CZECH AND SLOVAK
Sokol
MINNESOTA

Providing fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs

SLOVO

November 2026
vol. 49 no. 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

December/January *Slovo* articles
due November 1
Expected publication: Early December

Sokol Singers
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon
First and Third Tuesdays
November 4 and November 18

Sokol Gift Shop
Open on
Small Business Saturday
Saturday, November 28,
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
or by appointment
giftshop@sokolmn.org

2027 New Year's Dinner *Svíčková* Dinner
Saturday, January 23,
5 p.m.
See page 8

C.S.P.S. HALL LEGACY FUND

We ask for your support for maintenance and renovation to C.S.P.S. Hall as we celebrate the Hall's 139th year.

Contact Joyce Tesarek to discuss your tax-deductible donation at finance@sokolmn.org

Thank you!

Write ***Legacy Fund*** in the check's memo line.
Mail to **C.S.P.S. Hall Legacy Fund. Attn: Treasurer**

Or donate online: **www.sokolmn.org**

Annual Czech and Slovak Minnesota Membership Meeting and Exhibit on Friday, November 13, at the C.S.P.S. Hall

(NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING)

Board of Directors meeting 6 p.m. Annual membership meeting 7 p.m., with election of officers, membership anniversaries, retiring BOD, and leadership recognition. After the membership meeting stay for the exhibit and social time with refreshments.

Holiday Breakfast, Craft, and *Koláče* Bake Sale





Price
$12 Adult;
$6 child 10 and under;
$30/family of 4
Pancakes
and all the fixings
Public welcome
No breakfast reservations needed
To reserve a craft table:
activities@sokolmn.org

Sunday
November 22 2026
9 a.m. - Noon
Hosted by
Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota
C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St.

Pre-order *koláč!*
Apricot, cream cheese, cherry, or poppy *koláč*
$2 each
Prepay: credit/debit card
www.sokolmn.org/cc/
Prepaying your *koláč* order by check
text/call: 651-210-0401
Prepaid *koláče* orders must be received by Tuesday, November 17

Sokol Children's Holiday Party

7 p.m. Friday, December 4 2026

Hosted by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota at the C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St., Saint Paul



Sokol families and friends are invited to a program of song and dance by the *Taneční Mládež* and *Taneční* Teens. Louise Wessinger, Dance Director.

Visit from: St. Nicholas (*Svatý Mikuláš*), angel (*anděl*), and devil (*čert*).

Performance by: Sokol Czech and Slovak Singers. Don Haselbauer, Music Director.

Prezidentův komentář/President's Notes by Bob Kotek



Bob Kotek

Greetings to all readers of this issue of the *Slovo*! It is the pleasure of the *Slovo* team to produce our monthly newsletter to be a consistent source of information for the Czech and Slovak community.

What a month it has been with so much effort by many, many volunteers engaged to orchestrate another successful Czech & Slovak Festival! Festival chair, Joyce Tesarek, provided the ever present leadership to pull it all together for the hundreds of people in attendance. Wonderful Czech and Slovak cuisine prepared by our volunteer chefs in the kitchen, *jitrnice* (Czech sausage) produced by Forster Catering and Sausage by Cynthia, Slovak sausages from Kramarczuk's Sausage Co., *koláče* and other treats also from our resident *koláče* bakers, Czech *pivo* (beer), entertainment inside the hall and outside, craft sellers, kids games, information booths and Sokol Minnesota Youth Link sales. An historic exhibit on the third floor traced the C.S.P.S. Hall storefront tenants and the silent auction on the second floor showcased the many donated items for Sokol's fundraising. This is not an all inclusive list but I think you get a good feel for the many activities available, truly something for everyone!



Joyce Tesarek Czech & Slovak Festival chair will have the complete article from the 27th annual Czech & Slovak Festival in the December/January *Slovo*.

Sokol Minnesota also had a special guest in attendance for the festival. Mr. Karel Pažourek, Deputy Head of Mission and Head Consular Section, Consulate General of the Czech Republic/Chicago attended and spent a good portion of his time meeting with people of Czech origin for official business.

