ever-popular Bača Cup Ski Race - thank you to the Parma-Fletcher family. The race was enjoyed by many and the winners are posted elsewhere in this issue. This past weekend our members and friends enjoyed delicious food, wonderful music and great prizes at our traditional Šibřinky/Masopust/Fašiangy party. Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who helped assure the success of this event – please see specific “thank-yous” below.

A word of gratitude goes to our friends at SVU, who have so generously awarded our Czech and Slovak school with yet another monetary grant. Their support and recognition of the job our school volunteers, our staff and our students are doing is greatly appreciated!

Please note that the 2010 Membership Dues should be sent in by the end of this month, March. Your dues help our Unit offer our many programs! If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to participate in organizing any of our activities or serve on the Board, I encourage you to contact me at 202-223-8344 or maruska@levendislaw.com.

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, DC

“Thank You” to:

Pajtáši, who traveled from New York to bring us traditional Slovak, Czech and Moravian folk music;

Michal Šariský (Slovak Embassy chef), for his delicious creations, and

Peter Kočiš who assisted him;

Pavla Toth and Vlado Jiřinec, for their wonderful treats;

Vlado Kováč, for his excellent delivery of the event's libations;

And to all those who so generously assisted with all the other necessary jobs:

Mike Brown, Nick Harmon, Viera Jamrich, Vlado Jiřinec, Darja Kawasumi, Gunther Kletetschka, George Levendis, Vilem Mikula, Miloš Toth, Hanock Zewdie, Petra Jantošová, Ludek Lhotsky

33rd ANNUAL BACA CUP INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL DOWNHILL SKI RACE

The Bača Cup www.bacacup.com annual downhill ski race and party, took place on Saturday Feb. 19, 2011 at the Blue Knob Ski Resort, PA and was attended by eighty eight racers representing USA, Canada, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Germany, Poland and Netherlands.

Congratulations go out to 2011 Bača Cup winners Aden Lessiak and Ian Cruz. The competition was extremely close and there were some terrific times. We congratulate also to the Ambassador's Cup winners Tomas Pavlicek and Renata Altman, and the 2011 Baca Cup Snowboard Champions, Lukas and Paula Bart.

We congratulate to all eighty eight participants in the 33rd Annual Bača Cup Ski Downhill Race and would like to extend our Thank you to the Bača Cup Race Coordinators' for their incredible dedication to prepare this annual event and Ute Parma "The Bačova" for her incredible hospitality in offering her home, her culinary talents and her beauty and grace.

2011 Bača Cup Champions:

Men's Alpine: Ian Cruz

Women's Alpine: Aden Lessiak

Men's Ambassador's Cup: Tomas Pavlicek

Women's Ambassador's Cup: Renata Altman

Men's Snowboard: Lukas Bart

Women's Snowboard: Paula Bart

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2011

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues is **March 31, 2011**.

American Sokol Washington, DC membership dues 2011 are as follow:

- Individual Membership (adult /voting).....\$35.00
- Two Adults Membership (both voting).....\$65.00
- Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults)\$45.00
- Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years).....\$70.00
- New Member One-time Administrative Fee\$5.00

Please make your check payable to "American Sokol Washington, DC", and mail it at your earliest convenience to the Financial Secretary:

American Sokol Washington, Inc.
c/o Secy. Tibor Bartalos
1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704
Washington, DC, 20024

Please remember, you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting(s) and consent to take the Sokol oath.

All your contributions to Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible. Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your end-of-year contributions. If you are contributing through the United Way, our CFC designation code is 5043.

Your support will directly benefit all our activities and is greatly appreciated!

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL

On average, we have about 35 students in two Czech and two Slovak classes. We accept children ages 5 – 12. Classes are held every Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Wood Acres Elementary School on 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.

Whoever is interested, please do come in person any Friday night or contact Andrea Kohlmayer at andreakohlmayer@gmail.com with any questions.

With most of our students, we have just started practicing Czech and Slovak traditional dances for the upcoming performance at the Slovak and Czech Embassies (EU Open House Day in May).

After school and folklore, the children move into the gymnasium for optional Sokol gymnastics from about 8:15 – 10:00 PM.

Our adult Czech and Slovak classes for beginners continue, meeting at the above location from 8:00 – 9:00 PM. If you are interested or know anyone who would like to join the classes, please contact directly the teachers, Michaela Onel at miska@onel.net (Slovak) or Marcela Davenport at marcelahd1@hotmail.com (Czech).

OF INTEREST

Documentary Screening - Forgotten Transports to Estonia – March 16, at 6:30 PM at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom St, NW, Washington, DC 20008. The film will be introduced by Dr. Peter Black, Senior Historian of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, followed by a discussion with Dr. Black and Ms. Margit Meissner, author of the book Margit's Story. The event is presented in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC Chapter.

The Lions of Czech Film Series with collaboration with the Avalon Theatre offers an invaluable opportunity to see the best of Czech cinema in the Nation's capital:

March 9, 8 pm: Changes (Promeny)

April 21, 8 pm: From Subway with Love (Roman pro zeny)

May 11, 8 pm: Twosome (Dvojka)

June 8, 8 pm: Identity Card (Obcansky prukaz)

This film series gives the Washington, DC, community an opportunity to view Czech films that are popular hits in Europe and have received numerous honors and awards at film festivals. Most of the films have received the prestigious Czech Lion Award, the Czech equivalent of an Academy Award. All of the films have limited distribution in the United States.

Ticket information: The Avalon Theatre is located at 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC20015. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or online at www.theavalon.org

Check out These Links:

- Slovak Handwritten Cookbook Blog: <http://paulinescookbook.wordpress.com/>
- The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library new oral history program: <http://www.ncsml.org/News/20091123/30/New-Oral-History-Project-Underway.aspx>.
- Enhancing Children's Lives in the Communities Where They Live: www.slovakplaygrounds.org
- The Museum of Czech and Slovak Exiles from the 20th Century: www.muzeumexil.cz
- Traditional Slovak recipes website: www.slovakcooking.com

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/>

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. 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.