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Czech Roast Pork Dinner

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m.

Limited reserved seating

Roast pork, raised-bread dumplings,
sauerkraut, dessert, and coffee.
Beer, wine, and pop will be available for sale.

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November Slovo Deadline
October 1

Board of Trustees
October 12, 7 p.m.

**Czech and Slovak
Family Event**
October 16, 4 - 7 p.m.

Board of Directors
October 20, 7 p.m.

Czech Roast Pork Dinner
October 23, 12:30 p.m.

Featured Friday
October 28, 7 p.m.

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Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes By Judy Aubrecht
Pozdrav bratři a sestry/Greetings Brothers and Sisters

After a rather quiet summer, the C.S.P.S. Hall is a very busy place this fall. The gymnastics classes for children and teens are full; creative scheduling was needed to accommodate the many students. Recent Facebook comments from parents complimented the gymnastics program. One parent applauded the program, citing its "great teachers, great attention to individual skill levels and development, super friendly, and low costs". Another parent mentioned that her son cannot wait for classes to begin again, and what a great group of students we have in the boys' program. She also praised the skills of the Sokol Board of Instructors, Jason Brozovich and Mary Cahill.

Czech and Slovak language classes started again with many enthusiastic students. The language classes have switched from quarterly to semester registration, which will make enrolling easier for everyone. A new craft class to make straw star ornaments will take place on Saturday, November 26, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. I made one of these charming ornaments during the Children's Cultural Day Camp last year. In a true folk tradition, simple materials are cleverly organized to produce an ethnic ornament. Pieces of straw are carefully split and laid out in a special pattern. Then red string is woven in and out to secure the straw to finish the ornament. Space is limited for this class, so be sure to register soon. (See page 8.)

Looking ahead, the American Sokol Organization has announced the schedule for the 2017 Sokol *Slet*, to be held from Thursday, June 22 to Sunday, June 25 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This national *Slet*, a gathering of all of the Sokol organizations from across the country for gymnastics and sporting competitions, takes place every four years. We are very fortunate that this *slet* is located so close to Minnesota. Activities will include calisthenic events, which involve the local Sokol Units individually practicing a set routine; then coming together from around the country to perform it. This is always very impressive. There will also be gymnastics competitions, a banquet, and a Victory dance. The *slet* program will conclude events on the final day. The official lodging venue for the *slet* will be the Clarion Hotel Cedar Rapids. The hotel has an indoor pool, complimentary breakfast, and is \$50.00 less expensive than some of the downtown Cedar Rapids hotels. You may want to reserve your room soon for this special event. Go to <www.clarioncr.com> for more information.

You may have seen the recent announcements in the St. Paul Pioneer Press that *Pajarito* is opening in the restaurant space in C.S.P.S. Hall. After much discussion, Sokol Minnesota signed a lease with the new owners of the restaurant in mid-July. *Pajarito* means "little bird"

in Spanish. Both owners are highly regarded chefs. Stephan Hesse most recently worked at Libertine in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis. Tyge Nelson was at Chino Latino. Both chefs are eager to open their own restaurant and to be a part of the vibrant West 7th Street community. The menu will have an upscale Mexican focus, with some foods cooked in a wood-fired oven. Construction permits have been requested from the City of St. Paul; it is hoped that construction will be completed soon. The restaurant will have a new look with the original brick walls being exposed, more seating near the large windows, and bathrooms moved to another location within the restaurant.



Sokol President Judy Aubrecht signed the restaurant lease with Tyge Nelson and Steve Hess.

Let's all plan to eat at *Pajarito* as soon as it opens to support this new business! *Nazdar!*

Please Pause To Remember October 8

During the night of October 7, 1941, the German Gestapo arrested 136 leading officials of the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization, their districts, and some local units. They were subsequently deported to concentration camps. By the end of World War II, twelve thousand Sokol members were jailed, five thousand were tortured and executed. 93 of the leadership never returned.

