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[June Monthly Membership Meeting - Wednesday June 3th, 8:00pm](#)

The June's monthly membership meeting will be held at the Potomac Community Library. All are welcome, members or not.

When

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 8:00 PM

Where

[Bethesda Regional Library](#)
[7400 Arlington Rd.](#)
[Bethesda, MD 20814](#)

Contact

Bro. Miloš Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org

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[Sokol School End of the Year Party - Friday June 12, 2015](#)

We will be holding end of the year party at the last day of Czech and Slovak School. School will be back in September 2015. Have a safe and fun summer.



Please contact Michaela Kiss for more details.

When

Friday June 12, 2015 - 7:00 PM

Where

[Carderock Springs Elementary School,](#)
[7401 Persimmon Tree Ln,](#)
[Bethesda, MD 20817](#)

Contact

Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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[Annual One Day Canoe Trip - Sunday June 14, 2015](#)



Water enthusiasts of all ages and skills are cordially invited to our annual one-day canoe trip on the South Fork of the Shenandoah river.

START: 9:30AM sharp from the HQ of Downriver Canoe Company (884 Indian Hollow Road Bentonville, VA 22610-2206) www.downriver.com

TRIP #5:

J.R.'S CAMPGROUND (5hrs.) This full day's paddling adventure begins right where the river "gets good" about 4 miles above Compton Rapid (class I-II.);

TRIP #4: (if water is low)

NOTE:

- The date is a subject to change if the water level is either too high or too low.
- Minimum age: 5 with close parental supervision!
- No glass containers on the river!
- Musical instruments are welcome!

When

Friday June 14, 2015 - 9:30 AM

Where

South Fork of the Shenandoah River

Contact

RSVP to Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org by June 11th, 2015 to reserve your canoe (2 adults for one canoe).

For more information visit [Sokol's website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

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[August Summer Camp for Kids - Saturday, August 15 - Saturday, August 22, 2014](#)



The idea for a youth summer camp came about in 2002. Sokol Washington parents with small children were seeking a summer activity that would expose their children to a variety of outdoor adventures and sports – climbing, camping, hiking, swimming, canoeing. They also were hoping to give their children an opportunity to socialize with Moravian, Czech and Slovak peers at camp fires, with songs and story-telling time, and with themes that would foster their Czech and Slovak language skills and appreciation of their heritage.

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzak.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1557549304505376/>

When

Saturday August 15 - 22, 2015 - 7:00 AM

Where

Monongahela National Forest

Contact

Miroslav Honzak at mens.director@sokolwashington.org

For more information visit [Sokol's website](#).

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[Farewell To Lucia Maruska Levendis](#)



*Read by Starosta Milos Toth
at Lucia Maruska Levendis Memorial*

Dear Lidia, dear George, dear Marissa, dear William, dear family members, dear friends of Lucia Maruska Levedis.

I would like to testify about the Life that I have had privilege to observe; Life that Lucia Maruska Levedis lived as a regular member, as a board member and as a president "starosta" of non-profit organization American Sokol Washington DC.

If you drive on 16th street from the beltway to downtown you can read on the bus stop bill-board "You don't have to be famous to become unforgettable." I don't know who came with this slogan and I am not sure what the author meant by famous. I guess he meant famous as Hollywood actor or somebody like that. This slogan came to my mind with connection to Lucia's life. I think she became famous and unforgettable; famous (if nowhere else) in our Czech-Slovak community and unforgettable in our Sokol community. I don't think that to become famous and unforgettable was Lucia's goal. I believe she achieved that naturally without thinking of it as of one of her life-time goals.

I have known Lucia for 25 years. When I came to Washington DC area and joined Sokol organization I met Lucia, her husband George and their children Marissa and William. Lucia was a part of Czech-Slovak school that was running under Sokol Washington umbrella. She was teaching children to sing Slovak, Czech and Moravian songs and she trained children to perform Slovak and Czech folklore dances. I started to teach gymnastic classes the same group of children. When Marissa and William stopped coming to Sokol classes because of their age, Lucia stopped to be active in Sokol School. That could be one of the reasons why Czech and Slovak Sokol School ceased to exist. This was about 20 years ago. Time was passing buy. I got married and got my two kids, they got little bit older and they started to join Sokol's Friday activities. Lucia became active in Sokol organization again. What a comeback it was. Sokol School re-started its activities (partially thanks to Lucia, partially thanks to other Sokol members) and Lucia became a central figure in Sokol Washington. She accepted position 'Starosta' or in English 'President' of Sokol Washington. Fridays she was training children to sing, dance and love Slovak, Czech, Moravian inheritance; non-Fridays she was working hard as a Sokol Washington Starosta. Another interesting thing started to happen. There were several active volunteers in Sokol before Lucia re-started her active role in our organization; however not too many. I have enough fingers on one hand to count the number of volunteers on that time. Lucia used her personality to attract people for volunteering work. Suddenly one could see enough volunteers in helping to organize Mikulasska, Sibrinky, or help with preparing Sokol taxes, or play on piano for children performance, or help with putting together Sokol web site. Our Sokol organization was in blossom. We all felt good of being a part of that organization.