I would personally like to thank everyone who stopped by to say "hello" as I was busy frying the *langoš* in the food area. I appreciate the support of our membership and the community as a whole!

The Sokol Minnesota annual membership meeting will be held Friday, November 13, at 7 p.m. at the C.S.P.S Hall. *Nazdar!*

November 13, showing from the Czech & Slovak Festival exhibit.

From Picha's Saloon to Pho Hay To
Storefront Tenants of the C.S.P.S. Hall, 1888-Present

View the exhibit after the Sokol Minnesota's Annual Membership Meeting at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Sokol Minnesota Thanks Donors

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

GENERAL FUND: Under $99: Wayne Zbytovsky.
LEGACY FUND: $100-$499: Cory Butler; and **Marge Norling** (in memory of Lillian Bednar).
IN KIND DONATIONS: Mary Cahill (in memory of Val Kuisle: Czech glassware for the Sokol gift shop). **Jake Jacobson** (Festival no-parking street signs). **Rachel Erickson Schramel** (children's dance shoes). **Glynis Grostephan** (Trunks with Treats Harvest Fest).

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 or www.facebook.com/sokolminnesota

Use this QR code to go to sokolmn.org

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota 2026 BOD (Board of Directors)

President
Bob Kotek

Vice President
Fred Simon

Recording Secretary
Aaron Mislivec

Corresponding Secretary
Denise Stibal

Treasurer
Paula Cihla-Sexton

Sergeant at Arms
Linda (Ludmila) Maxey

Directors at Large
Markéta Pálková
Don Haselbauer

Membership Director
Steve Ernest

Budget and Finance Committee
Joyce Tesarek, Chair

Activities Director
Jean Draheim

Educational Director
Sally Lieberman

Rental Committee
Markéta Pálková, Chair

Publicity Director
Tereza Treanor

Board of Instructors, both Women's and Men's Physical Directors
Jason Brozovich

Building and Property Trustees Committee
Dave Stepan, Chair

Gaming Manager
Steve Shimer

Telephone: 651-290-0542

Past issues of *Slovo* and Hall Calendar of Events: www.sokolmn.org

Sokol Minnesota Member News

Welcome new arrivals! Congratulations to all! Congratulations to Sokol member **Tereza Treanor** and her husband Chris, on the birth of their son Oliver.

Sokol members **Carissa and Dylan Freeland** on the birth of Walter, who joins his siblings Victoria and William.

Sokol member **Kate Aubrecht Gilman** and husband Jes on the birth of Josef, who joins his sibling Joshua.

Sokol member **Tom Aubrecht's** daughter Jennifer Aubrecht Massey and husband David on the birth of Piper, who joins her brother Lucas.

Congratulations to **Katka Svensson** who was one of 15 qualifiers representing Czechia at the Backyard Ultra World Team Championship on October 17. The race took place at the chateau in Holesov, Czech Republic, where Katka ran 228 Kilometers (personal record) in 34 hours.

Sokol's Gymnastics Classes Are Off to a Great Start



Pictured here with Coach Claire and Coach Amari are our Tuesday evening advanced and competition girls.

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota gymnastics classes started mid-September. Coaches and gymnasts are excited for another year of learning and teaching new skills, making new friends, and having fun.

Gymnastics classes are available for ages 4-18, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at the C.S.P.S. Hall. No experience necessary and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Board of Instructors, Men's and Women's Physical Director Jason at fitness@sokolmn.org



Active since 1896, Sokol USA will host the XXIX Sokolfest in 2027.

The organization is a fraternal organization serving its members with physical fitness programs as gymnastics it's main sport, cultural activities, and life insurance.

The multi four day celebration features gymnastics, volleyball competitions, fitness challenges, fun bowling, social gatherings, and outdoor *Slet* performances.

Bringing Czech Home: A Teacher's Journey to Prague

by Luboš Mareš

For teachers like me, keeping the Czech language alive far from the Czech Republic is more than a classroom responsibility. It is a way of helping children and adults remain connected to their families, traditions, and cultural roots. Attending a two-week course on Czech-language teaching methodology in Prague was therefore far more than professional training; it gave me an opportunity to bring new energy back to the community I serve as a Czech language teacher at Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota.



