

Monthly Membership

Meeting

Wednesday, June 1

8:00 P.M.

Bethesda Regional
Library

7400 Arlington Rd
Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 777-0970

All members and guests
are invited

After a short business
meeting, join us for a
celebration of
2010/11 Sokol year -
bryndzove halusky
will be served.

We look forward to seeing
you there!

CALENDAR

Weekly Activities in June

Mondays, June 6, 13 - **Volleyball** (8 - 10 p.m.)
Fridays, June 3, 10* - **Czech/Slovak School for Children** (7- 8 p.m.)
Fridays, June 3, 10 - **Gymnastics for Children** (8 - 10 p.m.)
Fridays, June 3, 10 - **Czech/Slovak School for Adults** (8 - 9 p.m.)
Fridays, June 3, 10 - **Zumba** (8:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

*The above activities are held at Wood Acres Elementary School,
5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.*

*On June 10th, the school will hold an end-of-the-year party for all students and their families.

Upcoming Special Events

Annual One-Day Canoe Trip - Sunday, June 19th

on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River - for water enthusiasts of all ages.

Meet at 9:30AM sharp at the HQ of Downriver Canoe Co., Bentonville, VA.

RSVP by Tuesday June 14th to Bro. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org.

Children's Summer Camp Blue Rock - August 20 - 28, 2011

(**Pod modrou skalou**) Monongahela National Forest, WV

Contact Br. Miroslav Honzák at sokol@sokolwashington.org

or leave a message for him at (703) 759-1500.

MESSAGE FROM THE STAROSTKA

Dear Members and Friends:

With the upcoming June 1 membership meeting we will wind down another successful Sokol year. This meeting will be our last before the summer break. June is also the month when we conclude for the season our ongoing weekly activities - Czech and Slovak School, gymnastics, volleyball, yoga and zumba. All these activities will resume in September. We nevertheless will be offering a few summer activities for you to enjoy, most significantly, the children's summer camp at Blue Rock, Monongahela National Forest in late August, and a possible mid-summer picnic. Watch for our emails about these events.

We urge you all to attend this June 1 meeting. We will discuss and plan our activities for the 2011/12 year and we want you to participate in that planning process. If you cannot attend and have ideas or suggestions you would like to share, please call me at (202) 223-8344 or email me at maruska@levendislaw.com and I will take your ideas to the meeting.

The June 1 meeting also will be a celebration of our 2010/11 accomplishments. We will be enjoying bryndzove halusky. So join us for both the brief administrative meeting and the party afterwards, all at Bethesda Regional Library in downtown Bethesda.

Our Unit has had a very fruitful year. It is thanks, once again, to the hard work of countless volunteers that we have been able to offer our many wonderful programs and to confirm our continuing viability and vitality in the American Czech, Moravian and Slovak Community of the Washington, DC metropolitan area and beyond. THANK YOU to all!

We hope Sokol has been a good friend to you and your family this year.

Nazdar,

Lucia

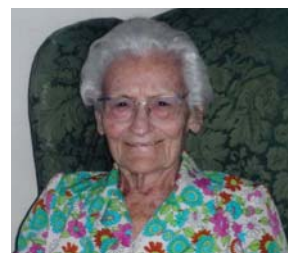
Lucia Maruska Levendis

THANK YOU TO:

- Students of Sokol Czech and Slovak School who represented us so wonderfully at the Slovak Embassy EU Open House on Saturday May 7 – praise and awe have come from everyone;
- Sis. Dana Sablikova and Bro. Peter Knapp for all their work in preparing the program for the Slovak Embassy performance;
- Bro. Igor Labuda for organizing the annual Jiri Parma Tennis Tournament;
- Bro. Miroslav Honzak, Bro. Milos Toth, Sis. Olga Simakova, Bro. Radovan Kohlmayer for their dedication and work in instructing gymnastics;
- Zuzka Brnakova our volunteer instructor for Zumba and Petra Tojslova our volunteer instructor for yoga;
- Bro. Vlado Jirinec coordinator of our adult volleyball program;
- Sis. Andrea Kohlmayer and Sis. Michaela Kiss for their dedication to managing the Czech and Slovak School;
- Treasurer, Bro. Milos Toth, and our auditors, Bro. Milan Blaha and Bro. George Levendis;
- Membership, Financial and Correspondence Secretary, Bro. Tibor Bartalos;
- Sis. Helenka Hodjatzadeh our newsletter editor and website mistress;
- Bros. Vasek Slovak, Pavel Klein, Jonathan Altman, Jan Kocvara, Peter Kukura, Peter Knapp and Igor Labuda, our officers and trustees;
- and, all the others who have volunteered at our many activities and events.

PASSING OF SISTER MILDRED BARCAL

Sis. Mildred F. Barcal, age 94, a founding member of Sokol Washington, D.C. in 1947, died on April 4, 2011 at the British Home in Brookfield, IL. Cremation was private at Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago and a memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



Sis. Barcal was a 77-year member of the American Sokol Organization, in her youth active in Sokol Chicago and later in Sokol Washington, DC. Here in Washington, DC, Sis. Barcal was an elected officer of our Unit for 26 years. She served as 1st Directress of Women; Instructor; Vice President; Recording Secretary; Educator; and auditor; and was an active member of many working Committees.

Sis. Mildred was a driving force in Sokol Washington DC. She always will be remembered for her kindness, hospitality, sense of adventure and sharp wit. She is gone but her legacy - our Sokol Unit, ASW - lives on.

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2011

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

- Individual Membership (adult /voting)..... \$35.00
- Two Adults Membership (both voting)\$65.00
- Family Membership I. (one voting adult / all children up to 18 and one other non-voting adult)\$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 to American Sokol Washington, Inc., c/o Financial Secretary, 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 and take the Sokol oath.

All your contributions to Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible.

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

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL

After several weeks of practice, our students performed their folk dances at the Slovak Embassy on the occasion of EU Open House Day. Their performances were a great success. I would like to thank our Starostka Lucia Levendis, Dana Sablikova, Peter Knapp, the teachers and of course our young students for their hard work and dedication.



Only two sessions of classes (June 3 and 10) are left before we take a break for the summer vacation. The school will resume operations in September. Again we will be offering two Czech and two Slovak classes, although we always are ready to add classes as necessary. Ages of students range from 5 to 12. For the younger children, we also offer a preschool class. Classes are held every Friday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Optional folklore classes also are held at the school immediately after the language classes.

Following the language classes, gymnastics for children is offered from about 8:15 – 10:00 PM. The gymnastics is open to all interested children whether they attend school or not.

We also will continue to offer adult Czech and Slovak classes for beginners/adv. beginners. These will meet at 8:00 - 9:00 PM. All the classes, folklore activities and gymnastics are held at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.

If you are interested, please do come in person any Friday night or contact Andrea Kohlmayer at andreakohlmayer@gmail.com.

OF INTEREST

The Lions of Czech Film Series

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

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

Poetry of the Past: The Visionary Films of František Vlácil – The AFI Silver Theater (8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910) will present the films of František Vlácil from April 23-June 29, 2011. For tickets and more information please visit the website <http://www.afi.com/silver/new/nowplaying/2011/v8i2/vlacidil.aspx>.

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.slovakiplaygrounds.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.