One could think why Lucia has been doing all this work without any financial reward? What could be her reason? Her children are not coming to Sokol anymore; she is doing all this hard work on her free time without any expectation that she would be paid or would financially benefit some other way and she has been doing that for years! One Friday when parents were sitting together and chatting I heard Lucia saying to group of that parents: "One of the reason why I became active again was to give back what Milos and other volunteers gave my children when they were younger".

Lucia didn't know that I heard her sentence. This sentence got deeply into me.

Lucia's work, Lucia's activities, Lucia's Life makes sense. You give something to somebody for free, without any expectation that you would receive something back for that gift of yours; rewards would come back to you; you might not know when and how and they might not be financial rewards! Lucia setup great example how to Live the Life, how to touch and positively affect others people's life. She

Thank you.

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[Film & Beer Series - Bistro Bohem](#)



This marks the fourth year of the Film and Beer Series at Bistro Bohem. The series this year focuses on the work of acclaimed screenwriter and actor Zdeněk Svěrák, who is renowned for the Oscar-winning film *Kolya*. All of the films will screen in Czech with English subtitles.

Each screening includes one free beer as well as an introduction by a representative from the Czech Embassy. All screenings are subject to change. The screenings take place the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information about the event see the [Embassy Cultural Events Page](#).

When

June 16, 7pm Waiter, Scarper | Vrchní, prchni!

July 21, 7 pm What's Up Doc? | Co je vám, doktore?

Aug. 18, 7 pm My Sweet Little Village | Vesničko má středisková

Sept. 15, 7 pm Accumulator 1 | Akumulátor 1

Oct. 20, 7 pm Ruffiano and Sweeteeth | Lotrando a Zubejda

Nov. 17, 7 pm Jára Cimrman Lying, Sleeping | Jára Cimrman ležící, spící

Dec. 15, 7 pm The Three Veterans | Tři veteráni

Where

[Bistro Bohem Website](#)

[600 Florida Avenue, NW,](#)

[Washington, DC 20001](#)

Contact for Reservations

bistrobohem@gmail.com

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[Slovak Fujara Class](#)



Learn to Play the Fujara & Koncovka, Connect with your Slovak Roots, & Have the Best Vacation of Your Life!

Are you one of the many people of Slovak heritage who feel that they are losing touch with their roots amid the hustle and bustle of daily life? Once I also felt I was drifting farther and farther away from the culture and the soul of the (then)

Czechoslovakia I left so many years ago, when an unexpected gift from a Slovak friend changed that and more – it changed my life! The gift was my first Slovak fujara, and I immediately fell in love with its rich sound and the feelings it evoked of my distant homeland.

Fast forward to the present time: I now have a hundred of performances on the fujara and other Slovak overtone flutes under my belt, at many festivals, and in workshops in many states and in several countries, and I am offering you the opportunity to find that deep inner voice of Slovak culture yourselves by learning to play the fujara and another wonderful flute, the koncovka, yourself.

held from June 29 – July 3, 2015. Everyone is welcome. ***No music experience is necessary to take this class.*** In all my years of teaching it, by the end of the week, every student was playing two traditional Slovak songs, and Amazing Grace on the fujara, and everybody was playing the koncovka, even jamming the blues on it.

If you do not have a fujara, no problem. There will be loaner instruments for you; and everybody can get a koncovka at the class. This class is not available anywhere else in the country. Some students come from far away, some take more classes featuring other instruments, and some come here with their spouses for an activity-filled week. There are concerts every day, and people are jamming together at many places It was the best vacation of my life, and it could be yours, too.

The class is part of a summer program organized by Common Ground on the Hill. If you would like to find out more, please email the office at commonground@commongroundonthehill.org, express interest in the fujara class, and ask for the Traditions Week program booklet to be mailed to you.

