

Upcoming events: Sokol Annual Meeting, School/Preschool Open House, Kozak Memorial, Walking Marathon, Family Ski Trip and others.



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### Sokol Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting - September 11, 2014



You are cordially invited to our Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 11, at 8 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in shaping the future of our unit. After a brief administrative session, including elections of 2014 -2015 officers, the refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in participating on the Executive Board or would like to offer your time and talents to assist with one or more of our many activities, please write Bro. Igor Labuda or Bro. George Levendis with your nomination - we can always find a place for you in some aspect of Sokol Washington life!

We hope to see you there - all are welcome, member or not!

Thursday, September 11, 2014 8-10 PM

**Where**

5501 Massachusetts Ave.  
Bethesda, MD 20816

**Contact**

Bro. Igor Labuda at [islabuda@msn.com](mailto:islabuda@msn.com) or Bro. George Levendis at [glevendis@kozlaw.com](mailto:glevendis@kozlaw.com)

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**[Sokol School/Preschool Open House](#)**

Dear Parents and Friends of the Czech and Slovak School,

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE on Friday, September 12, at 7pm at the Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda.

We will be accepting registrations for children (ages 5 & up) and adults for Czech and Slovak classes, Czech & Slovak Preschool (ages 2 to 5), and children's gymnastics, for 2014/2015.

<http://www.sokolwashington.org/about-us/join-us/>

School upcoming dates are: **9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5**

**When**

September 12, 2014 - 7 PM

**Where**

[Wood Acres Elementary School](#),  
[5800 Cromwell Dr.](#),  
[Bethesda, MD 20816](#)

**Contact**

Michaela Kiss at [mishah@hotmail.com](mailto:mishah@hotmail.com)

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**[Kozak memorial bike event - October 4, 2014](#)**

In 2007, our Unit held the first of what has become an annual bike ride held in memory of one of our members, Brother Libor Kozák, who tragically lost his life while descending Mt. Everest. Libor was a great sports enthusiast; thus this event fittingly honors his memory.

The bike ride usually takes place in early October and leads through the beautiful landscapes of Northern Virginia or southern Maryland. Routes vary in length to accommodate bikers of all ages and abilities. And, there always is a good, hearty dinner waiting at the end of the ride. We hope you can join us!

For event T-Shirt and post-ride festivities you need to register by September 13th at [mjamnik@gmail.com](mailto:mjamnik@gmail.com). Rain date is October 26th, 2014.

**Where**

Northern Virginia or Southern Maryland

**Contact**

Bro. Michal Jarnik at [mjarnik@gmail.com](mailto:mjarnik@gmail.com)

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**[Sokol Membership Appreciation Picnic - October 12, 2014](#)**

The Annual Sokol Membership Appreciation Picnic will be held at Fletcher's Boathouse, just minutes from downtown Washington, DC., 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, leisurely boat or canoe ride, bike ride along the C & O canal, and, of course, charming company.

**When**

Sunday, October 12, 2014 - 11:00 am

**Where**

Fletcher's Boat House <http://www.fletcherscove.com>,  
4940 Canal Road, N.W., Washington, DC 20007

**Contact**

Volunteers, always being welcome, should offer their services to Bro. Vladimir Kovac at [tysesty@gmail.com](mailto:tysesty@gmail.com)

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**[Annual Potomac Walking Marathon - October 25, 2014](#)**

13th Annual Potomac walking marathon for children young and old. 42 km and 195 m light pace walk along C&O canal's tree alleys and the Potomac river of Violets Locke, Harper's ferry direction and back.

You will also enjoy the rustle of fallen golden colored leaves, warming sun rays and conversing with friends; while slow pace walking; at just about any topic.

**When**

Saturday, October 25, 2014

**Where**

Along C&O Canal

**Contact**

Bro. Pavel Klein at [KleinP@epilepsydc.com](mailto:KleinP@epilepsydc.com) (301) 704-4925 (cell) or (301) 424-1658

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Traditional annual week long ski trip to Burke Mountain, Vermont, will take place this year from December 27, 2014 to January 3, 2015. We will travel to the familiar Burke Mountain in order to improve kids' ski skill, enjoy the community and celebrate the New Year.