The course, which took place from August 24 to September 4, 2026, provided 60 hours of intensive instruction. Participants were divided into two groups: educators who teach adults and young people in traditional expatriate communities and teachers who work with children in Czech Schools Without Borders or similar programs. This distinction mattered because every age group learns differently, particularly when Czech is not the language that the students hear every day.

In my own teaching, I have seen both the enthusiasm of students who want to understand their heritage and the difficulty of sustaining that interest with limited time and resources. In Prague, I learned practical, modern methods for making lessons more interactive and effective. Visits to institutions connected with Czech language and literature also gave me fresh ideas and materials that I can adapt for classes here in Minnesota.

Before the course, I applied through the Czech government's online portal with the support of Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, which explained how my participation would benefit its educational and cultural work. A commission of Czech public institutions selected participants partly based on how we planned to use the knowledge after returning to our communities.

I returned home to Minnesota not only with new teaching techniques, but also with stronger connections to Czech institutions and fellow educators from around the world. I am now turning that experience into lively lessons that help students speak Czech with greater confidence and understand why the language matters.

For me, the course was ultimately an investment in the next generation and also in the future of Czech culture beyond the country's borders.



Czech & Slovak Festival Baking with Members and Out-of-Town Guests

Over the course of 10 hours, and a few shift changes, volunteers rolled dough, proofed the dough, filled dough wells with a variety of four fillings, egg washed then sprinkled the tops of each *koláče* with crumble, and baked until golden brown, followed by the long wait of cooling before packaging in individual compostable bags.

(Left) Bob Mislivitz (father of Sokol member Aaron Mislivitz) from Montana, volunteered to bake koláče while in Minnesota visiting his family and also attending a variety of fall festivals. Bob had his hands in every step of the baking process; he is proud to say he can now add *koláče* baker to his résumé.



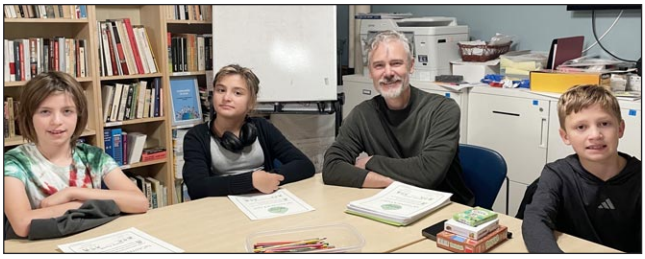
Eric Mislivitz (Aaron's brother visiting from Philadelphia), Roger Green, and Mary Benedict rolling sweet dough balls for the filling and baking crew in the kitchen.

Sokol *koláče* bakers were Mary Benedict, Roger Green, Pam Langworthy, **Doreen McKenney**, Judy Metcalf, Bob Mislivitz, Eric Mislovitz, Richard Sargent, Joan Sedlacek, Denise Stibal, **Joyce Tesarek**, Penny Tesarek, Kathy Wesse, and Wayne Zbytovsky. Special thanks to Ed Hamernik for ordering and picking up the 50-pound tub of poppy seed from our supplier in Wisconsin, and to Joyce Tesarek for supplying lunch for all the volunteers.

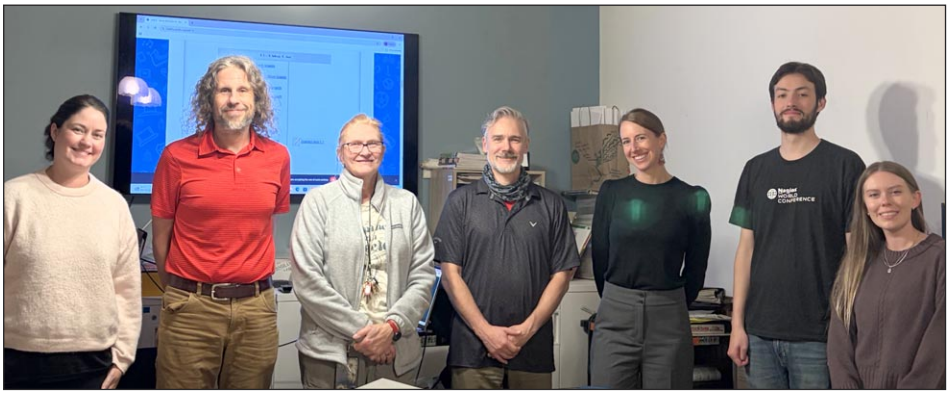
Sokol bakers are so grateful for the new convection oven, which cuts baking time in half for the 160 dozen *koláče* that were baked for the Czech & Slovak Festival. **If your favorite flavor of *koláče* sold out before you could buy one at the festival, you can pre-order and pick-up at Sokol's Holiday Breakfast with *Koláče* Bake and Craft Sale on Sunday, November 22.**