You can also see all the courses on line at www.commongroundonthehill.org (For fujara: Click Programs/Traditions Week 1 /Overtone flutes – fujara and koncovka)

Come celebrate the 4th of July in Maryland or Washington D.C. This will be the fifth year of the fujara class being offered during Traditions Week 1 and I am looking forward to meeting you in the 2015 class! For an introduction to the fujara and koncovka, you can watch my presentation at the Library of Congress here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Y5fonktBzQ> (or Google: “Rychlik – fujara – Congress”)

attached photo could go with this article, with the following caption:

The 2014 fujara class with instructor Bob Rychlik, 3rd from right.

Contact

Bohuslav (Bob) Rychlik

Fujara@gmail.com

301 829 1202

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Volleyball Mondays



We encourage new volleyball players to check out our competitive volleyball Monday group. Due to the group large size and skill level, new players might get limited volleyball play time.

WE HAVE MOVED AGAIN! PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION FOR ALL VOLLEYBALL ACTIVITIES.

<http://www.sokolwashington.org/activities/sports-activities/volleyball/>

When

Mondays, between 8 pm - 10 pm

June: 1, 8, 15

Where

Bethesda, MD 20817

Contact

Bro. Miloš Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org

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Orienteering



There is quite nice choice of orienteering events organized by local orienteering club this months. It is not only great opportunity to get ready for sokol summer camp but also nice outdoor fun activity for whole family in the local parks. All levels and ages are welcome.

Last orienteering event for season 2014-15

June 7: The Chase, aka the longest continually running orienteering race in the USA, + Annual Meeting + Potluck Picnic + lots more, as QOC's 2014-2015 Sept - June season comes to a close! It is a great place to make a new friends, or to bring your own to enjoy day of fun in the bay.

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check website for changes due to the weather.

<http://qoc.us.orianteering.org>

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at

sports@sokolwashington.org or Radka Herndon at Rradunka@aol.com

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Sokol School/Preschool Remaining Dates



Please note the Czech & Slovak School/Preschool 2nd semester fees are due ASAP and should be given to me.

School Fees: **\$60/1 child, \$80/2 children, \$100/3 children, \$120/4 children** per Semester

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

American Sokol Washington, Inc.

Michaela Kiss

4439 Ellicott Street NW

Washington, DC 20016

We continue to accept 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.

Below is the list of current teachers for the 2014/2015:

Slovak Preschool: **Martina Cullen**

Slovak Younger Children: **Veronika Tothova**

Slovak Older Children: **Katarina Petkovic**

Czech Preschool: **Radka Herndon**

Czech School: **Karolina Wilson**

Here is the Czech & Slovak School Library link. Let me know if you wish to borrow any books.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Xvs2_N-JLnZ1g_Euo8RyggAeOWKJ_aG9eAogOEvn4c/edit#gid=0

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

Reminders

PARENTS:

- children must be supervised at all times!
- no running in the hallways
- no eating anywhere, except the All Purpose Room
- no sitting or standing in the hallways; you can do so in APR
- only use bathrooms in the hallway; don't use bathrooms in classrooms

TEACHERS:

- after each class, you are responsible to WALK children back to All Purpose Room. No unsupervised children in the hallways.
- please do not let children out of classroom before 8pm; the only exception is bathroom use.

Preschool - parents must pick their child/children up at the classroom at 8pm and walk them to APR, gym or leave.

When

June 5, 12

Where

[Carderock Springs Elementary School,](#)
[7401 Persimmon Tree Ln,](#)
[Bethesda, MD 20817](#)

Contact

Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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[Slovak Instructors Needed](#)

ICA Language Services – Language school in Arlington, Virginia is looking for Slovak Language Instructors.

Qualifications:

The candidate should be a native a speaker of the Slovak language, preferably (not required) have at least 2 years of Slovak language teaching experience, in a proficiency-oriented environment, to adult students, on an intensive basis.

Respond ASAP with resume, including contact information.

We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.

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Contact

ICA Language Services
1901 North Moore Street, ML-02
Arlington, VA 22209
 [\(703\)527-8666 ext. 229](tel:(703)527-8666)

International Center for Language Studies is seeking Slovakian instructors for a class that will start on the 13th of July 2015 and end on the 18th of December 2015, with an additional segment between the 25th of April 2016 and July 1st 2016.

CONTACT:

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Phone: 202.639.8800 ext. 6340

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[ISO actor who speaks Czech](#)

Triple Threat Talent is seeking a 30-something male actor who speaks Czech for a training video in the Washington, DC area.

CONTACT:

Paige Gold
Attorney/MBA
DC Actors.com
3909 Rust Hill Place
Fairfax, VA 22030
E-mail: paige@dcactors.com
Phone: 703-628-1664

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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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