On October 8, 1941, the Sokol organization was officially dissolved at the command of Reinhard Heydrich. All Sokol assets (which were substantial) were confiscated. The Czech Republic has made October 8 an official Day of Remembrance. We should never forget!

Submitted by Joan Sedlacek from an article courtesy of the Sokol USA Farrell Newsletter

Five Sokol Units Awarded American Sokol Capital Campaign Grants

This article by **Bro. Allen Cushing**, **Chair of the American Sokol Grant Committee** first appeared in the September American Sokol Directors Newsletter, page 5. It has been edited for our Slovo.

At the August 2016 Executive Board meeting of American Sokol, the board approved the Grant Committee's recommendation to award grants to five Sokol Units in the first round of the Capital Campaign. The Grant Committee received grant requests totaling over \$27,000 for a wide variety of financial needs ranging from emergency building repairs, program equipment, facilities maintenance, building signage, and energy conservation from eleven Sokol Units. This first round of grants had a budget of \$10,000. These five Units received the following grants:

- Sokol St. Louis: \$622 award for the purchase of program equipment (stability balls and yoga mats for the adult classes).
- Sokol Minnesota: \$2,000 award for the immediate replacement of emergency fire stairs in order to receive an occupancy permit from the city.
- Sokol Ceska Sin (Cleveland): \$2,378 award for the purchase of program

equipment (vaulting table, matting, and spring floor for their youth program).

- Sokol Greater Cleveland: \$2,500 award for replacement of broken and damaged windows in order to better utilize that part of their building.
- Sokol KHB Ennis (Texas): \$2,500 award to develop an energy conservation initiative and for improvement of operations efficiency.

Each successful Unit submitted a budget for the grant and, where applicable, a plan to receive matching funds. All grant recipients received a letter of acceptance. All other applying Units received a letter of non-acceptance, indicating why they did not receive a grant and urging them to reapply.

In fairness to all submitting Units, it is important to mention that the Grant Committee did not know during the reviewing process which Units submitted grants. The names of the applying Units were revealed to the committee members after the final decisions were made.

The second round of the Capital Campaign Grant Applications are due October 1. Information has been sent to the Units. Units may resubmit. The budget for the second round is again \$10,000.

Grant for Fire Stairway By Joyce Tesarek, Finance Chair

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota is very pleased and grateful for this \$2,000 grant from American Sokol to help defray architecture and temporary stair rental expenses.

Replacing our emergency fire stairway is a project mandated by the city of Saint Paul. We must cover the cost of rebuilding the new fire escape stairway. We could use your help! 100% of all donations go to Sokol projects and are tax deductible. To contribute, please go online to <sokolmn.org> or donate using the form located on this page. Thank you for your support!

14th Annual Roast Duck Dinner

January 21, 2017, at the C.S.P.S. Hall

\$23 per person

Beer, wine, and pop will be available for sale

Call 952-941-0426 to reserve your dinner by January 14, 2017, as there is limited seating

Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

By **Arlene Hamernik**, Corresponding Secretary

Sokol Minnesota greatly appreciates your donations supporting Sokol programs and the refurbishing of our historic C.S.P.S. Hall.

Legacy Fund: \$100 - \$499: Darlene Sitko

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In memory of **Lucille Pavlicek: Greg** and **Nancy Adams**, **Donald** and **Patricia Andrie**, **Megan Cahill**, **James** and **Mary Jo Chlebecek**, **George Chlebecek**, **Chuck** and **Carman Gustafson**, **Don** and **Katie Haselbauer**, **John** and **Karen Kjellander**, **Sharon Liska**, **Robert** and **Susan Marabella**, **Shirley Mittelstaedt**, **Elsie Roepke**, **Joan Sedlacek**, **Chuck** and **Louise Wessinger**.

Sokol Minnesota Camp: under \$99: In memory of Lucille Pavlicek: Roberta (Vanyo) Chandler, **Kathleen Cleary**, **Lorraine Olson**.

