

ASW ZPRAVODAJ

December 2012

NEXT MEETING



Wednesday
December 5, 2012
8:00 PM
Bethesda Regional Library
7400 Arlington Rd
Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 777-0970

DON'T MISS

Mikulasska (St. Nicholas) Party

Saturday, December 1
See p. 2 for details

Skiing in Vermont

December 26, 2012 –
January 3, 2013
See p. 2 for details

MESSAGE FROM STAROSTKA

Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

As we enter the last month of 2012, let us be thankful for the friends and community we have in Sokol. ASW has been fortunate in this respect, our friends and supporters are many and we have the good will and hard work of a large number of volunteers and thus we have been able to bring you an array of wonderful programs....

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CALENDAR

December 2012

For details, locations and future events see p. 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1
	8 - 10 PM Volleyball @ Woodacres ES		8 pm ASW Monthly Meeting @ Bethesda Library (see side banner)		7-8 pm Czech/ Slovak School and Preschool 8-8:15 pm Music & Folklore 8:15-10 pm Youth Gymnastics 8- 9 pm Adult Czech/Slovak Language 7:17 – 8 pm Adult Yoga	3:00 PM Mikulasska/ St. Nicholas Party
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Merry Christmas! 				No Activities – Schools Are Closed	
30	31					
	Happy New Year's Eve 					

EVENT DETAILS

What	When	Details
Volleyball	Mondays, December 3, 10, and 17 8:00 – 10:00 PM	At Wood Acres Elementary School 5800 Cromwell Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816 Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and shoes (rubber sole sturdy shoes) for your children so that they may safely participate in gymnastics.
Czech and Slovak School	Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21 7:00 – 8:00 PM	
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21 7:15 – 8:00 PM	
Adult Czech and Slovak Language Classes	Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21 8:00 – 9:00 PM	
Children's Gymnastics	Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21 8:15 – 10:00 PM	
Gymnastics for the Little Ones*	Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21 8:00 – 8:30 PM Warm up* 8:30 – 9:30 PM Main Activity	
Adult Yoga	Fridays, December 7, and 21 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 from 8:00 to 8:30 pm in which all the parents may participate with their children if they want.</p>		
Mikulasska Party 	Saturday, December 1, 2012 3:00 – 6:00 PM	Party for children and adults allowing you to enjoy great food, meet St. Nick, the angel, the devil, and giving you and your children ample opportunity to tell if you have been “naughty or nice...” The party takes place at the St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA (www.stlukemclean.org; 703.893.1759) See our Facebook page for more details: http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/171270469679078/
Ski Trip to Vermont 	December 26, 2012 – January 3, 2013	A week-long ski trip to Burke Mountain, Vermont. For children with or without parents. (Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by at least one adult.) For more information or to sign up, contact Sis. Eva Majerova at majerovae33@gmail.com

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)

...One of these ever popular ASW programs, our Mikulášska Party, will be held this Saturday, December 1, at 3:00 pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church in McLean. We hope you will join us for the traditional zabíjačka, Czech beer, and, of course, a surprise visitor (with gifts!) for all the children. Our next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5, at 8 p.m., at the Bethesda Regional Library. Please join us - all are welcome, member or not! I also hope

that you will offer your time and talents - we can always find a place for you in some aspect of Sokol life! If you have questions or suggestions, please call me at 703-615-3465 or write me at maruska@levendislaw.com

Whether or not you will be at the Mikuláška Party to receive in person our holiday wishes, we hope that you will enjoy a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year! Štěstí, zdraví, pokoj, lásku vinšujeme Vám, veselé vánoční hody vašim rodinám! A na ten Nový Rok, aby ste mali šťastný krok, doma lásku, svornosť a všetkého hojnosť!

Nazdar,

Lucia

Lucia Maruska Levendis

Starostka American Sokol Washington, DC

"THANK YOU"

This past month ASW members and friends enjoyed our traditional Kateřínská Party. Thank you to Tibor Bartalos and his crew of many volunteers – DJs Vlado Kovac and Robert Pavel, Goulash Master - Pavel Kocourek, Andrea Kohlmayer, Radovan Kohlmayer, Jan Ulrych, Ludek Lhotsky, Sylva Graham, Petra Lowe, Matt Mudron, Michal Preisinger, Hsiu Chew and Martina Souckova.

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR YEAR 2013

Please DO NOT FORGET that the **DEADLINE** to submit ASW membership dues is **March 31, 2013**

American Sokol Washington, DC membership dues 2013 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!

OF INTEREST

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

Pre-Christmas Gathering with Msgr. Prof. Tomáš Halík, PhD, DD. at 6:30PM on December 5th at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3900 Spring of Freedom Street, 20008 Washington (in Czech only). Biography available at <http://www.halik.cz/ja/english.php> RSVP robert_rehak@mzv.cz

Czech Presidential Elections 2013 - for the first time in history, the President of the Czech Republic will be chosen directly by Czech citizens in the January 2013 elections. The first round of the elections will be held on January 11-12, with a potential run-off on January 25-26. Czech citizens (regardless of their immigration status in the US) will be able to vote in the United States, on the premises of the Embassy in Washington and Consulates General in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

http://www.mzv.cz/static/166781-1-MZV/cz/konzularni_informace/K_10_volby/volba_prezidenta_cr.html

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.