

ASW ZPRAVODAJ

January 2012

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
January 11, 2012
8:00 PM
Levendis Residence
2547 N. Vernon Street
Arlington, VA
(703) 525-2579
See p. 3 for directions

DON'T MISS

Sibrinky/Fasiangy /Masopust Party

Saturday, February 4,
2012
7:30 PM
See p. 2 and the next issue for
details

Baca Cup Ski Race

Tentative Date:
Saturday, February 18
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details

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

Happy and healthy new year to all! 2012 promises to be another very active year for our Unit. We ended 2011 and began 2012 on a high note with one of our most popular family events - the Vermont Ski Trip. What a great way to ring in the new year! The trip was enjoyed by all – please see the “thank yous” below. If you did not have a chance to ski with us in Vermont, we invite you...

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CALENDAR

January 2012

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					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	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					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	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Activities – Schools Are Closed				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	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES				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	
29	30	31				
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES					

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, January 23, and 30 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, January 13, 20, and 27 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, January 13, 20, and 27 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, January 13, 20, and 27 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, January 13, 20, and 27 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, January 13, 20, and 27 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga/ Zumba	Fridays, January 13, 20, and 27 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 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>		
Sibrinky/Fasiangy	Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 7:30 PM	The annual masquerade ball - dinner and dance at St. Luke's Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101. More information will follow.
34nd Annual Baca Cup International Invitational Ski Race 	Tentative date: Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 11:00 AM	Details for this annual downhill ski race and party for everyone are coming soon. Check www.bacacup.com for updates.
Josefska Party	Saturday, March 24, 2012	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
Volleyball Tournament 	Saturday, March 24, 2012	A traditional sporting event with guests from Sokol New York and Sokol units from other cities. More information coming soon.

**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*)

... to join us the weekend of February 18, at Salaš Hills (Blue Knob Ski Resort) to compete and enjoy yourself at the 34nd Annual Bača Cup. And, what would February be without the traditional Šibřinky/Fašiangy/Masopust - Mardi Gras Party? So, mark your calendar for Saturday, February 4, dust off your dancing shoes and plan to be at St. Luke's in McLean. You'll enjoy wonderful music by Pajtáři, delicious traditional food, Pilsner on tap and great prizes! Don't forget your costume or a mask!

Please note that the 2012 Membership Dues should be sent in by March. Your dues help keep our Unit operating and help us offer all the wonderful programs you have been enjoying.

Our next monthly membership meeting is in a few days – please join me and the other ASW officers and directors on Wednesday, January 11, at my house, 2547 N. Vernon Street in Arlington. And, as always, I encourage you to contact me at 202-223-8344 or maruska@levendislaw.com with any questions or suggestions.

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, DC

“THANK YOU TO”

Pavel Klein and Eva Majerova for organizing yet another great Vermont Ski Trip for the children and their families, and to instructors Pavel Klein, Tomas Pavlicek, Andrej Klein, Daniel Klein, Peter Majer and Martin Smrcina;

All Mikulas/St. Nicholas helpers – Helena Kanownik, Zuzana Steen, Milos Toth, Pavla Toth, George Levendis, Jarda Vondrich, Tibor Bartalos, Jana Sedlakova, Vlado Kovac, Ludek Lhotsky, Peter Kukura, Rita Kukura, Jano Kocvara, Matt Mudron, Andrea Kohlmayer, Radovan Kohlmayer, Jana Svehlova, Tony Svehla, Oliver Gunovsky, Monica Rokus, Miroslav Pavel, Miroslava Pavelova, Pavla Cervenkov, Jarka Zolman, Dana Sablik, Danka Plevkova, Anka Streckova, Ondrej Schneider, Ken Kanownik, Joe Steen, Renata Altman, Jonathan Altman, Bob Magee, Helen Rudinsky, Paulina Balderama, Alexandra Pompachova, Olga Simakova, Misha Kiss, Liana Gedra, Eva Zufova, Yvette Cervenkov-Peet, Bobbie Lastuvka, Eva Majerova, Vasek Slovak and many others who assisted with various jobs;