TOTAL: \$650.15

Legacy Fund: \$100 **General Fund: \$460.15**
Gymnastic Classes: \$25 **Sokol Minnesota Camp: \$65**

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MEMBER NEWS

Sokol Camp Booya Picnic: Another Success

By Kari and Scott Muyres, Co-chairs

Surely, you have heard the age-old saying, "the early bird gets the worm." Such an adage was

most appropriate for many Sokol Camp Booya Picnic attendees on August 14 as the campgrounds in Pine City were practically plum-full by the noon start time! Folks came from near and far to have the chance to enjoy a bowl of Booya on a beautiful, sunshine-filled August Sunday afternoon. This year's Booya Picnic was well-attended by both Sokol members and the general public, many of whom patronize the picnic year after year. We thank ALL for your participation, support, help, and smiles as we continue this 86-year tradition began by many of our members' grandparents and great-grandparents!

Again, thank-you to all of our hard-working volunteers and to the St. Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers for an entertaining afternoon of dancing and learning new steps! Congratulations to our Raffle Winners: \$100, Juliana M. Slavik; \$50, Richard Saliny (\$25 was donated back to Sokol Camp); \$25, Frank Petruska; \$25, Keenan Bowman.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 13, 2017, for the 87th annual Sokol Camp Booya Picnic.



In the kitchen: Bobbi Jo Chandler, Sue Marabella, Marge Taylor, and the photo bomber is Rhiannon.

Pictured below: Kari, Scott, and Leah Muyres



Sokol Minnesota Remembers Two Loyal Sokol Members

By Arlene Hamernik

Lucille (Lou) Pavlicek, passed away on August 24, at the age of 99. She had lived at the Episcopal Church Home in Saint Paul since 2007. Lou and her husband, Al, were active Sokol members for many years.

Mary Jo Chlebecek recalls Lou's active role in Sokol as president and recording secretary, plus as a great Sokol spokesperson as well as a culture booth volunteer at the Festival of Nations. Sokol was an integral part of her life. Lou was always there to "pitch in" whenever there was a need; plus she did a remarkable job on the Sunshine Committee. Lou's daughter Nancy found a paper in which Lou wrote that she served as Sunshine Lady for 25 years. Nancy also found a picture of Lou and other Sokol Minnesota members participating in the Chicago slet in 1939.

Lou started a successful Tiny Tot's gymnastics program. As a gifted piano player, she incorporated music and dance into the class. Louise Wessinger, a member of Lou's class, commented what a fun teacher she was; they learned how to tumble, do little exercises, and then often listened to Lou play *On the Good Ship Lollipop* on the piano. When Mary Jo Chlebecek finished teaching her gymnastic classes of 21 girls, Lou taught the children Czech songs.

She loved to talk about her Sokol interests and her large extended family. Lou helped at our Sokol Minnesota Children's Cultural Day Camp. She passed that interest to her great-granddaughters, Greta and Carly, who were campers and then helpers for the past several years. Lou is survived by daughter, Sokol member Nancy Siewert (Wayne), son Gary Pavlicek (Karen), eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

Anne Clara (Loss) Neubauer passed away September 4, at the age of 92. She grew up in the West 7th Street area of Saint Paul, followed by 60 years in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood of Minneapolis. She was most recently a resident of the Carefree Assisted Living in Burnsville. A member of Sokol Minnesota since 1942, Anne enjoyed participating in the Sokol Fall Festivals and singing with the Senior Singers.

With her teaching certificate for piano, she taught many youth in her neighborhood and played for events in the community, as well as at the C.S.P.S Hall. As a child, she played the piano on a radio station in Saint Paul. As her son Paul said, "if there was a piano around, she would find it, start playing, and soon a group would gather around and start singing." He recalls how proud she was of her Czech heritage, which was highlighted by her ability both to speak and to write in Czech. In a letter Paul recently discovered, Anne wrote about her first train ride to Chicago in 1939 where she participated in a junior gymnastics event at Soldier's Field in Chicago where hundreds of participants filled the entire field. She loved playing and watching all sports; this may have been due to the fact that she had five brothers, Frank, Ladd, Al, George, and Frollie Loss. Anne is survived by her son Paul (Linda) and her grandson Brett. Our sincere sympathy to the family.



