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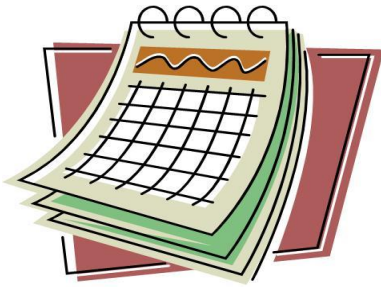
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Memorial Day in Baltimore

Photo by John Vanko

WHAT'S COMING UP for 2017-18?



Fridays throughout the year: Czech and Slovak language classes for children aged 3 and up are held from 6 to 7:30 PM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Charles St. and Northern Parkway in Baltimore. The 2017-18 school year will begin on 15 September. We would like to offer Slovak language classes as well and have identified a teacher who is eager to begin. Call or email Margaret Supik, 410-662-6094, supikova836@gmail.com, or visit www.cshamaryland.org for more information or to register your children.

Saturdays throughout the year: Czech and Slovak language classes for adults, the 2017-18 school year, will begin on 9 September. Why not consider learning Czech or Slovak? Or brushing up on what you already know? We have excellent teachers and beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. For complete details, check our website: www.cshamaryland.org or call Lois Hybl at 410-428-6012.

Mondays throughout the year: Czechs and Slovaks have a great musical heritage. Join the Czech and Slovak Heritage Singers on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM. Rehearsals for the Festival and the St. Nicholas program will begin on 11 September. All voice parts are welcome. Call or email Margaret Supik at 410-662-6094, supikova836@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday 22 October: 31st Annual Czech and Slovak Festival with Pajtasi, authentic and delicious food from Bohemian Caterers, vendors, displays, beer and fellowship. What's not to love?

Sunday 21 January: Our annual winter meeting. We haven't made a decision on a program yet, but we welcome suggestions from our members. Call or email Margaret Supik at 410-662-6094, supikova836@gmail.com with your ideas.

Sunday 20 May: The Dumpling Meeting. About 40 people enjoyed this year's feast and there were no leftovers. Don't miss out in 2018.

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 Olga Mendel at omendel@gmail.com or Margaret Supik at supikova836@gmail.com.

ED HORAK

Ed Horak has been part of the fabric of CSHA since its founding in 1989. When the late Milada Vanicek began offering Czech language classes in the basement of the rectory at St. Wenceslaus, Ed was there. In addition to his interest in the language, he evinced an interest in the history of Bohemia and Slovakia and developed a multimedia presentation which highlighted the struggle these small nations waged to preserve their languages. In the mid-90's he began editing HLAS after Dolores Gentes, who had succeeded Eva Slezak, relinquished the editorship. He continued to produce HLAS, and developed the masthead which we still use, up until about 2006.



Ed was an active participant in most of our CSHA activities until his health made it necessary for him to scale back. After moving to Charlestown he enlisted some of his new friends there to attend the Dumpling Meetings and help at the Festival. For many years he was the man in charge of beer and wine sales at our Festivals. In fact, the blue barrels he secured for icing the beer are still in use each October.

Before he retired Ed was a computer programmer for the Social Security Administration. At Charlestown he was known for his acting roles in the drama club presentations and as an artist and poet. In his 83 years of life he contributed greatly to his community, a community which is diminished by his loss, but richer because of his service.

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J. DONALD BENEDICT - AUGUST 24, 1933 – MARCH 20, 2017

J. Donald (Don) Benedict died at his home in Bel Air on March 20, 2017. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Wenceslaus Church on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Doris Jean (Skip) Moxley, sister Jo-Ann and brother Bob, many cousins and numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Born in Baltimore on August 24, 1933, he lived at 707 N. Collington Avenue, attended St. Wenceslaus School, Loyola High School and graduated from Loyola College. He enlisted in the US Army and after serving overseas returned to Baltimore and went to work for the Baltimore Sun part time as he attended Loyola College at night. He went on to study law at the University of Maryland.

CSHA thanks Don's family for their generous donation to the association.

JÁRA CIMRMAN CONQUERS AMERICA

About 60 people were lucky enough to attend the Baltimore presentation of *The Stand In (Záskok)* given on 28 April by the Prague based Cimrman English Theatre. The play, preceded by a seminar on Cimrmanology, is about the disastrous premier of a play by Cimrman called *Vlasta*. Who is this Jára Cimrman, you ask. Well, in a 2005 poll he was voted the “Greatest Czech.” Highly esteemed for his many important contributions to humanity, he is an intellectual, a philosopher, a poet, an inventor, a musician, a mathematician, and a prolific playwright. He has become quintessentially Czech and often quoted in ordinary conversations. He is also fictitious, the creation of Zdeněk Svěrák and Ladislav Smoljak who “discovered” the Cimrman legacy in the town of Liptákov about fifty years ago.

