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April 10 & 11

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Student Recognition by Czech & Slovak School Twin Cities

## Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes by Bob Kotek

Greetings to Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota members and all readers of the Slovo! Is everyone as happy as I am to be emerging from our winter weather and welcoming spring warmth? What a great change the warmth provides to my spirit and outlook for venturing outdoors!

Thank you to Sokol Minnesota Vice President Fred Simon for contributing his article to last month's *Slovo*.



Bob Kotek

I was optimistic the new boiler was going to be up and running by the end of January; however, a missing valve had to be ordered, which delayed the completion of the boiler installation by a couple of weeks. Now, we are waiting for the final inspection by the state of Minnesota and the city of Saint Paul. We'll get there; it's just hard to wait when we are so close to completion. We are most fortunate that we had a backup heating system through our air handling unit to carry us through the winter.

In preparation for the January *Svíčková* dinner, the convection oven in the kitchen would not start or warm. The oven is over 25 years old, so the decision was made to buy a new double oven model instead of repairing the old single oven. The increased capacity will allow for faster baking for *koláče* and other food preparation for Sokol Minnesota events and meals. We are also looking at upgrading the stove to a unit with four 18-inch stock pot-sized burners and four standard burners for normal-sized pots. About a year ago, we had started to look at how we may improve the kitchen layout to make it more efficient. These appliance upgrades will help tremendously and are consistent with preliminary plans for overall kitchen improvements. We have one partial grant commitment already in the works and have received two donations to help offset the cost of the appliances. More funding is required to complete these long-term upgrades, so I ask that you please consider a donation to Sokol Minnesota.

Many of you are also aware that our restaurant tenant, *Pajarito*, has permanently closed at the C.S.P.S. Hall location as of February. Their lease is up in just a few months, and with staffing shortages and a drop in patronage, they decided to close now. A business broker has been engaged to assist in finding a new tenant. We had a great working relationship with the team from *Pajarito* and they will be missed.

There are several changes and additions to the Sokol board for 2026: Steve Shimer is now the gaming manager, Linda Maxey will fill the sergeant at arms position, Aaron Mislivec is the recording secretary, and Markéta Pálková has moved to the new rental chair board position. I am very pleased to make these announcements and look forward to working with the entire board to make 2026 a very successful year for Sokol Minnesota.

I would like to recognize Marit Lee Kucera for her dedication and effort to the production of *Slovo* these past two years as Interim Managing Editor. The March *Slovo* was her last issue as she will continue to focus on her very important role as Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic and participation in various Sokol committees and endeavors. Please join me in thanking Marit for all her contributions through tireless commitment to making the *Slovo* publication a valued resource for our Sokol membership and the community we serve.

Be sure to support Sokol Minnesota through attending the many upcoming events. We'd love to see you! *Nazdar!*

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

# YLA

Youth Leadership Award 2026

More information go to: [www.sokolmn.org](http://www.sokolmn.org)

Sokol Minnesota Youth Leadership is a way to encourage and recognize outstanding participation of youth members and to foster a future generation of members and leaders for our Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota organization. Up to three Sokol Minnesota youths will receive the YLA and a \$500 cash prize; \$400 each from Sokol Minnesota, plus \$100 each contributed by Honorary Czech Consul M. L. Kucera. A separate award for the Best Essay comes with a \$100 prize given by Louise Wessinger.

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota provides fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs for children, teens, and adults.

Information on our programs, calendar of events, membership, C.S.P.S. Hall rentals, and gift shop, plus e-addresses for our board, program directors, volunteer staff, and the Czech Honorary Consul, as well as *Slovo* past issues, are available at [www.sokolmn.org](http://www.sokolmn.org) or [www.facebook.com/sokolminnesota](https://www.facebook.com/sokolminnesota)



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## Czech Connection: The History of Beroun, Minnesota

Fifth generation Czech-American Peg Skalicky from Beroun, Minnesota, presented her home town to a very interested audience on February 13 at C.S.P.S. Hall. Family and friends of several Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota members enjoyed hearing familiar names and facts about Beroun, the name given to the settlement of mostly Bohemian immigrants when the first post office was opened there in 1885. They named their new town after the town they left behind in Bohemia (now Czech Republic), 16 miles southeast of Prague. Many followed their dream of cheap land, as advertised by railroad companies as the railroads were built going westward.