As every year, kids older than 6 years will participate in structured skiing instruction with professional Czech or Slovak ski instructors twice a day. To sap the remaining energy, kids will have organized indoor games in the evenings. Children under six years are welcome; however, they need to be supervised by their parents, as we do not offer specific activities for this age group.

While the children are busy with ski instructions, the parents are free to take advantage of skiing or other outdoor activities, or to relax and enjoy the company of other adults.

We rent several adjoining town houses and the capacity is limited, so we ask interested parties to contact Ondrej Schneider ([schneider.ondrej@gmail.com](mailto:schneider.ondrej@gmail.com)) as soon as possible, but no later than **September 20**. If your child is a beginner and will require individual instructions, please contact us as well. We will finalize the list of participants during September, when a deposit will be due.

#### When

December 27, 2014 to January 3, 2015

#### Where

Burke, VT

#### Contact

Bro. Onderj Schneider at [schneider.ondrej@gmail.com](mailto:schneider.ondrej@gmail.com)

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### [Sokol Washington, D.C. Facebook](#)



Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional way for the members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters. Bro. **Tibor Bartalos** has been exceptional at leading this effort.

Please bookmark and check our unit's Facebook page on regular basis at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sokol-Washington-DC/191155580916592>

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### [41st Annual Slavic America Festival - September 7, 2014](#)

Free Admission

Free Shuttle Parking from 3301 Woodburn Rd.

No Pets Please.

All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.

<http://www.slavicamericanfestival.com/>

#### When



#### Where

[Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church](#)  
[3410 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA](#)

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#### [Bratislava Boys' Choir - September 11, 2014](#)



The Embassy of the Slovak Republic and the Austrian Cultural Forum in Washington DC cordially invite you to a concert of the renowned **Bratislava Boys' Choir**, the recent absolute winner of The International Choir Competition in Lecco, Italy. The

concert will be held at the Embassy of Austria on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7.30 pm.

To register, please click on the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-bratislava-boys-choir-tickets-12600980873>

#### When

Sunday, September 11, 2014 - 7:30 PM

#### Where

[Slovak Embassy](#)

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#### [SASW Picnic - September 13, 2014](#)



Join us for a Slovak-style picnic, organized jointly with the Washington Slovak Meetup group. Admission includes food, desserts, drinks (i.e. soft drinks, wine, beer), and recorded Slovak music.

Please consider bringing a small dessert (enough for about four persons). Everyone should also bring chairs.

Send reservation along with check to:

Mrs. Shirley Rich  
10614 John Ayres Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22032-3115

Reservation deadline is 11:59PM on September 10, 2014. Any reservations received after this date will incur a \$5 per person late fee.

#### When

Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 1:00 to 5:00 PM

#### Where

[St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA](#)

## Cost

SASW members in good standing - \$20 (pre-paid reservations)

Non-member guests - \$25 (pre-paid reservations)

Children 10 yrs. and under - free

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## [Autumnal Equinox Hike - September 21, 2014](#)



It is the Summer's great last heat, it is the Fall's first chill: They meet"

### When

Sunday, September 21, 2014 - 8:00 am

### Where

Shenandoah National Park

### Contact

Tibor Bartalos at [tbartalos@sokolwashington.org](mailto:tbartalos@sokolwashington.org)

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## [The Kecera Folk Ensemble - September 25, 2014](#)



To order tickets, go

to <http://www.showclix.com/event/KeceraFolkEnsembleConcert/tag/sasw>

OR

Call 1-888-71-TICKETS.

**Jakubany** has a rich cultural heritage, including distinctive folklore, music, dance, and folk clothing. The villagers of Jakubany developed these traditions based on their relationships with the forests, pastures, and mountains that surround them. In fact, Kečera is named after a small mountain on the outskirts of their village.

Performances by Kečera are not only artistic and educational, but help keep alive the traditions and values of the people. Kečera depicts traditional life in Jakubany through song, dance, and costume. People from around the world have enjoyed viewing scenes from weddings, christenings, holidays, celebrations, and also everyday life. Kečera's beautiful and original songs have been recorded and sold throughout the world.