The Andy Warhol Birthday Celebration on Saturday, August 6, at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids was attended by Sokol Member Christy Banks with Michael Bliss.

Did you know that Warhol was of Rusyn descent? Did you know that his parents came from northeast Slovakia?

Left: Andy Warhol and his friend Edie Sedgwick* lined up early so as not to miss the day's free admission and special events, which included a vintage fashion show, live music, and pop arts and crafts projects. (*Underneath the 60s gear are the farmers from the iconic 'American Gothic' painting. These six-foot tall fiberglass statues, each individually decorated, appeared around Cedar Rapids this summer.)

Right: While many ambassadors of Czechoslovak culture made the day at the museum special, none had sweeter smiles than the members of the *Koláče* Baking Club (L-R) Sue Covington, Marla Nikodim, and Marge Sedlacek who displayed their deliciously fresh baked-from-scratch *koláče*.

Wishing Charles IV a Happy 700th Birthday!

Sokol Minnesota celebrated the 700th birthday of Karel IV/Charles IV (1316 – 1378), King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, at the *Featured Friday Members' Meeting* on August 26. The celebration started with a potluck and ended with singing *Happy Birthday*, blowing out individual candles placed in *koláče*, and eating the giant castle cookie.



Waiting to blow out their candle in honor of Karel IV's 700th birthday: (L-R) Judy Aubrecht, Jean Draheim, Shirley Verner, Joyce Tesarek, Chuck Draheim, Tom Aubrecht, Norm Petrik, Denis Novak. Missing: cookie-maker M.L. Kucera took the pictures.

Sokol members shared their online research as well as talked about the many facets and accomplishments of Charles IV's life after reading printed information available at the meeting. He was christened as Václav, the traditional name of Bohemian kings, but at confirmation he took the name of his paternal uncle and godfather, the French King Charles IV.

His father, John of Luxembourg, became King of Bohemia after marrying Eliška, the sister of the last native Bohemian king. From age seven, Charles grew up in the French

royal court. He returned to his beloved Czech Lands as a young man with the first of his four wives, who was a cousin of the French king. The stories and accomplishments of his life are many and fascinating.

Karel IV was one of the most educated and diplomatically skillful sovereigns of the 14th century. He built the Charles Bridge in Prague and many castles, including

Karlštejn; he was religious, which benefited both himself and the church's influence and property; he founded the first university in central Europe, Charles University; he allowed the Czech language to be the official language of Bohemia (not Latin, French, or German as was the tradition elsewhere).

Also named for him are the famous Czech spa city of Karlovy Vary, Montecarlo near Lucca in Italy, Charles Square in Prague, and the several Carlsbad places from towns to beaches in the United States.

Those of us with Czech heritage have much of which to be proud in this very exceptional and distinguished person in European history: ambitious sovereign, experienced politician, shrewd diplomat, city planner visionary, gallant warrior, nation builder, and often called the father of the country. Charles IV laid a solid foundation for Europe's future development almost 700 years ago; he remains an inspiring figure to this day.

Membership Updates By Norm Petrik, Membership Director

At the Sokol Minnesota Board of Directors meeting on September 15, the following persons were accepted as members of Sokol Minnesota: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Havir from Stillwater; Rose Sundemeyer and Donald Prohaska from Kasson with interests in Czech language; Marybeth Reed and Steven Liska from Woodbury with interests in their Czech cultural heritage; Amalia Renate Althoen from St. Paul; Ryan and Romana Pulkarbek from Minneapolis, with interests in language, dances, and festivals; Wendy Waszut-Barrette from Crystal with interests in cooking, genealogy, history, language, dances, dinners, festivals, music and theater; and Cathy Mackiewicz from Scandia with interests in festivals.

