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# Šibřinky *Traditional Sokol Costume Ball*

**for Mardi Gras hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota  
 383 Michigan at West 7th Street in St. Paul  
 Saturday, March 5, 6-11 p.m. \$10 entry \$8 advance-sale tickets**

*☞ Ethnic food available starting at 6 p.m. ☞ Old Tyme Dancing 7 - 11 p.m. with Cathy Erickson Band (accordion, vocals, sax, and drums) ☞ Folkdance performances by Taneční Mládež, Taneční Teens, and St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folkdancers*

Check payable to: Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota. Reservation postmarked by February 28 to: CSPS Sokol Hall, 383 Michigan, Saint Paul, MN 55102 (attn: Louise).

**Information: Louise 651-452-6240 <[www.sokolmn.org](http://www.sokolmn.org)>**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April Slovo  
 Deadline  
 March 1

Šibřinky  
 March 5, 6-11 p.m.

Board of Trustees  
 March 9

Board of Directors  
 March 10, 7 p.m.

Family Sunday  
 March 13  
 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Slovak Dinner  
 March 20, 12:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting  
 March 25, 7 p.m.  
 Singing, 6:30-7 p.m.

Garage Sale  
 April 14-15

Pancake Breakfast  
 Bake/Craft Sale  
 April 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

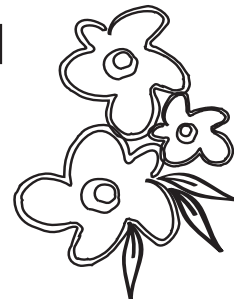
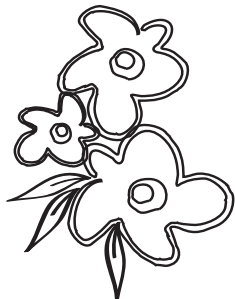
Senior Singers  
 Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Prostna  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
 6 p.m.

# FLAVORS of SLOVAKIA DINNER

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**Reserved Seating at 12:30 p.m.**



*CSPS Sokol Hall*

*383 Michigan Street Saint Paul, MN 55102*

This year our traditional Slovakian dinner includes:  
 holubky/cabbage rolls; zelená fazulka s kôprom/dilled green beans; zaváraná cvikla/pickled beets  
 pirohy/filled dumplings; halušky s kapustou/dumplings and cabbage; caraway rye bread, dessert, and coffee.  
 The cash bar has plenty of good beer on tap.

**\$15.00 adults, \$7.00 child under 9**

Prepaid reservations are required by **March 14**, and seating is limited.  
**Call Doreen at 952-941-0426** followed by sending your check to the CSPS Hall payable to Sokol Minnesota.  
 Tickets will be waiting for you at the door. Prepaid takeout is also available by reservation.

Dinner team leaders are Mary Cahill, Doreen McKenney, Jeanette Pafko, and Joyce Tesarek.

There are many volunteer opportunities to help produce the dinner.  
 If you would like to assist, please call **Joyce at 612-822-6147**.



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Past issues of *Slovo* and Sokol Minnesota's calendar of events are available online at <[www.sokolmn.org](http://www.sokolmn.org)>

## President Komentář/President's Notes By Ed Hamernik

*Pozdrav/Greetings*

Old Man Winter keeps blasting us with record snow and near-record cold but we Minnesotans love our changing seasons with all the beauty and wrath that comes with them. For certain, we do not deserve an iota of reference to being wimps and most of us take it with a smile and a cheery greeting.

Hours and hours of work by many members over the past months and years are coming to fruition with the final approval of the \$150,000 Save America's Treasures Grant from the National Park Service. A Building Planning Committee was formed last year and is now busy coordinating and implementing the rebuilding effort. The committee members are Joe Landsberger, Joyce Tesarek, Gary Novak, Chuck Draheim, and Ed Hamernik. Our mission is first to develop a long-term master plan for Board of Directors' identified projects to restore our historic building. We will monitor the projects to ensure they meet federal grant requirements and national historic preservation regulations. We have identified a number of stakeholders (key users of the facility) and we will contact them to gather needs and desires for the master plan. A master plan is a requirement of any significant federal grant.