Sokol's Language Classes at the C.S.P.S. Hall

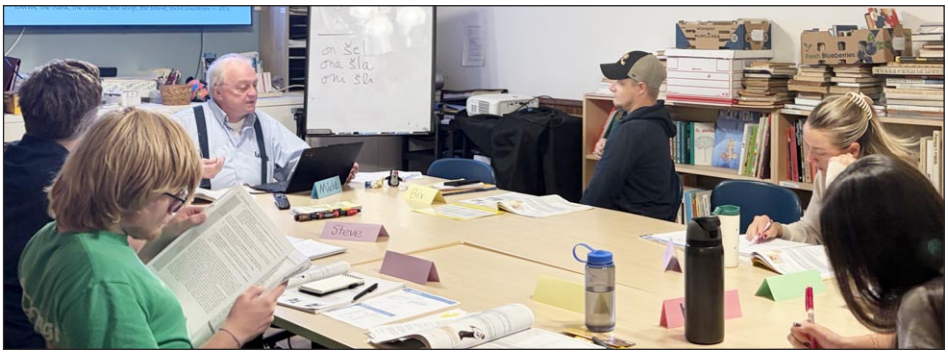
Education Director Sally Lieberman is pleased to announce that the Czech and Slovak Language Classes for adults and children started it's 2026-2027 Fall trimester studies. Sally organized over 40 students, six teachers, and seven Czech and Slovak classes from beginners to those continuing to a higher level, virtual and in-person.



Saturday morning Beginning Czech for Children taught by Luboš Mareš.



Instructor Luboš Mareš (center) with students in the Beginning Czech Year One, In-Person class.



(Left) Beginning Czech Year Two/Three In Person students and Instructor Michael Trittipo.

37th Czech & Slovak Festival Silent Auction

by Denise Stibal, Chair

The Silent Auction was again a fun and successful event!

Thanks to our individual Sokol members and local businesses.

We raised approximately $2,475 with 53 donations from individuals and local businesses.

Special thanks to Penny Tesarek who helped set up the event on Saturday and was cashier on Sunday and also to Julie Feola for her help the day of the festival. And a special thanks to Roger Green who contacted many of the local businesses for donations.

Please support the following businesses listed who donated gift cards and/or merchandise:

620 Club, Cantus Vocal Ensemble, Czech Sis Kitchen, Casper's and Runyon's Nook, De Gidio's Restaurant & Bar, Euro Garden, Eversharp, Falling Knife Brewing Co., R. Jelínek Spirits, Joint Chiropractic, Kramarczuk's Sausage Co., Mancini's Char House & Lounge, Minnesota Wild, Pho Hay To, Skinners Bar & Eatery, The Czech Baker, and Zamboni's on 7th.

From Picha's Saloon to Pho Hay To: Storefront Tenants of the C.S.P.S. Hall, 1888 - Present

2026 Festival Exhibit by Educational Director, Sally Lieberman

This year's Czech & Slovak Festival exhibition, held on the third floor of the C.S.P.S. Hall, featured about a dozen of the 30-plus businesses and organizations that have operated on the ground floor of the Hall since its early days. Businesses included grocery and butcher shops, a prohibition-era "soft drink parlor," an eye wash manufacturer, clothing stores, bakeries, restaurants, and more.



Educational Director Sally Lieberman and Ron Flynn, a descendant of the Cecka family, shared a story passed down from his Aunt Marie during the time the Cecka family resided street level behind the store in the C.S.P.S. Hall. Marie told of how difficult it was to sleep some Saturday nights, with all the hoopla going on when there were oompah dance bands playing just above their sleeping quarters.

