



NOVEMBER 2018

LETTER FROM THE BOARD:

The Holidays are upon us

The leaves have turned and are falling and the crisp fall days have arrived. Starting this weekend, our Sokol will begin celebrating the holiday season. While you are preparing for the American tradition of Thanksgiving this November, the board of directors, as well as our school volunteers, are preparing for holiday celebrations in November and December. Please join us as Sokolik performs at Christmas Markets at both the Slovak and the Czech embassies over the next couple of weekends. Plus, there are other great events to be enjoyed celebrating Czech and Slovak traditions throughout the Washington D.C. area.



October was a busy month for American Sokol, Washington D.C. On October 13, the annual outdoor volleyball tournament held at Nottoway Park in Vienna, VA was a big hit as teams competed, but more importantly, had a lot of fun and got in some great exercise. Speaking of exercise, on October 6th riders rode from 1 to 199 KM's in the Annual Kozak Bike ride followed by a picnic at Hamilton Community Park. Members were also treated to our Members Appreciation Picnic along the Potomac River at Fletcher's Boat House on October 20. Families from across D.C. celebrated together and enjoyed a traditional Czech/Slovak picnic lunch. How about some more exercise because on the last weekend of the month, the 17th Annual Walking Marathon took place. Participants walked along the C&O Canal at their own pace and their own distance. Please join us in November for other exciting events.

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UPCOMING

St. Nicholas Party - Sunday, December 9 SAVE THE DATE!**Sirbrinky Annual Fundraiser - Saturday, February 23 SAVE THE DATE!****Monthly Membership Meeting– Wednesday, November 7 (All are welcome)****Yoga with Lakshmi - Begins Friday, November 9 7:00 - 8:00****Sokol School/Preschool Highlights****Holiday Events including Sokolik, our Children's/Youth Folklore Group, performances.****Slovak Christmas Market - Saturday, November 3**

Sokolik Performances - Saturday, November 3 & 10 and Sunday, December 9

Gingerbread Cookie Workshop - Friday, November 16

Kids Euro Festival - Through November 4

Kids Ski Free in PA - 4th/5th Grade Snow - Pass

Local Area Ski Swaps

ONGOING

Sokol School/Preschool - November 2, 9, 16 & 30

Volleyball Practice

Orienteering - Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 11 & 18

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Thank you notes

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019



[Read it on Facebook](#)

Koledy/Christmas Carols will be performed by our youth folk group Sokolik, students of the Czech and Slovak School, and afterward, Mikuláš will arrive with his entourage at 5:15 PM!

Each child will receive a traditional gift from St. Nicholas "Mikuláš"!

WHEN: Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WHERE: The Hall of [St. Luke Orthodox Church](#) (6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101)



"A Night at the opera" is the theme. Colors are Black and Red

This is our fundraising event with silent auction.

WHERE: [Embassy of the Czech Republic](#), 3900 Spirit of Freedom St., Washington DC, 20008

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

WHERE: [Little Falls Community Library](#) • 5501 Massachusetts Ave • Bethesda, MD 20818

WHEN: Wednesday, November 7. 8 PM - 10 PM

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

Czech/Slovak School Highlights

If you are interested in your child participating in Sokolík, please contact Elena

What a great month for the children at the Czech/Slovak School on Friday nights. In addition to full-preparation for the Sokolík performances, led through the efforts of Misa Kiss and Lucie Berankova, our school directors, the children were treated to two special events. Galina Miklinova, author of Lichozrouti did a demonstration and led the children in creating their very own "Oddsockeater". There was also a presentation and celebration of 100 years of Czechoslovakia. Peerson at empeerson@gmail.com.

TRADITIONAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

SLOVAK CHRISTMAS MARKET



Beautiful Handmade Glass Ornaments from Slovakia and Czech Republic by European Trading Co., Inc. • Slovak Wine (and Mead) by Centeur Imports LLC • Mulled Wine • Christmas Carols by (Sokolík) children's choir • Traditional Christmas Soup • Traditional Christmas Cookies "Medovníky" • Slovak Chocolate by Lyra Chocolate s.r.o. • Hot chocolate • Taste Double Cross Vodka. Your bottle can be engraved with a name, message, or logo

Free Admission, RSVP is not required • Free parking on the street

WHERE: [Embassy of the Slovak Republic](#), 3523 International Court NW, Washington DC, 20008

WHEN: 10 am - 5 pm



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences • Washington, D.C. Chapter

Annual Christmas Bazaar, this year at a different location in McLean on Georgetown Pike. There are two churches called St. Luke on Georgetown Pike. Going south on Georgetown Pike from I495, the first St. Luke Church is a Catholic Church so please continue driving, the second farther down is **St. Luke's Orthodox Church**, that is the place we are holding the Bazaar in.

ENJOY a lunch of specialties prepared by the chefs of the Czech and Slovak Embassies and dedicated ladies of the Society.

Crafts • Christmas decorations • Books • Collectibles • Traditional Christmas cookies • Auction

FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING

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

WHEN: Saturday, November 3. 12 Noon - 4 P. M.

Hope to see you there!

CZECH CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Relish in the magic of the season with stands filled with beautiful

mulled wine and eggnog as well as an assortment of Christmas cookies, baked goods, and savory cuisine.

Children will adore the array of live animals from the Nativity scene. Oh, sing, choirs of angels! The children of Sokol Washington will perform Czech Christmas carols at 11 am.

Free Admission

RSVP is not required

Free parking on the street



WHERE: [Embassy of the Czech Republic](#), 3900 Spirit of Freedom St., Washington DC, 20008

WHEN: 10 am - 4 pm

SOKOLIK PERFORMANCES:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 12:00

Singing at Christmas Market at the [Embassy of Slovakia](#)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th at 11:00

Singing at Christmas Bazaar at the [Embassy of the Czech Republic](#)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Singing at St. Nicholas Party, McLean, VA

[St. Luke Orthodox Church](#)

Volunteers are welcome for the Bake Sale, Book Sale, and other activities.



GINGERBREAD COOKIE WORKSHOP

Please join us for the Gingerbread Cookie Workshop to learn how to prepare icing and decorate your cookies or share your own designs. You can bring your own cookies and tools or just bring your own creativity and we will provide the rest.

rsvp: pernickyy2018.eventbrite.com

WHEN: Friday, November 16. 7:00 - 8:00

WHERE: [Carderock Springs Elementary School](#)

7401 Persimmon Tree Ln • Bethesda, MD 20817

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16



YOGA WITH LAKSHMI

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 16 & 30

Are your busy weeks catching up with you? Want to clear your mind? Exercise your body? Starting Friday, November 2, Yoga with

WHEN: Friday, November 9, 16 & 30. 7:00 - 8:00

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16 & 30



The Czech/Slovak school is an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn Czech and Slovak languages and cultural heritage. Plus, the children will have plenty of opportunities to perform what they learn at Sokol events throughout the year. For the adults, there are opportunities for those looking to learn or advance their Czech/Slovak language skills.

There will be activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the adults while we actively wait on the children and their lessons. In addition, following school, there will be Music/Culture/Folklore and athletics/gymnastics.

Children attending school will need to **bring**: a folder, a composition book, a pencil case filled with pencils, pens & crayons.

Please enter through the door facing the parking lot. Please enter after 6:30. School begins at **6:45**. All children will be escorted to the class by their teachers. If you are late, please escort your children to the class. If you are new to the school, there will be plenty of parent volunteers to assist you.

School Fees per Semester:

\$90/1 child, \$140/2 children, \$180/3 children, \$210/4 children per semester. Checks or cash accepted. Checks are **payable to "ASW DC School Fund"**.