This is a matching grant; for Sokol to take full benefit, we must also contribute. We have significant matching funds to date but have a good way to go. So if you would like to support this restoration/upgrade effort, a contribution sent to Sokol MN would be much appreciated.

Remember our events: Šibřinky (March 5), Family Night (March 13), and Taste of Slovakia (March 20). Come join the fun.

Keep warm. *Nazdar!*

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**The deadline for the April 2011 issue is March 1.** *Slovo* staff: Christy Banks, copy editor; **seeking volunteer** for layout editor; J. H. Fonkert and M. L. Kucera, interim co-managing editors; Joyce Tesarek, photographer; Norm Petrik, Mary Cahill, Jeanette Pafko, Jean Draheim, Cinnamon Whaley, Arlene Hamernik, Doreen McKenney, advisors. Photographs for this issue were provided by Cinnamon Whaley, Chuck Draheim, Debra Elias Morse, and Dan Washick. This March 2011 issue of *Slovo* will be archived on the Sokol Minnesota website after March 30.

The *Slovo* Advisory Committee welcomes submissions. Send suggestions, articles, and pictures digitally to: <[slovo@sokolmn.org](mailto:slovo@sokolmn.org)>. *Slovo* now accepts business card size ads (3.5"x2"), paid in advance: one-time insertion \$25; 3 consecutive issues: \$65; 10 consecutive issues: \$175. Ad reservation deadline is six weeks before publication (March 15 for May issue), with ad and payment due by copy deadline (April 1 for May).

For problems with subscriptions, please contact us via e-mail: <[slovo@sokolmn.org](mailto:slovo@sokolmn.org)>; phone: 651-290-0542; or write to *Slovo*. We recently installed a new subscription operating system; we apologize to any subscriber who missed an issue or who received notice of payment due, when a payment had already been made. Please let us hear from you if you think a mistake has been made. We thank you for your patience as we implement a more efficient system.

As the post office makes changes, so must we. *Slovo* is mailed at non-profit bulk rate, which is very reasonable (averaging about 15¢ per copy), but we have to follow strict guidelines to secure these low rates. Our readers in Minneapolis and suburbs received their January copies nearly two weeks after those in Saint Paul. Why? The Post Office now sends some bulk mail to Des Moines to be distributed. With the help of Jeanette Pafko, we have made adjustments to our mailing process to make sure readers in the 553 and 554 zip code areas get their *Slovo*s in a "timely fashion." Happy reading.

*Slovo* gift subscriptions and non-membership renewals are \$15/year (10 issues). Please include name, address, phone number, and e-mail address with your new or renewing non-member subscription. Make your check to Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota; send to Sokol Minnesota *Slovo* Subscriptions/Renewals, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

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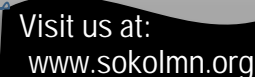
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## Membership Updates

By Norm Petrik, Membership Director

At its January 28 membership meeting, Sokol Minnesota accepted five new members: Jody Patton from Minneapolis, who has an interest in dance; Mary Jane Edel-Joyce from Roseville, who has an interest in language, cooking, and dance; Michaela Anderson from Big Lake, who is interested in children's dance, gymnastics, and culture camp, along with adult language and cooking classes; Will Wilson from Saint Paul, who is interested in adult language; and Pam Snopl from Minneapolis, who is interested in adult language and genealogy classes. Welcome to Sokol Minnesota! Our meetings are usually on the fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m.

## Education Updates By Jean Draheim

**Cooking class:** Sokol Minnesota is offering an Easter bread baking class Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CSPS Hall. Taught by Doreen McKenney and assisted by some of our experienced Sokol cooks, the class will make dough from scratch and learn to form several different bread loaf shapes. This bread is similar to the braided *vánočka* sweet bread that is made for Christmas.

The fee for this “make and take” class is \$25 for Sokol members, \$35 for non-members. A second Sokol member from a household may register for \$20. Students must be 14 years of age or older. Class size is limited to 8 students, so sign up early! You will be given a list of cooking utensils to bring to class when you register and send payment. All baking supplies are covered in the class fee. Come and learn how to make this wonderful, versatile, sweet bread. It makes a great addition to holiday meals!

