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31st Annual Czech and Slovak Festival



Photo by Olga Mendel



WHAT'S COMING UP for 2017-18?

Friday 1 December: a traditional Mikulášská for children of all ages. *Sv. Mikuláš, anděl a čert* will arrive at Cathedral at 7 pm to meet the children and distribute *balíčky*. All children are welcome; Please prepare \$5 per child not currently enrolled in school. RSVP is required, please contact Zuzana Justinová, zuzana73@gmail.com by Monday, 27 November.

Sunday 10 December: A program of traditional *koledy* will take place at 3 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church, 2111 Ashland Avenue in East Baltimore. A reception will follow.

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, 5200 North Charles St. and Northern Parkway in Baltimore. The second semester of the 2017-18 school year will begin on 5 January. Currently we have three levels of instruction from beginning to advanced Czech. 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 are offered at the Gribbin Centre on Bel Air Road in Parkville. The second semester classes will begin on 21 January. 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. All voice parts are welcome. Call or email Margaret Supik at 410-662-6094, supikova836@gmail.com for more information.

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, but we're thinking about pastries this year. *Koláče, buchty, bábovka* ... Let us know your favorites and don't miss this special meeting.

Sunday 28 October: The 100th Anniversary of the founding of the free state of Czechoslovakia. Planning is underway for a special celebration of this momentous event.

HLAS: We would love to have your suggestions for what to include in 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.

S PÁNEM BOHEM, MICHAEL,

CSHA sadly bids farewell to three of our outstanding members: Brigeta Krompholz, Michael Rokos, and Josef Kokes, each of whom was a valuable contributor to our organization and will be missed.

MICHAEL ERIK KROMPOLZ

On November 5, 2017 Michael Erik Krompholz, a retired mechanical engineer who loved history, classical music and travel. He was born in Austria and raised in Prague, Michael emigrated to the United States with his family in 1968. He was an active member and former president of the Czech and Slovak Heritage Association and of the Immaculate Conception Church, Towson. Beloved husband of the late Dr. Brigita M. Krompholz; devoted father of Dr. Ingeborg Damstra and her husband Daniel; loving grandfather of John, Conrad and Ella Damstra; dear brother of George Thomas (Clary) and the late Jan Krompholz. Visitation at the Immaculate Conception Church, 200 Ware Ave., Towson on Monday, November 13th from 10 to 11 AM with a Mass of Christian burial being celebrated at 11 AM. Private Interment in St. Monica Church Cemetery, Berwyn, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Gilchrist Hospice Care, 11311 McCormick Rd., Ste. 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

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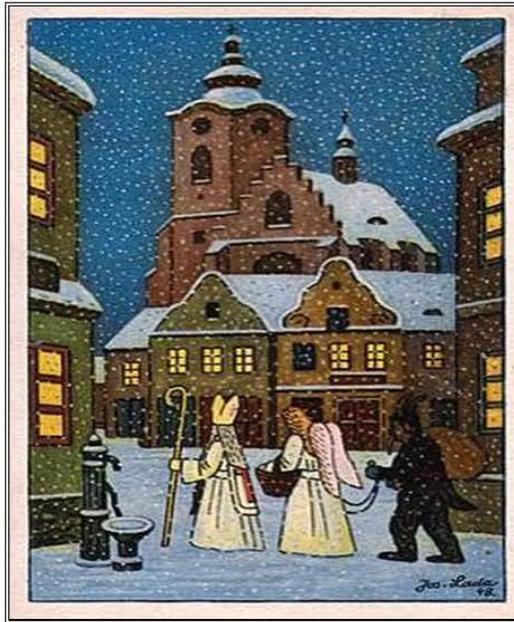
a retired professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, passed away on July 10 after a long illness. Brigeta was an intrinsic part of the successful CSHA presidency of her husband Mike. For all of the eight years of his term, she was right there with him. In the thick of festival baking, hosting visiting folk groups, arranging venues and trips we heard her encouragement and her unforgettable and infectious laugh. Ten musicians from Uherské Hradiště of course, she said, we can have them here. And we did just that. Five of them stayed in the Krompholz's home, they borrowed a minivan and a *cembalo*, and the group performed two very well-attended concerts in Baltimore and in Annapolis. Brigeta is survived by her husband Michael, their daughter Inge Damstra and three grandchildren.