Front row: Jane Gilles, Paula Vukonich, Peg Skalicky (book author), Roger Pocta, and Gary Novak. Back row: Teresa Pojar, Steve Pojar, and Jerry Pojar.

Also attending with family connections to Beroun were Sokol Minnesota members Marshall and Gretchen Toman. Facebook group: Yesteryear Beroun Minnesota

The town, which had numerous businesses, a church, and a school in its heyday in the 1920s and 1930s, exists today as a vital and proud unincorporated community along the railroad tracks in central Minnesota.

Not so long ago, when Czech and Slovak Cultural Center President Renáta Tichá was driving north on I-35, she noticed the exit sign for Beroun, just over an hour north of the Twin Cities. It immediately caught her attention. She wondered if it might have some connection to the Czech town of the same name. She was rewarded for her curiosity. It did not take her long to make the acquaintance of Peg Skalicky, who had written a book of the history of her hometown.

The in-person presentation was sponsored by Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, and the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic/Minneapolis.

## Heirloom Fire: Czech Glasswork Presentation and Jewelry Design Class

By Sally Lieberman

Minnesota jewelry artist Andrea Turini visited the C.S.P.S. Hall on a snowy afternoon in February to give a presentation on the living traditions of Czech glass and beadmaking. Andrea showed slides from her recent visits to glass workshops in Jablonec nad Nisou, Czechia and displayed many examples of intricate Czech glass beads, buttons, and art pieces. The presentation emphasized the resiliency of this cottage industry from the nineteenth century through the communist period to the present day. The presentation was well-received and the audience asked great questions.

Later the same afternoon, Andrea led a Czech glass jewelry design class. Each participant could make a pair of earrings plus a bracelet or necklace, using authentic Czech glass beads supplied by Andrea. Everyone appeared to enjoy the activity and it was fun to see the gorgeous creations!



Andrea Turini working with Sokol member Marlene Hinshaw.

**37** <sup>th annual</sup> **CZECH & SLOVAK**  
  
**FESTIVAL**  
Hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

**Sunday, September 27** **2026**  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

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**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

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**EUROPE DAY  
2026**

**European  
Friendship  
Ride** 

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

[www.sokolmn.org/eurobike26](http://www.sokolmn.org/eurobike26)



### European Friendship Ride

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, the Kolo Sokol bike group will co-host a special 32-mile bike ride with the Alliance Française Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Germanic-American Institute in Saint Paul.

May 9 is recognized as Europe Day by the European Union as a day to celebrate the shared values and peaceful cooperation that unite the nations of Europe. This event is open to members and friends of all European American organizations in the area. The ride will be an opportunity to meet members of other organizations and briefly visit the three host organization locations.

We will start at Sokol Minnesota's C.S.P.S. Hall in Saint Paul, ride up the river to the Alliance Française Joly Family Center for International Understanding in Minneapolis, head back down the other side of the river to the Germanic-American Institute on Summit Avenue in Saint Paul, and finally end up back at the C.S.P.S. Hall. The route is almost all on bike trails or marked bike lanes and offers beautiful views of the Mississippi River and Minnehaha Falls.

To participate in this special event, please let us know by registering at [www.sokolmn.org/eurobike26](http://www.sokolmn.org/eurobike26)

There is a \$15 fee for this event to support the host organizations providing refreshments at the three stops.

For more information, contact [Steve.Ernest@sokolmn.org](mailto:Steve.Ernest@sokolmn.org)



**SOKOL BIKE RIDES**

Ride metro area trails with fellow Sokol bikers  
May through October 2026.  
Check the Kolo web page at:  
[sokolmn.org/bike](http://sokolmn.org/bike)  
for upcoming dates and details.



Sokol's Czech language class instructor Luboš Mareš (on left) with Saturday morning beginning Czech class students and parents.

### Sokol Minnesota Welcomes New Members

The Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota Board of Directors approved 11 new members in January:

**Alison Black**, Minneapolis, with interest in youth dance, youth culture camp, the bicycle group, films and theater, music and dances, history and genealogy, and other Sokol activities; **Adam Gergardstein**, Saint Paul, with interest in youth gymnastics; **Mitchell Gillman**, Saint Paul; **Jas Gillman**, Saint Paul, with interest in youth gymnastics (instructor); **Matt Varilek**, Rice, with interest in the bicycle group, cooking classes, music and dances, history and genealogy; **Paula Cihla-Sexton**, Montgomery, with interest in language classes, cooking classes, history and genealogy; **Cassie Iverson**, Roseville, with interest in youth gymnastics; **Theresa Butler**, Lanesboro, with interest in language classes; **Michael Hoffman**, Eagan, with interest in the bicycle group, history and genealogy, event help-setup; **Bryan Kuzel**, Mendota Heights, with interest in youth gymnastics, youth culture camp, cooking classes, films and theater, music and dances, history and genealogy; and **Ed Keogh**, Montgomery.