Registration is required by March 10. See the Sokol Minnesota website for more information and to print a registration form for the class. Send registration forms and payment to Jean Draheim.

**Singing:** Come and make your voice heard in Sokol, Slovak, and Czech song! We will be singing with Sister Georgiana Dolejsi at 6:30 p.m., one-half hour before our membership meetings.

**Language Classes:** Session 3, Spring 2011

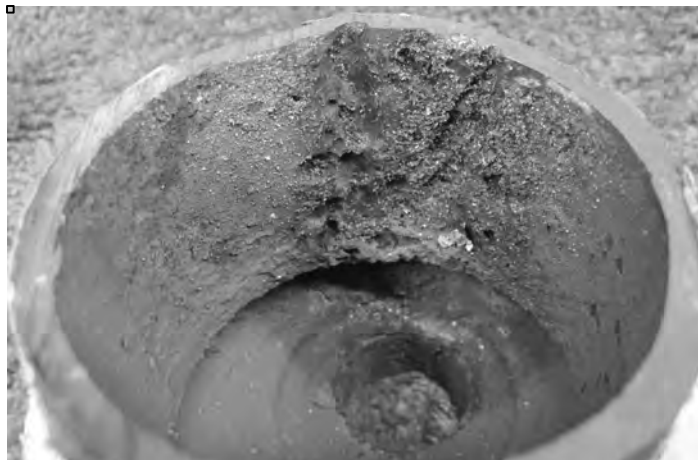
The Czech language classes start the week of March 14 and continue through May 4. The Slovak language classes start April 7 and continue through May 26. We have several extra sets of both the Slovak and Czech language texts available for purchase. If you have any question about any of these programs, please call Education Director, Jean Draheim, at 651-426-2826.

## News from the Board of Trustees

By Chuck Draheim

Last month we reported on six steam system repairs and two plumbing system repairs. Thankfully, we had no more leaks in January.

The photo shows a section of the main 3½” steam line. You can see some of the deterioration on the interior of the pipe and how it has consumed approximately one-half of the pipe wall. This section of pipe may date from when the steam heating was first installed. Repairs to our aging pipes are costing Sokol roughly \$20,000 per year! The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee are working diligently to secure funds to replace and insulate all of the steam pipes in the building before the next heating season.



Our January 22 workday went very well; however, as usual, we ran out of time before we ran out of things to accomplish. We managed to clean up the ramp area, shovel out the dumpster enclosure, re-install the ladder hanger on the back wall of the stage, repair the mailbox used by the Honorary Czech Consul, and replace a damaged light dimmer in the main hall.

Our next workday is tentatively scheduled for April 16; please check the Sokol calendar on the website and the April *Slovo* for the final date. The workdays are not just for BOT members. All Sokol members are encouraged to participate.

Please direct any BOT related comments, questions or concerns to: <trustees@sokolmn.org>. In an emergency situation please call Chuck Draheim at 651-426-2826 or 612-414-5283.

## Straightforward Facts about CSPS Hall Operating Expenses

By Joyce Tesarek, CSPS Hall Legacy Building Fund Campaign Chair

Did you know it cost \$82,000 to operate our historic CSPS Hall in 2010? More than \$36,000 for property taxes and special assessments, \$9,000 for insurance and licenses, \$13,000 for utilities, and \$24,000 for repairs and maintenance. It takes a lot of income to see that our hall is maintained and is available for all the classes, events, dinners, dances, meetings, activities, and

socializing that happens there. One of the costs we can address is the money we spend repairing our “historic” steam pipes: over \$39,000 in the past two years alone. Chuck Draheim and the Board of Trustees are collecting bids to replace and insulate all the heating system pipes. Not only will this avoid future repairs, but it should decrease utility expenses as well.

We are well on the way to matching our \$150,000 **Save America's Treasures**,

**Historic Preservation Grant**, but we still need your help to reach our goal. Consider making a one-time larger donation or pledge. Encourage interested friends to help also. Together we will make this happen! Make your check payable to Sokol Minnesota; write Legacy Fund in the memo line. Mail to CSPS Hall Legacy Building Fund, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102.