With a painted backdrop from Prague and local furniture, including a bed, the Parish Center at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen was transformed into a room in a fictional 1910 Czech town. Aided by an excellent translation to English, the professional actors were able to bring both the story and the spirit of Cimrman to life in Baltimore.

Thanks to the hard work of Dana Petran, her daughter, Dana Havlik and Karel Matejovsky, the Cimrman English Theatre company spent a pleasant day in Baltimore and put on an unforgettable performance of *The Stand In (Záskok)*.

The CAST: Curt Matthew, Adam Stewart, Peter Hosking, Brian Caspe, Michael Pitthan, Ben Bradshaw



Photos by Petr and Zuzana Justin

WHAT'S ŠPANĚLSKÝ PTÁČEK?

The answer to that question was provided at the Dumpling Meeting on 21 May when Jaroslav Kulich, of Bohemian Caterers, demonstrated the process of turning a piece of beef into a Spanish bird. Rolled around a quartered hard-boiled egg, a gherkin-type pickle and a few spears of red or green pepper, the beef *roláda* is braised and roasted. It is served with bread dumplings and gravy. Really delicious! And if that wasn't enough, we could also partake of *ovocné knedlíky* made with blueberries or with apricots or several kinds of *koláče*. After a brief business meeting, everyone got down to the real purpose for being there...Making sure there were no leftovers. That goal was easily achieved. And all without anyone having consumed any excess calories.



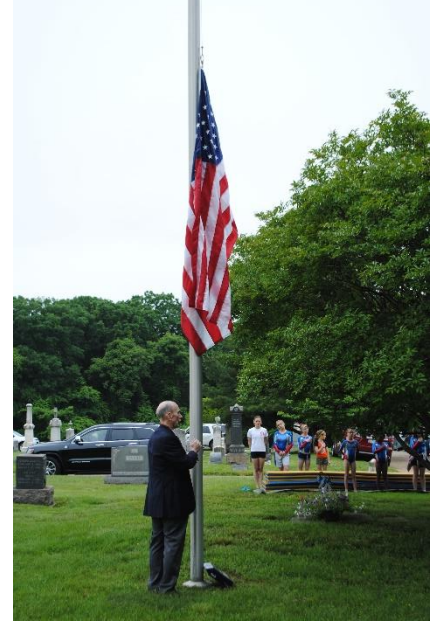
LANGUAGE SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

It's already time to begin thinking about next year. Both the children's and the adult language schools will begin the 2017-18 school year in September. It is helpful in planning if we have an idea of how many students we can expect and on which levels they will study. We'd like to know by August 1, if possible, who will be joining us for Czech and Slovak lessons. For your convenience we've included a registration form for the adult school with this issue of HLAS. The children's school registration form, and the adult one as well, can be found on our website www.cshamaryland.org Sign up soon, bring a friend, learning languages is fun and good for you too!

WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?



Memorial Day means many different things to all of us. It is the day the pools open, the day the grill comes out from under wraps and gets fired up, the unofficial start of summer. But it is also a day to remember and to honor those who are no longer with us but who touched our lives in ways we may never realize: the ancestors who made the, often dangerous, journey to Baltimore to begin new lives here, the soldiers who gave their lives so that we can enjoy our lives as Americans. It is this aspect of Memorial Day that is celebrated each year at the Bohemian National Cemetery.



CSHA ANNUAL PICNIC

On a day of record-breaking high temperatures, CSHA members gathered at the Red Eye Yacht Club in Essex for our annual picnic. Although outside there are gorgeous views of the marina and river, this proved to be a mostly indoor picnic with nearly all of the action taking place inside the air-conditioned clubhouse or on the shaded outdoor deck. Food and drink were plentiful, so was conversation, in both Czech and English. The last half hour found an impromptu singing group gathered around George Petran who accompanied the singers on his guitar. Board member Zuzka Justinova arrived with several pounds of delicious home-made coleslaw, Marty Vanicky manned the grill and turned out plentiful burgers, hotdogs, chicken breasts and kolbasa. German-style potato salad from the club's kitchen proved a popular item as did an array of home-baked goodies provided by Dana Petran and Viera Sabol. It seems fair to revive that old line: "a good time was had by all".



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