**Welcome to Sokol Minnesota!**

### Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota greatly appreciates donations received in January and February 2026 supporting Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota programs and the maintenance of our historic C.S.P.S Hall.

**GENERAL FUND** **TOTAL \$1,635**  
Under \$99: **Bryan Bergh; Sokol Camp Association (Slovo); Wayne Zbytovsky.**

\$100-\$499: **George Hoffman; Mighty Cause; Mikulas.**

**LEGACY FUND** **TOTAL \$7,297**  
Under \$99: **Mary Edel-Joyce (In memory of Frank Busta).**  
\$100-\$499: **Pamela Kotval (In Memory of Arlene Hamernik); Sokol Camp Association (Boiler Fund).**

\$500-\$999: **Kenneth Mowll.**

\$1000-\$9999: **Joe Landsberger.**

**IN KIND DONATIONS:**

**Joe Landsberger (177 Books); June McKinney (Lithograph )**

## Montgomery Celebrated 26th Annual *Masopust*



by Jean Keogh

Montgomery, Minnesota, celebrated its 26th annual *Masopust* on February 15, at the historic Rustic Farmer Revival on Main.

The Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Adult Dancers (left) entertained the crowd with traditional dances.

Czech concertina music, traditional food, and a silent auction brought visitors from all across Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Demonstrations were given at the end of their performance and many participated, including the visiting royalty. Visiting royalty included Ashlee Hanson, Miss Czech-Slovak Wisconsin, royalty representing Montgomery Kolacky Days, Lonsdale Community Days, Le Center Saint Patrick's Day, Le-Sueur-Henderson, and Jordan Heimatfest.

Visiting dignitaries included representatives from the Slavic Experience and Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul to the Czech Republic in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota.

Isaak Worm, the 2025 *Masopust* King, served as the emcee and crowned the 2026 *Masopust* King, Evan Skluzacek.

The Montgomery Lions presented outgoing King Worm with a \$500 scholarship.

Everyone is welcome back to Montgomery for the eighth annual May Day raising of a traditional Maypole and celebration on Maay 3.

*Uvidíme se tam.*

**8th Annual  
May Day *První máj* Pole Raising  
and  
Traditional Ribbon Dances  
Sunday, May 3, 2026  
Noon - 5 p.m.**

Heritage Park, Montgomery, MN

Program, local food and beverage vendors, and more.

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## 96<sup>th</sup> SOKOL CAMP BOOYA PICNIC

19201 Woodland Acres South, Pine City, Minnesota

**Sunday, August 9, 2026  
Noon - 4 p.m.**

**Great food, live music, folk dancers,  
children's games, and great fun!**

**Come one and all to the  
96th Sokol Camp Booya Picnic,  
at Sokol Camp, Pine City**

The Sokol Camp building has been a treasure for over one hundred years. To maintain the Camp's structure, grounds and shoreline, Sokol Camp Association hosts an annual fundraising picnic.

To honor our cultural roots, dancing and musical guests include the Lipa Slovak Dancers and guitarist and vocalist Dave Carlson. In addition there will be live bingo, a 50-50 board, pull tabs, and carnival games.

Please mark your summer calendars now. We welcome you, your family, and friends to this highly anticipated annual event.

If you are interested in tent set up, food preparation, food and beverage serving, or other jobs, please contact Kari or Scott at 763-226-0313 or 612-387-9274.

Thank you, Sokol Camp Association  
Picnic Co-Chairpersons

**We're excited to  
Announce**

**WE ARE CHANGING OUR  
PAGEANT DATE**

The Miss Czech Slovak MN Pageant will now be on September 19<sup>th</sup>  
as part of the Dozinky Days Festival

Location will be announced on a later date

Pageant Website

*Beyond the World of Men: Women's Fiction of the Czech Fin de Siècle* edited and translated from the Czech and German by Geoffrey Chew. Karolinum Press: Prague, 367 pages, 2024. Available at bookstores and libraries.