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*Eva Giese, Romana Pulkrabek, Lenka Bragg, and Alena Youngberg*

**Be Part of Making A New Tradition:  
Valentine's Day *Perniky*  
By Sokol Member Debra Elias Morse**

Had you been in the CSPS Hall on a recent Saturday, you would have smelled the delicious fragrance of *perniky* baking. There was an unusual bustle about the kitchen, with eight or so "Czech moms" (as they call themselves) gathered around Jitka Sebek, who was explaining the long and rather complicated process of making *perniky*. *Perniky* are typically made in the shape of a heart and elaborately decorated with intricate designs and, sometimes, brief messages of love. These beloved cookies are traditionally given as a gift, particularly from parent to child and vice versa.

Are you wishing you could see these beautiful *perniky*, inhale their spicy fragrance, and sink your teeth *into* their soft, sweet middles? You can! The *perniky* were sold at the CSPS Hall on February 12 and 13 in time for Valentine's Day as a fundraiser for Sokol. If we have any left, they will be sold at the Sokol Šibřinky Dance on Saturday, March 5. We hope you will join us in the making of a new Valentine's Day tradition!

**Member News Update By Marlene Hinshaw**

We now have more than 300 members, so I'm asking you to please help me gather information about them. If you know of a member's illness, hospitalization, birth, death, marriage, promotion, or other important life event, please call me at 651-222-4073 or e-mail me: <marle5421@aol.com>. Our news deadline is the first of each month for the next month's *Slovo*. Send your news to me five days before the first of the next month (February 25 for April issue). Thank you.

**Deaths:** **Leonard Fritze**, 85 years of age, died December 17. He is the father/father-in-law of members Steve and Susie Fritze. Leonard was awarded a Purple Heart as a Marine survivor of the South Pacific Theatre in World War II. He retired from 3M after 31 years.

**John "Jack" Grealish**, 88 years, died on January 24. Jack was married to member Milly Grealish for 58 years. Jack was born with a "twinkle in his eye." A people person, Jack always had a joke or funny story to share. He was a sweet man.

**Hospitalized:** **Tillie Dolejsi** should be back home now from a hospital stay. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**Birthdays:** **Lorene Sedlacek**, a Sokol member for 55 years, will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 17. Her daughter Joan is planning a birthday celebration for her at the CSPS Hall on March 13. Congratulations to you, Lorene! *Nazdar!*

**Dorothy Sladek**, a 30-year member, celebrated her 80th birthday January 30, with a gathering of family and friends in Cannon Falls. Dorothy not only works at our annual garage sale, but she brings meals to sustain her fellow workers. Happy Birthday, Dorothy.

**Mir Verner**, a 62-year member, celebrated his 80th birthday February 7. Mir, from a "Sokol family," grew up at the hall. Always a willing worker, Mir has held just about every office in Sokol. He is presently a member of the Gaming Board.

**Al Imbrone**, will celebrate his 90th birthday on February 28. No doubt he and Libby will celebrate his birthday playing golf in Florida, where Al will try to get his second hole-in-one. I hear Al refuses a golf cart and still carries his own clubs. What a guy! Cheers Al!

**Births:** **Steve and Susie Fritze** became first time grandparents in December when Henry John Fritze, was born to their son Kyle and his wife Megan. Great-grandma Georgiana Dolejsi shares in their joy and happiness.

**Travels to the Old Country:** **Jan Knudtson** left for Prague on February 14. Last year she studied at Charles University and fell in love with the country. She hopes to find employment there. Jan is quite fluent in the Czech Language. We wish her well.

