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Easter – decorated young birches in the middle of Old Town square - Prague

photo by Olga Mendel

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Sunday, 15 May, 2016: the dumpling meeting - a brief business meeting followed by Czech delicacies prepared for us by Bohemian Caterers. Fruit dumplings and koláče will be available for purchase. Before we eat, the chef will demonstrate how to prepare the main dish, Segedinsky goulash.

Sunday, 31 July, 2016: CSHA's annual picnic. This year the picnic will be held at the Red Eye Yacht Club, 2222 Poplar Road in Middle River. Join us there from 2-6 PM. For more information, see page 4

Sunday, 16 October, 2016: Our 30th Annual Czech and Slovak Festival. To celebrate 30 years we will be having some surprises, new events along with old favorite things such as authentic Czech and Slovak food and drink. Join us from noon to 6 pm at Tall Cedars Hall (Baltimore 45 Hall) on Putty Hill Ave. in Parkville.

Fridays throughout the year: Czech and Slovak languages classes for children aged 3 and up. Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 PM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Charles Street and Northern Parkway in Baltimore. The 2016 school year is well under way, but new students are welcome at any time. Call or email Margaret Supik, 410-662-9094, usupik@verizon.net, or Marketa Traband, 443-760-0971, marketa.traband@gmail.com for more information or to register your children.

Saturdays throughout the year: Why not consider learning Czech or Slovak? Or brushing up on what you already know? It really isn't as hard as you think! We have excellent teachers and beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. The 2016 Spring semester is coming to an end, but it isn't too early to think about signing up for a class in the Fall. For complete details, check our website: www.czslha.org or call Lois Hybl at 410-428-6012.

Mondays throughout the year: Czechs and Slovaks have a great musical heritage and *singing is an excellent way to improve your Czech or Slovak pronunciation and vocabulary*. Rehearsals for the Memorial Day program at the Bohemian National Cemetery will begin on Monday 25 April in the Choir Room at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. Rehearsals begin at 7 PM and conclude at 9 or earlier. All voice parts are welcome. Call or email Margaret Supik at 410-662-6094, usupik@verizon.net for more information.

HLAS: We would love to have your feedback about HLAS. Let us know your comments, ideas, or what you would be interested in reading about in the next issue. Please contact Margaret Supik at usupik@verizon.net or Olga Mendel at omendel@gmail.com

DUES AND BALLOT

Because of an oversight the dues form usually included in the Winter/Zima edition of HLAS was omitted. Thank you to those of our devoted members who noticed and sent in their dues anyway. Rather than incur the additional expense of a separate mailing, we decide to make sure that the form makes it into this issue. Membership dues make up more than half of CSHA's income and that is what we depend on to support CSHA and the programs we offer.

You will also find a ballot with this issue. Our Board and our officers are elected to two year terms.

Our Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of officers and board members whose names appear on the enclosed ballot along with spaces for writing in someone's name. Thank you to the Nominating Committee and to the officers and board members who agreed to continue in office of step up to fill positions as needed.

Please take a few minutes to fill out both of these forms, write your dues check and send them off soon. (Pennsylvania members should send dues to Barbara Wentling, but ballots should go to Alex Vanicky at the address given at the end of the ballot.



ADULT LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Enrollment has slightly declined again this fall. Fifteen students are enrolled. We are especially short of beginning Czech students and have no new Slovak students. Our one new Czech student decided to join the Czech Conversation class. We want to thank our dedicated teachers, Natalie Karlinsky (Slovak), Andrea Kletetschka (Intermediate Czech) and Iva Zicha (First Year Czech and Conversation), who continue to travel long distances to teach.

Iva Zicha has been teaching First Year Czech to two students in a private home in Takoma Park on Saturday afternoon for those students who prefer an afternoon class nearer their homes.

One homework assignment for the Intermediate Czech Class has been especially fun--watching Krtek and other animated Czech children's cartoons and reporting on them in Czech.

In spite of our small size, students want to continue our last day (April 9) custom of having a potluck lunch.

Again we welcome any ideas for involving more students in the adult language school. Contact Lois Hybl at 410-243-1710 or lhybl@verizon.net.



NEW PICNIC LOCATION

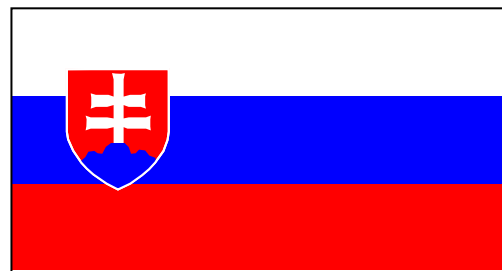
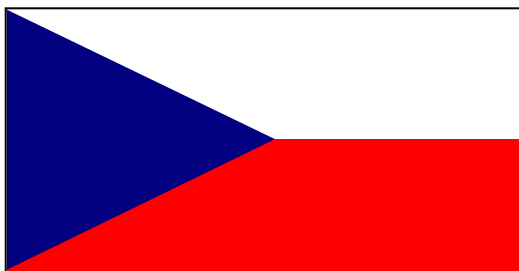


Join us at the Red Eye for our annual members' picnic on Sunday, July 31 from 2-5. Thanks to the good efforts of Rena and Bill Schuman we have been able to schedule the Red Eye Yacht Club as the location for our picnic. The water front location offers beautiful waterfront vistas as well as a comfortable, air-conditioned club house which sits on a beautifully landscaped waterfront parcel of land in Middle River fronting on Sue Creek.