*Beyond the World of Men: Women's Fiction of the Czech Fin de Siècle* is a fascinating collection of short stories by overlooked women. They were published at the turn of the century, with nineteen of the twenty-four stories dating from 1890 to 1910. Varying in topic, length, and style, the pieces focus on pivotal issues of the time, including women's positions and rights, class conflict, suicide, seduction, a lesbian affair, and the relationship between the aristocracy and differing levels of peasantry.

Although it is hard to choose favorites, the two-page story "Talk about Nothing, No. 5," stands out because of its luscious descriptions: "It was early morning; in the smithy, iron was sounding reveille, larks were flying from the forest and bees from their hives, and in a garden they had poppies, blooming blue. The night had been beautiful; fruit had ripened in it, and the air was scented with the fruit." The lack of plot puzzled me. However, the next story, "Talk about Nothing, No. 14," took a different tack, viewing the same scenery with a darker lens.

In "Solitude," a widow falls for a man and has the opportunity to choose between solitude and the freedom that single life entails or the advantages of marrying into the privileged local gentry.

"He Kisses Your Hand" demonstrates the whims and arbitrariness of the aristocracy in handling their tenants. A young



man who has recently found favor with the local countess is sentenced to fifty lashes for hitting his father when he found him beating his mother.

In an intriguing piece, "Confirmed Bachelors," the lives of three brothers are remarkably changed when a dowry chest is left in their care as collateral on a debt. The trunk is filled with bonnets, lacework, linens, bodices, pinafores, and dainty shoes.

An informative introduction and author biographies enhance the book. It was common for these talented authors to have married young and to a relative. Several attained successful positions, even if their spouses did not support their writing and other career activities. Their stories are linked by the injustice of patriarchal society and the restrictions of women's writing to domestic scenes and female concerns. Together the writings indicate why the democratic First Republic (1918-1938) was so important to Czechoslovakians, especially women.

Gwen is coordinator of the Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures book discussion group. Literary Ventures is cosponsored by the Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, and the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic/Minneapolis.

Find information and updates at [cs-center.org](http://cs-center.org) or contact [gwen@cs-center.org](mailto:gwen@cs-center.org)

Join Literary Ventures at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 18, to discuss *The Book of Prague: A City in Short Fiction* edited by Ivana Myšková and Jan Zikmund.

## International Festival of Minnesota (IFest-MN)

The Festival of Nations was dissolved in 2019 and is replaced with the first annual International Festival of Minnesota (IFest-MN), on Friday, April 10, through Saturday, April 11, at the Saint Paul RiverCentre.

On Friday, April 10, school students are scheduled from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Open to the public on Friday, April 10, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

The cafe booth needs eight volunteers per shift, and if possible, one person comfortable each shift with using the Square for credit cards.

Sign up with your family and friends at the cafe booth. Folk dress is encouraged for servers out front with customers to wear a *kroj*. Aprons, hats, and head wreaths are available for people working in the back.

Volunteers get a free entrance ticket, the shifts are short, so you can also enjoy hours at the festival.

### Sign up for one or multiple shifts at the cafe.

When signing up to volunteer for one or multiple shifts at the cafe, go to: <http://www.sokolmn.org> and click on events, click on all events, and indicate in the comments box if you need a ticket, if so where to mail it to, if you need a folk costume to wear, and if you will be running the square app for credit card purchases.

Questions? Contact: [festival@sokolmn.org](mailto:festival@sokolmn.org)

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## MSPIFF45 Screens April 8-19

45th anniversary edition of the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival (MSPIFF45) takes place April 8-19 at The Main Cinema, 115 SE Main Street, Minneapolis. <https://mspfilm.org/mspiff45/>



**Broken Voices/Sbormistr** (2025) Ondrej Provozniak, director. Czechia-Slovakia. 106 minutes. In Czech and English.

Thirteen-year-old singer Karolína joins her sister in an elite girls' choir, where a demanding choirmaster's influence shapes her dreams. As she strives for recognition, dark undercurrents emerge in this competitive musical world. **Wednesday, April 15, 2:10 p.m. and Friday, April 17, Friday, 2:20 p.m.**

**Secret Delivery/Tichá pošta** (2025) Ján Sebechlebský, director. Czechia-Slovakia-Serbia. 96 minutes, In Czech and German.