**FILM REVIEW By Cinnamon Whaley**  
***Capricious Summer (Rozmarné léto) 1967***

Outside a small village by a river, three friends in their fifties spend their time arguing, drinking, and watching the summer days go by. The group includes Antonin, who runs the swimming bathhouse where the men spend their days, an army major, and a cannon. The unusual appearance of a horse-drawn caravan on the other side of the river breaks the daily monotony. The man walking along the caravan crosses the river on a long, striped pole and introduces himself as Mr. Ernie, a conjurer. He lets the group know of his upcoming performance in the village while performing a slight-of-hand trick. He crosses back to the other side of the river, pulls up his pole on to his shoulder, and continues on his way. The men, curious, go in to town to further investigate Mr. Ernie and his show. They watch as the conjurer's assistant, Anna, moves through the crowd with a collection dish, and they are all completely taken by her beauty. All three of the men court Anna, including Antonin, who is married. After becoming suspicious of Antonin's actions, his wife leaves him to keep house for Mr. Ernie, in the caravan.

This short look into the lives of six people is a quiet movie, at times funny, at times awkward. Watching a married man and a cannon approach a woman half their age does hold some comic value, and Katerina moving in with Mr. Ernie is certainly good for a laugh. The movie is just over an hour long, and while it's not on my list of most memorable Czech films, it's worth the time.



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## Spotlight on Sokol Volunteer Daniel A. Washick

By Marit Lee Kucera

Volunteering is a way of life for Dan Washick. He has many interests and gives of his time generously. He lives on Lake Manuella near Darwin, 80 miles west of Sokol CSPS Hall. He thinks nothing of driving two hours to Saint Paul whenever he is asked to help at the Hall. He tirelessly has carried garage sale items up to the Hall; then returned two days later to pack up the leftovers and haul them back down again at the end of the sale. He is one of our many men-on-the-spot to help with last minute fixes and set-ups for the Czech and Slovak Festival each September. Sokol Minnesota is lucky to have Dan as one of our loyal members.



Dan's list of volunteer activities range from being an AARP Driver Safety Program instructor in Meeker County, to three trips to Mississippi to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina, to visiting and caring for elderly relatives and long-time senior friends in nursing homes. He takes great pride in the 14 times that he has ridden his bike in The Ride Across Minnesota (TRAM), a fundraiser for the National MS Society. Dan was one of 900 riders in the five-day, 291-mile ride in 2010, which raised more than \$800,000. He has also ridden in other charity events. When his cousin needs him to help in his machine shop, Dan rides 16 miles each way to Hutchinson to lend a hand.

He has over 25,000 miles (equal to the circumference of the earth!) on his favorite bike. Not bad for a lanky guy who is 76! The bike in the picture has been fitted with a higher, second set of handlebars, which allow him to ride upright.

Dan grew up in a Czech household (Bohemian/Moravian) in Saint Paul. He credits his maternal Grandmother Jerabek as his good example to help others, "She would assist anyone who needed help. She'd leave her own chores on the farm to help a neighbor." Dan has two sons, a daughter, and eight grandkids, all Minnesota residents. Dan was an auto mechanic for more than 30 years at nine car dealerships in the Twin Cities. "The auto mechanic's job is fixing things, now I enjoy helping/fixing people." Sokol is fortunate to be one of Dan's favorite places to support with his time and energy!

## April 9 Concert of Czech Music By Frank Trnka A Fundraiser for CSPS Hall Legacy Campaign

After performing Dvorak's *Biblical Songs* in Czech at the St. Wenceslaus 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Spillville, Iowa, Labor Day weekend 2010, soprano Jody Ouradnik and pianist Frank Trnka committed themselves to perform more Czech music together. The Prospect Park United Methodist Church Community Concert Series in Minneapolis on April 9 at 7 p.m. is the next step in this journey. They will be joined by Jody's husband Stu Anderson on sax and guitar. Jody will play the folk harp and sing. Frank will be attempting the *dudy* (Czech bagpipe), as well as piano. The concert will feature:

- Dvořák's Romantic Pieces and other selections performed on sax and piano
- Dvořák's Gypsy Songs for voice and piano (in Czech, translations provided)
- Czech folk tunes performed on harp, *dudy* (Czech bagpipe) and sax
- 60's Pop tunes in Czech, including an audience sing-along

A minimum free-will donation of \$20 is suggested. A portion of the concert proceeds will be donated to the CSPS Hall Legacy Campaign, furthering Sokol Minnesota's goal of raising matching funds to qualify for the \$150,000 federal Save America's Treasures Historic Preservation Grant. Concert proceeds will also benefit the music/dance/arts programs for children that are supported by the Pratt Council/Friends of Pratt, an organization located in the neighborhood where the concert will be held. You will have the opportunity to designate where you would like your concert donation to go. Prospect Park United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Orlin and Malcolm in Southeast Minneapolis. This will be a festive event, feel free to wear your *kroj*. Directions: <<http://www.prospectparkchurch.org/directions.html>>.