CSHA will provide burgers and hot dogs, beer, wine and soft drinks and we count on pot luck dishes to round out the menu. A full bar will be available, on a cash basis for non-members. Last year's sing-along, accompanied by fujara and string bass, was a huge success. This is an event for all - children as well as adults. There will be something for everyone. Watch for driving directions and additional information in the next issue of HLAS.

30TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE for OCTOBER 16, 2016

By scheduling the 30th Annual Czech and Slovak Festival a little earlier in October we have been able to book the world famous folk band Pajtáši to perform for us. So, on **October 16**, come to Parkville and help us celebrate thirty years of bringing Czech and Slovak music, dancing, food and drink to the Baltimore area.



Pajtáši is an authentic Czech/Slovak folk band which makes its speciality folk tunes come alive for dancing. One of their featured instruments, the cembala, is rarely seen and heard here, but adds a unique sound to the captivating folk tunes of Eastern Europe. A dance group will accompany Pajtáši and perform some of the folk dances we love to watch. Another feature of the group's highly anticipated presentation will be an audience sing-long which will be scheduled towards the end of the day's festivities.

Of course the usual performers, the children's school singers, the Heritage Singers and the Sokol gymnasts will also be on hand. It will be a full schedule, but an unforgettable one. Don't miss out on it.

MAZANEC – TRADITIONAL CZECH EASTER BREAD

Recipe:

500 g unbleached flour
80 g sugar
½ tsp salt
pinch of mace (or 1 tsp vanilla extract)
250 ml milk, lukewarm
2 tsp dried yeast
120 g butter
3 egg yolks
60 g blanched almonds, roughly chopped
80 g raisins



In a large bowl, mix flour with salt and sugar. Make a well in the center and pour in half the milk. Add yeast and mix in a little of the flour mixture to make a sponge. Cut butter in slices and place them on top of the flour. Cover the bowl and let the mixture rise for about 20 minutes, or until the sponge starts to bubble. Mix egg yolks with the rest of the milk and add to the dough. Mix everything with a wooden spoon, then add raisins and almonds. Transfer to a large floured surface and mix with your hands until the dough becomes shiny and smooth. Return to the bowl, cover and let rise until it almost doubles in size, at least 1 hour.

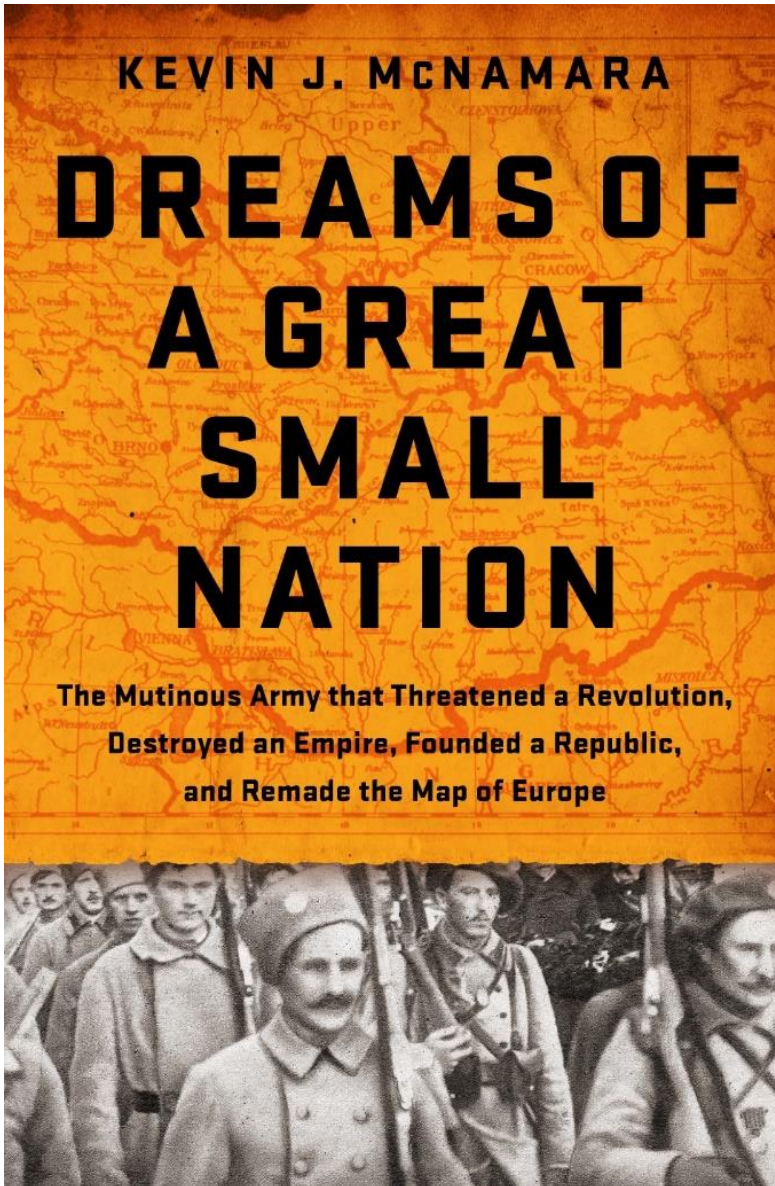
Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius (360 degrees Fahrenheit) Form a round loaf and place it on a baking sheet. Cover with a clean kitchen towel and let rise for about 1 hour more. Take off the bowl, score the bread with a cross and glaze with an egg white.