In WWII's snowy Giant Mountains, children help a French pilot escape by moving him between villages. They face enemy soldiers, traitors, and harsh winter. Based on real events at the end of the German occupation. **Sunday, April 12, 1:50 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 11:05 a.m.**

**Father/Otec** (2025) Tereza Nvotová, director. Slovak-Czech-Polish. 102 minutes. In Slovak.

A devoted father faces devastating guilt after his daughter dies of "forgotten baby syndrome." The film explores themes of trauma, negligence, and forgiveness following a tragic, true-story-inspired event. **April 16, Thursday, 2:05 p.m. and Friday, April 17, 11:50 a.m.**

**As a financial supporter of MSPIFF45, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota's members can purchase discounted tickets to the films.**

When purchasing tickets, the prompt to enter the code is the first step at checkout. \$17 general admission tickets become \$13.

Discount code is **CZSKMSPIFF45** at <https://mspfilm.org/mspiff45/>

# Czech Honorary Consul News

April 2026

On Friday, March 6, twelve students from the New Country School in Henderson visited C.S.P.S. Hall. Their first stop, promptly at 9:30 a.m., was the office of the Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, where they learned that Czechia is located in the very heart of Europe, that red/white/blue are the colors in the flags of 29 nations, and much more!

They each received *The Czech Republic at a Glance*, a 40-page booklet which lists the 14 regions and the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Czech Republic, as well as a short history, important national events, important individuals, traditional Czech brands such as Moser (glass), Budweiser Budvar (beer), Škoda (autos), and Baťa (shoes); as well as a short description of the investment environment in the Czech Republic. They also learned about the four Czech Honorary Consuls that have served here in Minnesota: Charles E. Proschek served 1928-1948, Josef A. Mestenhauer (1998-2008), Robert E. Vanasek (2009-2014), and myself, Marit Lee Kucera (2015 to present). It was a delight and an honor to meet all these students. Particular recognition goes to Ashlynn (the student organizer of this trip, who wanted her classmates, grades 7 to 12, to know about the country



of her Czech heritage): Alyssa, Braxton, Dakota, Emmet, Kada, Lainey, Mazzy, Oliver, Sanna, Sam, and Savannah.

Teacher Paul Jaeger (who took this picture in the Honorary Consul Office) accompanied the students, as well as drove the bus from Henderson, which is located at the western edge of Czech Country Minnesota, about 17 miles straight west from New Prague, and an hour's drive to Saint Paul.

Look for the rest of the story of this special visit to C.S.P.S. Hall in the article Sally Lieberman, Education Director for Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, is writing for the May issue of *Slovo*. A host of Sokol Minnesota volunteers made it a truly memorable experience for the students and also for the Sokol members who helped produce the several events on March 6, 2026, for these students.



Remembering a highlight of the Minnesota Consular Corps in 2025. It was a beautiful fall afternoon last September 18 when the Minnesota Consular Corps enjoyed the hospitality of the Governor of the State of Minnesota at his residence on Summit Avenue in Saint Paul. Minnesota First Lady Gwen Walz and Governor Tim Walz (center first row) were joined by honorary consul members; career diplomats from Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, and United Kingdom, plus Minnesota Trade Office officials for this picture.



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### Sokol Minnesota Volunteer Opportunities

- **IFest-MN** cafe booth at the RiverCentre, April 10 and 11, see page 6 for information on how to volunteer.
- **Looking for an accountant** familiar with Quickbooks, contact: [finance@sokolmn.org](mailto:finance@sokolmn.org)
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**XXIII CONVENTION**

For status of events scheduled for the C.S.P.S. Hall, check our calendar at [sokolmn.org/at-our-hall/hall-calendar/](http://sokolmn.org/at-our-hall/hall-calendar/)

## Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota *SLOVO* April 2026



# Outdoor

Spring Cleanup at the C.S.P.S. Hall  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**10-11a.m.**

Sokol Minnesota Youth Link teens invite Sokol families of all ages to join them as they pick up litter around the C.S.P.S. Hall grounds. Interested in volunteering with the clean up contact: [youths@sokolmn.org](mailto:youths@sokolmn.org) or teens sign up with your class instructor. Gloves and bags will be provided.




## 28th annual Children's Czech and Slovak Cultural Day Camp



June 15 - 19 **2026**  
 C.S.P.S. Hall 383 Michigan St., Saint Paul

Register: [www.sokolmn.org](http://www.sokolmn.org)

# Cultural Landscape

In the Czech and Slovak  
**LANDS**  
 (the forest feeds us more than food)