A highlight of the day was a visit from descendants of the Cecka family, who owned West Side Electrical Supply in the east storefront in the 1920s and lived behind the shop for around four years before building and moving to a duplex on the north side of Saint Stanislav's church.

The exhibit saw over 200 visitors during the festival.

There will be another opportunity to view the exhibit Friday, November 13, after the annual Sokol membership meeting.



Guessing the weight of a canned produce item using a vintage scale, at the Grocers and Butchers display.



Joe Landsberger, one of Sokol Minnesota's Historians, was available to answer questions during the exhibit while selling his book, *The Origin Story of Fort Road/West Seventh Street, the Township/City of Saint Paul, the Territory/State of Minnesota, Glacial Age Forward.*

C.S.P.S. Hall Front Window Display



After a Saturday morning children's dance practice in late September, siblings Evelyn and Gavin eagerly accepted an invite from Doreen McKenney, to change Sokol's front window from summer to fall decor for the Czech & Slovak Festival. Next time you walk past the front window at the C.S.P.S. Hall, take a look at the fine job these two children did decorating the space. Evelyn and Gavin had such a great time that they volunteered to change out the window after dance practice at the end of November to showcase Czech and Slovak holiday traditions before the Children's Holiday Celebration.

Mikulášská besídka česky a slovensky

Saturday, December 5

Family Potluck, 3 p.m.

for Czech and Slovak Families

Sokol's Saturday Children and Teen Dance Classes

As most of you know on Saturday mornings at the C.S.P.S. Hall during the school year, you will find Dance Director Louise Wessinger teaching dance classes to children and teens, both to returning and to new students.



Sokol's children's Saturday morning practice. In back: Sara, Dance Director Louise Wessinger, and Emily Fiamova.

Right after the Czech & Slovak Festival, new students were invited to join the two dance groups offered through Sokol Minnesota programing. The returning and new children's dancers started off by learning a new dance called *Černá Vlna* (the black wool), a traditional Czech folk dance originating from the Valaško (Wallachia) region of northeastern Moravia. Louise's returning assistants are Emily Fiamova, Anna Hester, and Katka Svensson.



Sokol's teen Saturday morning practice with Dance Director Louise Wessinger.

Teen dancers also learned a new dance taught by Anna called *Horehronský Čardáš* (circle dance), a Slovak folk dance originating from the Horehronie region in the upper valley of the Hron River in central Slovakia.

Renáta Tichá and John Topic also returned this year to assist with the teen group.

If your child is interested in joining the children's or teens dance group, contact Louise: louisewessinger47@gmail.com

Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures

On Saturday, September 19, the Literary Ventures book club discussed *Women's Artistic Dissent: Repelling Totalitarianism in Pre-1989 Czechoslovakia* by co-authors Brenda Flanagan, Ph.D., and Hana Waisserova, Ph.D., who were in Minnesota to discuss their book the night before at an event sponsored by Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota.

After Literary Ventures book discussion, Pam Langworthy and Richard Sargent shared lunch with the guest speakers before driving them to New Prague for an afternoon of festivities at the New Prague *Dožinky* Festival.

The Czech and Slovak Literary Ventures book club discussion group welcomes everyone for small-group informal discussions held both virtually and in-person, in the classroom at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

Discussions are cosponsored by the Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota, Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, and the Office of the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic/Minneapolis.



Front row: Hana Waisserová, Brenda Flanagan, and Claire Press.
Back row: Pam Langworthy, Richard Sergeant, Jake Jacobson, Bonnie Oldre, Kristy Simmons, and Sam Simmons.

Join Literary Ventures to discuss *Mule Boy* by Andrew Krivak on Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. - noon.