## April 17: Two Big Events in One Day

### for Sokol Minnesota

By Louise Wessinger

April 17 will be a busy day for Sokol Minnesota with two events to celebrate our Czech and Slovak heritage and to raise money for Sokol Minnesota. From 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., our traditional Spring Pancake Breakfast, Bake, and Craft Sale will be held at the CSPS Sokol Hall.

At 1 p.m. the action will move down West 7th Street to downtown Saint Paul. The Landmark Center will feature the Czech and Slovak Republics on Sunday, April 17 as part of its series of Sunday afternoon *Urban Expedition* programs. There will be music, food, dance, crafts, and shopping in a free program from 1- 3 p.m., featuring Sokol members, the Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers, and a free *kroj* show. Kids get a passport and enjoy authentic cultural experiences from around the world. Look for more information in the April *Slovo*. If you are willing to model your *kroje* in the show, please contact Sue Martin at 952-985-7284.

For now, keep April 17 open on your calendar to join in the fun!

## My Antonia

New Prague Area Community Education  
presents Illusion Theater's Production

Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m.

New Prague High School

Tickets by phone at 952-758-1734 or online  
at <[www.np.k12.mn.us/commed](http://www.np.k12.mn.us/commed)>.

\$15/general audience

\$5/senior adults 65+, students in grades  
6-12, adults with disabilities

## 2011 Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Pageant

By Debbie Jindra

Debbie Jindra, the current Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota queen, and her court cordially invites you to the 2011 Miss Czech-Slovak Minnesota Pageant on Saturday, April 9, at the American Legion Hall in Montgomery, Minnesota. A traditional Czech dinner begins at 5 p.m. and the pageant starts at 7 p.m. Following the pageant, a polka band will play for everyone's enjoyment. For more information, please contact Lorraine David at 507-364-9370 or

<[www.montgomerymn.org/missczech](http://www.montgomerymn.org/missczech)>.

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## Warm and Sunny Times at Sokol Camp

By "Pine City Petunia," the second

Still buried under mounds of snow? It's nice to know that spring is just around the corner. Daydreams are bringing vacations, long walks outdoors, and water-sports to mind. Where can you indulge in these rites of spring and summer? How about coming up to Sokol Camp?

Being able to rent rooms and spend time at Camp is one of the perks of being a Sokol member. Come up for the day, the weekend, or a week. Sokol Camp is just one and a half hours north of the Twin Cities, on the north-eastern shore of Cross Lake in Pine City, Minnesota. With a main lodge that has ten bedrooms, a large common room with a fireplace, a large kitchen, two baths, and hot and cold running water, Sokol Camp is a convenient and affordable vacation destination.

When you rent time at Sokol Camp, you also have access to the docks, rowboats, and some of the best fishing spots on the lake. Launch your watercraft at the public access in Pine City and spend the weekend on the water. Along with the water activities and the day trips, there is also another favorite thing to do...nothing. There is a wonderful relaxation that happens when you spend some time just looking at the lake, listening to loons, or reading on the front porch.

Sokol Camp is also a great jumping off point for day excursions. The Northwest Company Fur Post historical reconstruction is just west of Pine City. Several golf courses are nearby. Hinckley, with its casino and fire museum, is 15 minutes north and Duluth is less than two hours away.

The Sokol Camp season opens April 30, 2011, with our annual Camp Open-up. Come spend the day sweeping the cobwebs from the Camp and the winter from your mind. Set aside Sunday, August 14, 2011, for a fun-filled day at the Booya Picnic. The camp season ends September 25, 2011, when the shutters go up and screens come down, dishes are put into storage, the docks are pulled from the lake, and the water pump is turned off.