CSHA extends our condolences and sympathy to the families of our departed members. We also extend our thanks for sharing your loved ones with us.

**Czech and Slovak Language School for Children
&
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is cordially inviting you to

Mikulášská



Friday December 1st, 2017 at 7 pm

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (Undercroft)
5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore

Mikuláš, Anděl, and Čert will make an appearance.
Each child will receive “balíček” (goody bag) from Mikuláš.

Cost: \$5 per child (no cost for language school students)

Registration is required: Please email names of children to
Zuzana Justinova (zuzana73@gmail.com) by Monday, November 27th.
Thank you!

THE FESTIVAL THAT ALMOST WASN'T by M. Supik, photos by Vanko, Havlik, Mendel

Despite a last minute change of location, made necessary by a scheduling glitch, our 31st Annual Czech and Slovak Festival turned out to be a big success. VFW Post 9083 in Parkville, although smaller than our usual venue, was able to accommodate a crowd of just over 300. Our caterers, Jaroslav and Zdenka Kulich, served their delicious *svíčková* and pork, sauerkraut and dumplings. Those who were lucky enough to get there early were able to buy whole dumplings and *kolače* to take home. The beverage of choice was, of course, *české pivo*; Dana Havlik, Dana Petran, Anna Losovsky, Olga Mendel provided lots of homemade pastries; hot dogs and bratwursts proved to be popular as well.

Music was again provided by Pajtasi, the well-known folk ensemble that played for us last year. They were the highlight of the afternoon. Here is what one of our good friends had to say about the musical experience he had at the Festival:



VČERA JSEM BYL U MUZIKY

by Vlad'a Jandásek

Actually it did not happen yesterday (včera) BUT on October 22nd. And it was great. The music was super. Long live Pajtasi from NY and their leader Braňo; George, and the sweet violonists, mother and daughter; and of course the cymbalist. I sat most of the time in the first row to soak up the unique performance that occurs here once a year thanks to the CSH Association of Maryland. A lot of people, young and old had a great time at the Čardaš dancing lesson that was conducted by a superb Slovak folk dancer from NY. Those included 3-year old Lucie Petran, 6-year old Nicole Iskra, and all, through the ages up to couples in their seventies! Many thanks to the dedicated organizers and helpers.

FOOD: *Kdo pozdě chodí, sám sobě škodí (It is too bad if you come late).* I came late and missed the Czech delight of Vepřo-Knedlo-Zelo. Fortunately there were the famous Binkert's hot-dogs. Next time, please, serve them on firm rolls.

PASTRY: *My wife bought poppy seed koláč to take away. We stretched eating it for a week and it was delightful. So were the cookies that were given away to us out of friendship.*

FOLK COSTUMES: *Many beauties selling their home-made pastry wore pretty folk costumes. So were some dancers like Simona who participated in teaching Čardaš, little Lucie and Nicole and Mr. Hybl who did not miss one round. And of course the music band. And some organizers. Who caught my eye was the costumed pastry chef Viera Sabol singing away and making dance steps behind her counter next to the music band while waiting for customers. That all contributed to the festive spirit. My heart goes to a pretty old doll in a folk costume whose name I do not know although I see her at every festival. When she was leaving the parking lot in her car I blew her kisses. I hope to meet her next time as I hope to meet all of the people again. Howgh!*

Zapadlý Vlastenec from Dover, Delaware, Vlad'a Jandásek. September 30th October 2017



Over the years, about 25 actually, our Festival has evolved along a pretty predictable path. We knew how many vendors we could accommodate, we knew the size of the dance floor, and when the beer could be delivered. Changing our location, especially at the last minute, required everyone to adapt, to quickly develop new ways of carrying out tasks that had become almost routine. But WE DID IT! Thanks to the hard work of our board members and volunteers, the festival that almost wasn't proved to be a big success. And thanks to our attendees for sticking with us even though the location was unfamiliar.



Special thank you goes to Dana Havlik who took a day off at work to bake and donate all this pictured pastry to CSHA

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to these members, who made donation to the association. January to November of this year:

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