Czech Studies in Prague by Sarah Langridge

I had the opportunity to attend Charles University in Prague over the summer through the Summer School of Slavonic Studies (LŠSS) program. This was a four-week intensive program where the students learned the Czech language through the public universities and provided opportunities like lectures, tours, and even field trips to explore the history and culture of Czechia. Before classes started, we were tested to determine our proficiency in Czech before being designated a language level. These classes ran in the morning for about five hours, then they always had an activity that you could sign up for after class. Some of the activities I did with the program included touring Old Town Hall and climbing the astronomical clock tower, touring Petřín and the Monastery, going to Karlštejn Castle, and visiting the National Gallery.

When I attended, I met many students from all over the world, including Taiwan, Sweden, Cuba, France, and more, and made many wonderful friendships over the course of the program. Besides the program's activities, I also explored the city with the students. We tried many different restaurants, took tours, attended a concert on the Charles Bridge, visited the National Museum, and took many long walks in Malá Strana. I must say, my daily step count had never been better.



I also went to visit other cities over the week-ends, including Karlovy Vary with its hot springs that you could drink from, and Český Krumlov with its storybook town and the second-largest castle in Czechia. This program was an incredible experience that gave me many memories and great friends. I hope I can inspire others to do this program as well.

Sarah Langridge, daughter of Sokol members Brian and Diana Langridge standing in the Great Hall where she received her certificate upon finishing the four-week LŠSS program at Charles University in Prague, followed by a celebratory dinner in the dorms.

Sixth Annual Trunks with Treats Harvest Fest

by SMYL advisors Glynis Grostepan/Doreen McKenney

Trunks with Treats Harvest Fest for families and friends of Sokol was held Saturday, October 24, 2026, in the parking lot of the C.S.P.S. Hall, sponsored by Sokol Minnesota Youth Link (SMYL) teens.

When children arrived at the event they received a welcome bag, after which they were able to play and receive prizes at various activity stations including Skee-Ball, spin the wheel for a prize, wheel of fate fortune telling, Jack-o'-lantern dice roll, Sponge Bob sponge bucket toss, Peanuts disc drop, hook a fish, Paw Patrol tic-tac-toe, bowling, cauldron stir, a photo op, and they received a special exit goodie bag full of treats.

Volunteers: Mary Cahill, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Dave Grostephan, Glynis Grostephan, Michael Grostephan, Bob Kotek, Marit Kucera, Doreen McKenney, Dave Stephan, and volunteer youths: Victoria Rose Schousek, Sylvie, and Isis.



Greeter Bob Kotek handed out welcome bags to kids.



Knocking down pins won the children a ring pop.



Skee-Ball roll for Skittles.



Volunteer youths Sylvie, Victoria Rose, and Isis.

Czech Honorary Consul News

November 2026

Karel Pažourek, Deputy Head of Mission, Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago, brought the new portable Czech biometric passport enrollment mobile workstation to Minnesota on September 27 (during the C&S Festival in Saint Paul) for Czech citizens to renew their passports. During the nearly ten hours he held office hours, he also helped Czech citizens with other official documents. This was the first time a Czech mobile workstation has been used in the United States. It is hoped a Czech Consular Day will become an annual event here in Saint Paul.





Mayor Nickolay, HC Kucera, and DHM Pažourek.

On Monday, September 28, Honorary Consul Kucera accompanied DHM Pažourek to New Prague to attend the dedication of the newly restored wall mural of the 1906 Bohemian Brass Band painted on the outside wall at 122 Main Street West. A 2026 grant to the Czech Heritage Club (CHC) from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed a third of the cost of the restoration. The mural, originally painted in the 1980s, had faded and needed restoring. CHC wanted to show its appreciation for the grant by having a Czech diplomat at the dedication.



(Above L-R) James Simon*, M. L. Kucera*, Josh Miller (building owner, Edward Jones advisor), New Prague Mayor Charles Nickolay, Violet Chromy*, DHM Pažourek, Gary Pikal*, Doris Coghill*, and Bruce Coghill*. * Czech Heritage Club members.



During the *Dožinky* Festival in New Prague on Saturday, September 19, Honorary Consul Kucera (center) greeted academic scholars and authors Hana Waisserová (University of Nebraska at Lincoln) and Brenda Flanagan (Davidson College in North Carolina), who had spoken about their new book, *Women's Artists Dissent, Repelling: Totalitarianism in Pre-1989 Czechoslovakia*, on Friday night for the Czech and Slovak Culture Center of Minnesota in Minneapolis and on Saturday morning for Literary Ventures at C.S.P.S. Hall in Saint Paul.