For more information about using Sokol Camp, please call Jean Draheim at 651-426-2826 or 651-210-0401.

## Does Your Czech or Slovak Town Have a Website?

By Ginger Simek, President, Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International <[www.cgsi.org](http://www.cgsi.org)>

Does your Czech or Slovak ancestral town have a website? Have some fun and find out. More and more towns have websites every day. The information found on town sites varies, but usually you will find something about the history, the town crest, perhaps a photo gallery, current and future events, a map of the town, or even current weather conditions. Some even have live webcams. If you are interested in visiting, there may be accommodation and restaurant listings. Many sites have a button (often a British flag) that will take you to an English-language version of the page.

For the Czech Republic (including Moravia), the usual format for a town website is: <[www.nameoftown.cz](http://www.nameoftown.cz)>. Some examples of towns this works for are Jičín, Kutná Hora, Tabor, Brno, and Přerov. Look for more.

For other town locations, you may find a site, but there is not the option to look at it in English. For these situations, use Google and key in the name of the town in the Search box.

Use this same basic format for the Slovak Republic: [www.nameoftown.sk](http://www.nameoftown.sk). Svidník, Levice, Piešťany, Zvolen, Košice, and Levoča are examples of Slovak town names that have web addresses of this sort. Again, use Google if there is not an English option. It can be fun to view these sites in Czech or Slovak and see if you can figure out the meaning of the headings or captions.

If your town does not have a website yet, keep checking back. It is now a global world network. Some towns even have Facebook pages.

*Some information in this article was contributed by Kathy Jorgenson, a CGSI and Sokol Minnesota member.*

**Don't miss Šibřinky: traditional Sokol costume ball at Mardi Gras time with live music, folk dancing, food Saturday, March 5, 6-11 p.m.**

## Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors By J. H. Fonkert, Corresponding Secretary

Sokol Minnesota is grateful for donations that support Sokol programs and the CSPS Hall. For donations under \$100, the *Slovo* publishes only names of donors. Some donors request that the amounts of their donations be kept confidential, regardless of amount.

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## Jan Masaryk: Caught Between Two Worlds By Josef A. Mestenhauser

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After Jan Masaryk's return from an unsuccessful stay in America, he was caught up in the devastation of the First World War. Seen as an opponent by the Austrian government, his father Tomáš managed to escape into exile. Jan himself was soon drafted into the imperial army where he earned the rank of lieutenant. He was given charge of some Russian prisoners of war and treating injured cavalry horses. His family suffered further misfortune when his sister Alice was arrested by the Austrians as a spy and imprisoned her with prostitutes. Additionally, his mother, on a meager income, often went hungry; when he could, Jan obtained passes to visit and bring her army food.

Jan's stay in an American sanatorium was not the only time he was hospitalized for treatment of a personality disorder. Following the Munich tragedy, he disappeared for several weeks in London, presumably for some treatment, and once again in Washington in 1942 after learning of the destruction of Lidice. The bestiality of the Nazis caused a permanent switch of his hostilities from all Nazis to a generalized distrust toward all Germans and all things German, an intolerance which remained with him all the way through his subsequent activities as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Exile and later as Minister in the liberated Czechoslovakia. This attitude explains his complete support of the expulsion of the German population from the CSR; later it justified his turnaround on accepting American aid through the Marshall Plan, which he initially favored but ultimately rejected, under pressure from Stalin.

Masaryk suffered another round of depression after returning from his encounter with Stalin. In Moscow, Masaryk surprised everybody when he was the only member of the Czechoslovak delegation to actually argue with Stalin and plead for a "unique Czechoslovak approach" to socialism. Stalin reportedly rebuked him by pointing out that the Marshall Plan was also designed to help reconstruct Germany, now the Slavs' mortal enemy for all time. Jan was treated in Karlovy Vary and also in a Slovak sanatorium. Various authors have reported other times in his later years when he disappeared and was inaccessible for days.