Welcome to Sokol Minnesota. We hope to see you soon at our meetings and upcoming events. Sokol Minnesota now has 280 active members!



August Slovo Mailing Party: Done Perfectly!

Every issue of *Slovo* takes a crew to prepare it for mailing. Twice a year, when postcards are mailed, Mary Cahill recruits extra help for the mailing party. When Joan Sedlacek delivered the September *Slovo* and Fall Events Postcard to the Bulk Mail Station in Eagan on September 1, a supervisor was training a new employee. Joan held her breath when the supervisor started to go through the Sokol boxes. Imagine how thrilled and relieved she was to hear, "These are how newsletters should be tabbed and sorted. Everything here is just perfect!" Thanks to our *Slovo* volunteers: Val Kuisle (seated). First row, L-R: Deb Ziskovsky, Megan Cahill, Arlene Hamernik, Ed Hamernik. Back: Mary Cahill, Jason Brozovich, Madison Jerde, Steve Oltrogge. Missing: Christy Banks and M.L. Kucera (who took the picture). Thanks, everyone!

Doris (Richtarik) McKenney was born and grew up in Wilber, Nebraska. Doris's family moved from the farm just on the edge of town to the house that is to the left of the hedges behind Doris. After high school graduation in 1944, Doris went to Washington, D.C., for a year to do her civic duty, then she transferred to Fort Snelling. She has lived here in the Twin Cities ever since. Often during the Wilber Czech Festival, she goes back to Wilber on the first weekend in August to visit family and old friends. Her daughter Doreen took her to Wilber again this year for the 55th Annual National Wilber Czech Festival and took this picture. In recognition that Wilber calls itself the *Czech Capital of the USA*, the town is changing every street sign to read both in English and in Czech.



Upcoming Events

October 6-7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saint Mark Lutheran Rummage Sale, 550 West 7th, Saint Paul. \$5 bag sale on Friday at 4 p.m. Snack Bar and Bake Sale. Sokol is proud of its neighborhood rummage sale reciprocity with Saint Mark. Saint Mark invites Sokols to donate and to shop! <www.saintmark.info> Drop-off arrangements: 651-224-0228.

October 20, Thursday, 7 p.m. *Children of Glory*, 1956 Hungarian Uprising film.

Saint Anthony Main Theatre, Minneapolis. RSVP for a free ticket: creativeculturalexchange@gmail.com

MOVIE REVIEW:
**Selected reviews from the
 2016 Czech That Film series
 screened at Minneapolis St. Paul
 Film Society**

By Cinnamon Whaley

The Little Man (Malý Pán) (2015) is an adorable tale about friendship. Shot using marionettes, we follow the Little Man on his quest to get to the bottom of a recurring dream. Along the way, he rides a sea monster, befriends a larva, meets a pickle farmer, and visits a most interesting library. While at all times you're able to see the marionette strings and rods, they do not detract from the film, and the detail and care put into the puppets and sets is astounding. *The Little Man* was fun for the whole family. The film had everyone laughing along with the characters.

Invention for Destruction (Vynález zkázy) is a 1958 film based on Jules Verne's novel *Facing the Flag*. It is shot with human actors, but with a combination of real and animated sets. The story itself, set in the last half of the 19th century, evokes the science fiction of the time, such as flying machines, submarines, walking under the sea, and large-scale bombs, all common themes found within Verne's work. The attraction of this film lies in the animation. Mixing human actors with animation can be jarring, but the work done on *Invention for Destruction* is beautiful. The animation is in the style of the Victorian line drawings that were published in many of Verne's narrations. The joy of this film is actively looking at it, trying to figure out how it was done, and wondering what would come across the screen next!