At German Unity Day (photo right) on October 3 at the German American Institute in Saint Paul, past and present Honorary Consuls gathered to celebrate. Counties represented: Czech Republic, Hungary, Chile, Lebanon, and Germany (3). Barbara Müller (row 2, right) is the current German Honorary Consul.



At the *Wencel* Fest (photo left) in New Prague on October 11, Kucera presented Violet Chromy with a special gift (a silk scarf commissioned by the Czech Foreign Ministry) for her lifelong dedication to preserving Czech culture and traditions, including starting this Festival three years ago.

Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic/
Minneapolis
for Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and
South Dakota

Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul
651-238-0447
minneapolis.honorary@mzv.gov.cz

SLOVO PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The *Slovo* is published ten times per year by Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota, a non-profit organization, 383 West Michigan Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. Phone: 651-290-0542.

Sokol Minnesota members receive the *Slovo* with their membership.

To receive your *Slovo* in color via email instead of the black-and-white mail version, contact slovo@sokolmn.org

Non-member *Slovo* subscription: $25 annually. Please include name, address, phone number, and email address with a $25 check payable to Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota; mail to *Slovo* at the above address.

The *Slovo* staff welcomes submissions.

Copy deadline for each issue is the first day of the prior month. Send news, articles, and pictures (uncropped) digitally to **slovo@sokolmn.org**

Advertising: For information on due dates and rates, please email slovo@sokolmn.org

Moving or temporarily away: Please notify us via email or USPS mail of your change of address to make sure you continue to receive the *Slovo*.

The *Slovo* is bulk mailed; non-deliverable copies are not forwarded or held by the post office. Non-delivered copies are returned to Sokol Minnesota and billed to us at the first-class mail rate. For this reason, we will not send issues until we have a current, correct mailing address on record for you.

Member volunteer *Slovo* staff:

***Slovo* management team:** Mary Cahill, Doreen McKenney, Kelly Rynda, and Joyce Tesarek.

Mailing: Mary Cahill and Joan Sedlacek.

Mailing/Email lists: Penny and Tom Tesarek.

Minnesota ad designer: Doreen McKenney.

Production layout: Mary Kucera.

Issue contributors: Mary Cahill, Bob Kotek, M. L. Kucera, Sarah Langridge, Sally Lieberman, Luboš Mareš, and Doreen McKenney.

Issue photographs, ads, or illustrations: Mary Cahill, Luboš Mareš, M. L. Kucera, Sarah Langridge, Doreen McKenney, Sally Lieberman, Anne Simon, and Tereza Treanor.

For more information: www.sokolmn.org

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota
383 Michigan Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
651-290-0542

Join the SLOVO Team

Volunteer position is needed for Sokol's *Slovo* newsletter publication as managing editor.

Contact: slovo@sokolmn.org

Annual Czech and Slovak Minnesota Membership Meeting.

Friday, November 13, 7 p.m.
Note Date Change

Annual meeting; election of officers; membership anniversaries, retiring BOD, and leadership recognition; plus social time with refreshments at the C.S.P.S. Hall.

E-blast Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

For Sokol's Latest News!

Join the E-blast List

Send your email address to publicity@sokolmn.org

sokolmn.org
events@sokolmn.org
Instagram: @sokolminnesota
facebook.com/sokolminnesota

For events scheduled for the C.S.P.S. Hall, check our calendar at sokolmn.org/at-our-hall/hall-calendar/

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 29 2026
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Street entrance, C.S.P.S. Hall
385 Michigan St., Saint Paul, MN

Svíčková Dinner

Hosted by: Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota • C.S.P.S.Hall, 383 Michigan St., Saint Paul, MN

Saturday
January 23 2027 5 p.m.

Svíčková s knedlíkem (beef in cream sauce with bread dumplings), dessert, and coffee. Beer, wine, pop available for sale.



(doors open 4:30 p.m.)
$40
per person

Prepay dinner online by January 15: credit/debit card go to, www.sokolmn.org/cc/