Jan Masaryk suffered several further personal tragedies. One was the declining health and eventual death of his mother. Another was the divorce and subsequent death of his brother Herbert and the later death of Herbert's two sons. In addition to her wartime imprisonment as a spy, his sister Alice also suffered from mental disorders all her life. During Jan's exile in Washington, he cared for Alice when she was treated with electroshock therapy. Several of his American relatives added to Jan's sense of family tragedy when one of his uncles died of cancer and a cousin committed suicide. These events led him to form the morbid conviction that there existed some preordained curse on the Masaryk and Garrigue families to which he himself would be subjected. He

told his personal secretary, "One day I will end up in an asylum for the mentally ill, the same as Alice."

After President Beneš accepted the February 1948 resignation of the cabinet ministers and thus legitimized the communist *coup d'état*, Masaryk did not offer his resignation. Instead, he continued in the cabinet as Foreign Minister (evidence of his inability to understand a complex political situation and withdraw from his responsibility for it). He continued to show a "split" personality by speaking publicly in favor of the new political order while privately expressing his horror about the communist regime. During the last three weeks of his life he maintained an indecisive attitude, talking often in private about suicide, or alternatively about going into exile yet again, marrying his American friend Marcia Davenport, starting a new government-in-exile, or even about simply escaping from it all by fleeing to the U.S. On the night of March 6, he went to President Beneš for advice about remaining as foreign minister, but Beneš became angry, aware that Jan again wished to shift responsibility to someone else for the consequences of his actions. Beneš refused to offer advice; Masaryk apparently took this a personal betrayal of the complete loyalty he had given Beneš in unquestioningly supporting the president's pro-Moscow, anti-German, and pro-socialist policies.

Masaryk then went to visit the grave of his father, staying longer than he had ever before. On March 9, he worked as usual, and at home late in the evening burned some documents and some foreign currency, took an especially warm farewell of his butler, and continued working alone on some papers and speeches he was to give the next day. The light in his apartment in the Cernin Palace was on past midnight. That was the night he died. His body was found before dawn in the courtyard of the palace.

There is more to this story, so please do not conclude yet that Jan Masaryk committed suicide. The story continues, and so will my account of the other explanation – that Masaryk was murdered.

### SONG OF THE MONTH By Georgiana Dolejsi

*Teče Voda, Teče* is published in *American Sokol Sings*, Berwyn, Illinois, 1974. It was a beloved song of President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, founder and President of the Czechoslovakian Republic. Since his birthdate was March 7, 1850, this is a very fitting song for the March issue of *Slovo*.

**TEČE VODA, TEČE**

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Te-če va-da, te-če----- cez ve-lec-ký ma-jír.  
Wa-ters wist-ful wa-ters flow, from the migh-ty Slo-vak hil-  
ně-hal si ma ně-hal, sta-re-dáv-ný fra-jír.  
Thou hast left my dear home, with the ev-er sing-ing rills.  
ně-hal si ma ně-hal, sta-re-dáv-ný fra-jír.  
Thou hast left my dear home, with the ev-er sing-ing rills.

2. Něhal si ma, něhal, dobre ty vieš komu, 2. Thou hast left me thou knowest  
šo ty rečí nozí do našeho domu. and all people laugh at me.

3. Ďo našeho domu, pod naše okénko 3. Far from me thou goest  
šo som sa naplekal, sivé holubénko. leaving me longing for thee.

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It takes *many* people to fill the shifts. For example, the café needs six volunteers per shift, and there are 10 shifts – so 60 people! We need people to take the public's orders, help prepare the orders, and help fill the orders.

For more information, or to sign up for a shift, please call Mary Cahill, 651-738-9470 (café) or Doreen McKenney, 952-941-0426 (bazaar). Consider recruiting a friend to volunteer with you. Or, consider helping us fill an entire shift with friends and family. The Tesarek-Dolejsi families have done this on Sunday afternoon in the café for the past couple of years; it is a fantastic group of people that have a great time working together and helping out Sokol at the same time. Shifts are 3-4 hours in length. The Festival is open long hours, so there is plenty of time to come before or stay after your shift to take in the various performances and demonstrations, as well as shop the international bazaar and cafes to sample ethnic foods. Please consider contacting one of us to take a shift, or saying yes when we call you.

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