The Film Society of Minneapolis Saint Paul presented eight films in the 2016 Czech That Film series August 19-21, at the Saint Anthony Main Theatre in Minneapolis. Jesse Bishop, programming director, reported a 25% increase in attendance over the 2015 program. The Film Society looks forward to screening the 2017 series next year.

Sokol members Nancy Blume and M.L. Kucera attended all the screenings. Nancy, who attends Blanka Brichta's Czech classes at C.S.P.S. Hall, said her comprehension of Czech increased with each film. Mary Kucera, visiting from Victoria, British Columbia, saw six of the eight films.



L - R: Cinnamon Whaley, Alena Youngberg with Elsa, Jitka Sebek with Sally, Hana Pletichova with children and behind her Veronika Cibikova, and M.L. Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, after the screening of *The Little Man/Malý Pán*.

Sokol Minnesota Annual Memberships

Renewals: Individual \$50; Couple \$90. Senior \$40 (over age 65); Senior couple \$80. **New memberships:** Individual \$55; Couple \$95.

This includes a one-time \$5 registration fee with our national organization, American Sokol Organization. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota's annual membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are reduced for members joining after June 30.

Membership applications: <www.sokolmn.org> or by request from Norm Petrik (612-822-6147). Please send your completed membership application and check to

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, Attn: Membership, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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BOOK REVIEW: *Sís Draws, Mozart Plays!* By Gwen Willems, Ph.D.

Play, Mozart, Play! Peter Sís. London: Greenwillow Books (Harper Collins), 2006, 32 pages.

Peter Sís is a prodigious artist, animator, illustrator, stage designer, and writer. He drew constantly as a boy. Sís has written and illustrated nearly 30 published books and illustrated many others. Among his many prizes and recognitions are the MacArthur “Genius Grant” Award and three annual Caldecott Honors for most distinguished American picture book for children.

Sís is known especially to us for his children’s books set in Czechoslovakia: *The Three Golden Keys* (2001), and *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* (2007). Like many of his works, they explore serious topics in an appropriate way for young readers. He also has written and illustrated several biographies for children. They focus on Christopher Columbus, Galileo Galilei, Charles Darwin, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Play, Mozart, Play! delightfully tells of Mozart’s early life as a musical prodigy who performed for all kinds of royalty:

*He played in London and Amsterdam and Paris,
And in Munich and Vienna and Rome.*

*Mozart played for kings and princes and dukes
And queens and one empress and one pope.*

His father made him practice, practice, practice! As Sís wrote:

Mozart played day and night.

He played in his imagination.

He played in his dreams.

He played for his entire life.

The book is richly illustrated with Sís’ detailed pen and ink drawings of people, animals, musical instruments, and other objects that are singing, dancing, and forming musical notations. *Play, Mozart, Play!* is dedicated to Miloš Forman, director of the popular 1984 movie about Mozart, *Amadeus*. The book also includes a longer full-page biography of Mozart appropriate for adults to read to children.

Sís was born in Brno, immigrated to the United States in 1982, and was granted asylum. He is married to a film editor and is

Dožínky® Festival in New Prague Sept. 17



Dožínky® 2016 highlights included the Saint Paul South Bohemian Bagpipe Ensemble with (L-R) Dawn Bulera, Director Frank Trnka, Jason Brozovich, and John Topic; Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Dancers, Louise Wessinger, director; *Domáci* Czech Folk Dancers and Junior Royalty led by Sokol members Deb and Arnie Ziskovsky; and Czech Honorary Consul M. L. Kucera who rode in the parade with New Prague Mayor Chuck Nickolay.

father to Madeleine, upon whom he especially focused in four books. In *Madlenka* (2000), we get to know her richly varied New York block through her worldly neighbors and the memories of their old countries. *Madlenka’s Dog* (2002) tells of how she imaginatively deals with her parents saying no to her desire for a dog (any kind), so long as it’s a dog that she can put on a leash and walk around the block. *Madlenka* plays the violin in *Madlenka’s Music* (2005), brings the neighbors together in an orchestra, and each remembers playing instruments when they were children. When she dribbles her brand new soccer ball out the door and around the corner in *Madlenka Soccer Star* (2010), it seems that everyone (the mailbox, a dog, cats, even a parking meter) wants to get in the game, and there are enough of them to make a team.