Our Mikulas/St. Nicholas performers – Andrew Gedra, Dominik Honzak, Scarlett Kiss, Christopher Knapp, Gabi Kohlmayer, Kubik Kohlmayer, Karolina Pompach, Ester Schneider, Gabriel Schneider, Jonathan Simak, Joseph Simak, Juraj Sintaj, Vicki Toth, Natalka Toth, Emma Wolf, Janko Rudinsky, Pavel Steen, Milan Steen, Lukas Kanownik, Sasa Balderama, Isabella Balderama, Marcella Altman, Isabella Altman, Thomas Garrett, Olivia Peet, Marco Onel, Mattias Onel, Petr Tojsl, Kristina Tojsl, Sophie Raynal and Marek Raynal.

DIRECTIONS TO THE LEVENDIS RESIDENCE

- Chain Bridge into Virginia - cross and stay straight, heading north on Glebe Road
- Make a left onto Old Dominion Drive (large intersection where Marymount University is)
- Make next left onto 26th Street
- At the bottom of the hill make a right turn on to Vermont Street

- 9th house on the right side of the street, there is a basketball hoop on the right of our driveway and a pedestrian crossing for the Bike Path on the left side of our driveway (ignore the fact that you are on Vermont and that the house numbers are declining and are even!)
- 2547 N. Vernon Street, Arlington (the house is on Vernon but it looks as though it is on Vermont)

Call (703) 525-2579 if you get lost.

TRIP TO VERMONT PHOTOS

If you'd like to see photos from this year's trip to Vermont and perhaps get inspired for next year, please go to <http://zelda68.rajce.idnes.cz/Vermont>

Here are just a few to entice you:



ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues was **March 31, 2012**.

American Sokol Washington, DC membership dues 2012 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 Br. 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 CFCNCA designation code is 93300.

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

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL and GYMNASTICS FOR YOUTH

The Czech and Slovak School and Gymnastics for Youth resume their Friday evening schedule on January 6 (please see calendar for all the meeting dates). We invite our families to rejoin us in this new year and we invite new families to come and visit us to see our teachers and gymnastic instructors, and of course our students, in action. It is never too late to join us! We offer two levels of Czech and two levels of Slovak language classes for our youth, and we offer Czech and Slovak preschool. School start time is 7:00 PM and gymnastics begin at 8:15 until 10:00 PM, both at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816 (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodacreses/>).

With questions about youth language classes and preschool, please contact Michaela Kiss at mishah@hotmail.com.

With questions about gymnastics, please contact Miroslav Honzak at sokol@sokolwashington.org.

Feel free to visit unannounced, but please check the calendar.

ADULT CZECH AND SLOVAK LANGUAGE CLASSES

Interested in Czech and Slovak language classes for adults? Come and visit us on any Friday – it is never too late to join! Please make sure you consult the calendar of meeting dates. Adult classes are held from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816 (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodacreses/>).

With questions about adult classes, please contact Michaela Kiss at mishah@hotmail.com.

MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL FOR ADULTS

Our adult volleyball resumes its Monday night schedule on January 23. Volleyball is played on pick-up basis, all are invited to join and enjoy! Please consult our calendar for meeting dates. Play time is from 8:00 until 10:00 PM, at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816 (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodacreses/>).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our Monday and Friday night activities take place at a Montgomery County Public school – Wood Acres Elementary, and therefore our activities are guided by the calendar and the closings of this school system. Please note, our activities will be cancelled if Montgomery County closes its schools. For information, consult the school website (<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodacreses/>).

OF INTEREST

Gipsy Party – Saturday, January 14 at 1:00pm at Slaviya Restaurant and Lounge. For more information, see the ASW Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sokol-Washington-DC/191155580916592>

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.slovakiaplaygrounds.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.