Schedule:

Czech and Slovak School - Youth	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Music and Folklore - Youth	Fridays	8:15	–	9:00 pm
Adult Czech and Slovak Classes	Fridays	8:00	–	9:00 pm
Youth Gymnastics	Fridays	8:15/9:00	–	10:00 pm

WHEN: Friday, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 2018 - 6:45 PM

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

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss and Sis. Lucie Berankova at school@sokolwashington.org

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2018

FRIDAYS

NOVEMBER 2 • 9 • 16 • 30
DECEMBER 7 • 14

2019

JANUARY 4 • 11 • 18 • 25
FEBRUARY 1 • 8 • 15 • 22
MARCH 1 • 8 • 15
APRIL 5 • 12 • 26
MAY 3 • 10 • 17 • 31
JUNE 7 (End of School Party)

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

[Read on the website](#)

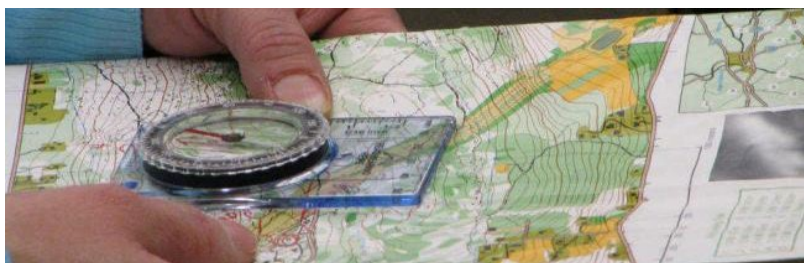
Volleyball Practice is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13. Future dates, times and locations will be posted in future newsletters.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13. 9:00pm - 10:15pm

WHERE: [Luther Jackson Middle School](#), 3020 Gallows Rd. Falls Church, VA 22042

Orienteering

[Quantico Orienteering Club](#)



Come and enjoy this family friendly sport. Events are organized by the local orienteering clubs and offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

Nov. 3 - Sat. [Fountainhead Regional Park, Main parking area, Clifton, VA](#) Classic

Nov. 4 - Sun. [Quantico Marine Corps Base \(MCBQ\), LZ Canary, Triangle, VA](#) Classic

Nov. 11- Sun. [C&O NHP \(Great Falls MD\), Great Falls Tavern, Potomac, MD](#) Classic

Nov. 18- Sun. [Little Bennett Regional Park, Prescott Rd Parking Area, Clarksburg, MD](#) Classic

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. <http://qoc.us.orienteering.org>

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org or Radka Herndon at Rradunka@aol.com

[Kids Euro Festival now through November 4, 2018](#)

Welcome to the 11th edition of the Kids Euro Festival! It's like taking a trip to Europe - but you don't need a passport!

Kids Euro Festival is a two-week long festival of European arts and culture presenting free activities to D.C. metro area children and their families. There are performances, concerts, workshops, movies, storytelling, and more... and it's all brought to you by the 28 European Union Member States!

[Kids Euro Festival](#)

[Ski Free in PA - 4th/5th Grade Snow-pass](#)

How about skiing or boarding for FREE this winter? Well here's your chance! Your Pennsylvania 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass booklet offers you the privilege of skiing and boarding at 20 Pennsylvania Ski Resorts for FREE this winter - Take mom or dad with you for the thrill of a lifetime - an experience you will never forget.

Snowpass will provide you with over 64 days of FREE skiing and boarding.

This program has just opened and has limited capacity, so please order your passes now: <https://skipa.com/deals/4th5th-grade-program>

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Local Area Ski Swaps

If you are interested in getting a different ski or snowboard equipment for 1/2 the price this winter season, please check out these ski swaps.

There are plenty of choices to satisfy even the most advanced skier.

Sterling, VA Ski Swap, November 3-4th, 2018 <http://alpineskishop.com/ski-swap-information/>

Baltimore Ski Swap, November 10, 2018 <https://www.swap.expert/baltimoreskiwap>

American Sokol Library and Archival Museum

Would you like to get rid of documents, photos, art, books, collections, merchandise, technical material and articles that are inherently valuable and significant to Sokol movement, its founders, members, culture, philosophy, 150 years of history in America and 70 years of history in Washington, D.C. metropolitan area

CONTACT: Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org

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Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional ways for members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters.



Please check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SokolWashingtonDC/>

If you have a cultural, folk, educational or sporting/athletic event you would like to share with our members, please



We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. American Sokol. 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.

Washington, D.C. Chapter, is a 501(c)(3) a non-profit organization and all of its officers are volunteers.



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