Bake for about 40 to 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Keep your eye on the bread as sweet breads burn rather easily. Let cool on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners sugar before serving.



DREAMS OF A GREAT SMALL NATION - COMING ON 29 MARCH

Kevin J. McNamara, Associate Scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia, is the author of a new book, *Dreams of a Great Small Nation*, which relates the dramatic events surrounding the 1918 founding of Czechoslovakia. In a March 5 email to me the author recounts that, “Winston Churchill, Leon Trotsky, Davis Lloyd-George, Teddy Roosevelt, W. Somerset Maugham, and Woodrow Wilson were among those who were quite literally amazed at the exploits of the men at the heart of this story – and they all said so. It would be a shame to let the world forget.”



Liberated from Austria-Hungary nearly 100 years ago, the Czech and Slovaks set about to build a US-style democracy out of the ruins of the post-World War I Hapsburg Empire which had tried for more than 300 years to deprive them of their language, their

history, their nationhood. *Dreams of a Great Small Nation* recounts the courage, the personal sacrifices and the achievements of the leaders of the then new nation of Czechoslovakia.

In anticipation of the March 29 release date of *Dreams of a Great Small Nation*, both Amazon and Barnes and Noble are offering discounts on pre-orders placed before March 29.

About the author:

Shortly after the fall of the Soviet Union **Kevin J. McNamara** followed the path taken by the Czecho-Slovak Legion and traveled almost 2,000 miles along the Trans-Siberian Railway. He was subsequently awarded research grants by the Earhart and Tawani Foundations to acquire and translate from Czech to English first-hand accounts by the men who had served in the legion. These had been published in Prague in the 1920s but were suppressed following the Nazi and Soviet conquests of Czecho-Slovakia.

A former journalist for Calkins Media Inc., and a former aide to the late U.S. Congressman R. Lawrence Coughlin, McNamara is an Associate Scholar of the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia, PA and a former contributing editor to its quarterly journal, *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*. He earned a B.A. in journalism and M.A. in international politics from Temple University, where he was a student of the noted military historian, Russell F. Weigley.

LEARN TO PLAY FUJARA IN WESMINSTER, MARYLAND

Bob Rychlik has been sharing the voice of the fujara with other people at more than 100 performances at Folk Festivals here and abroad. He has performed at the Kennedy Center, the US Library of Congress, the Slovak Embassy, as well as in St. Petersburg Russia. He has also appeared on Czech, Slovak and American TV and organized and taught fujara workshops in the US, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. He composes music for fujara and guitar, and is working on his second CD.

The fujara is a rare folk musical instrument from Slovakia possesses a very unique voice. Many say they will never forget hearing the fujara for the first time! It is a very large (up to 6 feet high) fipple overtone flute with 3 side holes and a parallel smaller tube, which supplies air to the top of the flute. The koncovka or overtone flute is a shorter flute without side holes. It is a perfect instrument for intuitive playing and for jamming blues.



Learn how to play the fujara and koncovka at the next **Common Ground on the Hill**, Traditions Week 1, in Westminster, Maryland. To register for the “Overtone flutes” course go to: <http://www.commongroundonthehill.org/> or email to: fujara@gmail.com.

Karlův Výtvarný koutek 1

Happy Easter:
enjoy creating Easter egg holder with me. All you need is toilet paper roll, pen, colored pencils or markers, scissors and your imagination.

Veselé Velikonoce:
dnes si se mnou můžeš vyrobit podstavec na velikonoční vajíčko. Budeš potřebovat jenom roličku od WC papíru, tužku, pastelky nebo fixy, nůžky a svoji fantazii.



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