Gwen is coordinator of the Literary Ventures: Czech and Slovak book discussion group. For more information, go to <www.cs-center.org> or contact <gwen@cs-center.org>.

Join Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures members to discuss the second half of Havel: *A Life by Michel Zontovsky* on Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-noon, at the C.S.P.S. Hall. For more information: <cs-center.org>

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**EVENTS AT C.S.P.S. HALL
ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER!
Sokol Minnesota 2016 Events**

Czech and Slovak Cultural Center Lecture

Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m.

University Club, 420 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul
C. Winston Chrislock lectures on Charles Jonas (1840-1896),
Czech and Czech-American Political and Cultural Leader

Czech and Slovak Family Event

October 16, 4 - 7 p.m. Potluck supper and family activities

Czech Roast Pork Dinner

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m.

Prepaid reservations by October 16: 651-290-0542

Please sign up to volunteer!

Annual Membership Meeting

November 18, 7 p.m.

Election of Board of Directors

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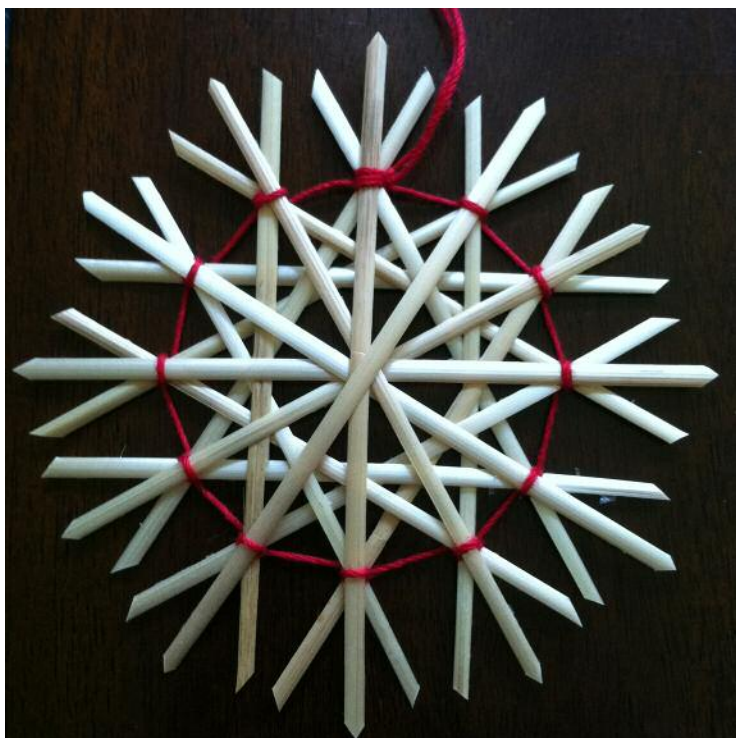
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Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota *SLOVO* October 2016

Czech Straw Christmas Ornament Class

By Doreen McKenney



Handmade Christmas decorations in the Czech Republic have a long tradition. Christmas trees are adorned with simple yet elegant decorations made from natural materials, such as straw. Wheat left behind in the fields after the harvest was gathered to later craft into ironed flat straw, split or whole shaft straw, or woven straw ornaments.

You can make your own star shapes from split straw using a homemade form.

**For this coming holiday season,
a make-and-take straw ornament class
for students ages 14 and up is on
Saturday, November 26, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the dining room on the second floor
at C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan Street, Saint Paul.**

**The class fee is \$10.00 with a class limit of 8 students.
All materials are supplied to make two straw ornaments.**

Please register by November 18.

You can access the registration form online from the language page at sokolmn.org

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