Through songs, dances, and skits we will be taken to some of the following events in the villagers' lives:

- Christening/Baptism (Kerstiny)
- Washing Clothes by the River (Rajbanie pri potoku)
- The Sunday Dance by the Jakubjanka Riverbanks (Zabava na Kamjincu)
- Mountains (Hory) - St. John's Fire (Janske Ohne) [see a video on [YouTube](#)]
- Scutching Flax
- Decorating Hats for the Groomsmen (Pirkovanije)
- Bonneting (Čepčenie)
- Induction into the Military (Rukovanie)

Co-sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, National Capital Chapter.

### When

Thursday, September 25, 2014 - 7:00 PM

### Where

[Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Fairfax, VA](#)

### Cost

Through September 10th:

Children \$12 (ages 5-12)

Adults \$17 (ages 13 and over)

Use the promo code "SASW" (no quotes) for an additional discount.

**After September 10th, tickets are \$15/\$20, respectively.**

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## [World War I and the Slovaks - September 27, 2014](#)



While World War I started with a series of almost operatic coincidences, it brought about grave, but also unexpectedly welcome, consequences for the Slovaks. The territory of present-day Slovakia was affected early on: the eastern front moved west, and the ancestral places of many Slovak-Americans found themselves to be temporarily occupied by Russian troops. About 70,000 Slovaks perished in the war, with a large number of others returning home wounded. At the same time, thanks partly to significant activism by Slovak-Americans, it brought the

Slovaks more freedom than any armed conflict before or since the Great War.

**Martin Votruba** has been Director of the Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh for a quarter of a century, the only North American university where students can take Slovak culture and language classes through the advanced level and opt to receive a Minor in Slovak Studies. Partly based on queries he receives about Slovak-related topics, he maintains the Slovak Studies Program webpage at [pitt.edu/~votruba](http://pitt.edu/~votruba).

### When

Saturday, September 27, 2014 - 2:00 PM

### Where

[Slovak Embassy](#)

### Cost

**Free**

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## [Slovak Festival - September 28, 2014](#)

Since 1971, the Foundation has presented Heritage Festivals at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. The exciting series of festivals portray the many different ethnic communities and their Old World traditions. The PNC Bank Arts Center is transformed into an atmosphere full of entertainment, delicious food, and hand-crafted items, which create a celebration in sound, color and movement. The grassy





mail becomes a playing field for traditional games. Come join the fun and celebrate your heritage, or get caught up in the excitement of

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something new. The festivals are an escape into an exciting day-long celebration for the entire family.

If you would like additional information you may call us Monday through Friday 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at (732) 442-9200.

**When**

Sunday, September 28, 2014 - 9 AM

**Where**

[The PNC Bank Arts Center](#)

[Exit 116, of the Garden State Parkway](#)

[Holmdel, New Jersey](#)

<http://gsafoundation.org/heritage.html>

For other festivals see this link: <http://www.cgsi.org/category/event-type/view-more-events>

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## [Czech Mass - September 28, 2014](#)



Dear Friends of the Czech Chapel of Our Lady of Hostýn

our next Mass will be on Sunday, September 28, 2014  
on the feast day of St. Wenceslaus (sv. Václav) principal Czech saint.

The Mass will be celebrated by Father Antonín Kocurek at 12:15 p.m.  
in our chapel at the Shrine of Immaculate Conception,

400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Please come and join us and bring your friends.

**When**

Sunday, September 28, 2014 - 12:15 PM

**Where**

[Shrine of Immaculate Conception,](#)

[400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C](#)

**Cost**

**Free**

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## [Orienteering for Kids - September 7, 2014](#)



The first orienteering event of the season starts at 11:00 AM on Sunday September 7, 2014 at [Occoquan Regional Park, Main parking area, Lorton, VA](#) (Classic).

No advance registration required. Just show up and have fun!

**When**

Sunday, September 7, 2014 - 11:00 AM



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