



***Czech – Slovak – American  
Club of Tucson***

***Hlasatel – Newsletter – APRIL 2009***

***APRIL MEETING DATE CHANGE***

Please beware that due to unforeseen circumstances we had to change the next meeting date from the 2nd Sunday to **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (just this one)** and the meeting will be held **April 19th, 2009** at our usual **location: at 1330 S Mountain Ave.**

at 1:30 p.m. at **Knights of Columbus.**

Meetings will continue to be held at 1:30 p.m. at 1330 South Mountain View in Tucson on the 2nd Sunday of each month except in the summertime. **Please bring items to donate for the raffle and side dishes to complement the meal.** Having enough food is a priority. **Personal plates and trays are not allowed.** Czech and Slovak beers will be on sale.

**Volunteers for Setup/Cleanup Please**

Volunteers are appreciated to help at the monthly meetings to help set up the room as well as clean up afterwards. Please consider coming early to help and to make some new friends. We begin **setting up at noon.** Thanks to those that have been helping.

***WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD ON APRIL 19th:***

**Lunch** will be a special combination of “Easter HAM” with boiled potatoes prepared by Hana Kleteckova – single handedly, since Chef Ladi is going to be on “culinary spy trip” to China. (We certainly hope he will not convert completely to Asian cuisine. We need the “heritage food”).

**SPECIAL SIDE DISH** is actually going to be a **POTATO SALAD CONTEST.**

Why? How?

Many of you treasure your **special family potato salad recipe.** Instead of thinking and inventing a side dish, please think no more and “bring it on”. We would love to taste your family secret. You do not have to tell us the ingredients. ....Cause we want to live....

This way we can appreciate each other’s special side dish and we will have enough to accompany the ham.

We will need of course few other side dishes and desserts, so if you are not the “potato person” please bring something sweet.

## ENTERTAINMENT:

We will have a surprise for you. Small musical gathering of occasional Czechoslovak Folk songs performers by 2 Accordion players – Vladimir Foitik, Louis Graves from Illinois and – born and raised, recently Imported from Czech Republic - Petr Chylik – Your Club Vice president.

The concert will contain some 20-25 of most popular and known Czechoslovak traditional songs you would hear frequently on radio and TV and mainly at local pubs or private celebrations performed by local artists. All lyrics are in Czech and we will give you a brief synopsis of the content so you can feel better the spirit of the songs.

## PAST EVENTS:

Were we busy? Oh boy! Yes. Just few of us, but that is to inspire you all to help the Club to be more visible and more successful.

1. **EMAT** – both days weekend February 28 and March 1 at Foothills Mall our Club took active part of this annual event. Thanks to Lucia Cavallo and Petr Chylik –



main Bohemian Apple Strudel Bakers (30 loafs) and to Vera Masa – “Kouzelná Kolacková Babicka” – Magic Kolacky Granny - we had the typical pastries to offer to the visitors. Thanks to Linda Cerveny and Jack Simons, who helped us to “Man The Fort” both days we were able to make appearance among other 10 European Ethnic Clubs. We showed the Tapestry Project (Information on the facts and history of Immigrants coming from various European countries and contributing to Tucson Community) on the screen at our booth. We were also selling the “Heart of Europe” T-Shirt and the revised Cookbooks and Bouncing Czech CDs. The fund-raising “business effect” of the weekend was not a stunning success (although all Kolace and almost all Strudel found happy mouths), the “social effect”- sharing the spirit, acquiring new contacts and spreading the awareness helped us to balance the burdens of participation.



2. **TTT** – second Tucson Tennis Tournament – March 7 – mainly aimed to please and engage the younger Fellow Countrymen – brought together “7 Magnificent” and Audacious Players (2 ladies and 5 men). The main crowd came to celebrate – how else, hm? – to the After Tournament Party at Lucia’s. We had some 19 party participants and besides great food

and beer, we also had good spirit – music performed by Petr Chylik, Petra Paukova -guitars and Vladimir Foitik on Accordion. We felt like in the Old Country – singing typical folk songs and



feeling the cultural bond.

3. Our ***March Club meeting*** was a great success. **Some 70 people showed up to enjoy the live Brass Beauty by Bouncing Boys and Girls (Czechs) and Pork Roast, Sauer Kraut and Dumplings by Hana and Ladi Kleteckovi.** It had special intercommunity spirit thanks to at least 9! Phoenix valley visitors (participants of Tennis Tourney and past Pigoast Parties). **Several Czech families with children lowered the average age from 70 to 55! Hurray! Maybe we will not die out. I know we won't.**



Well, however shall we manage it, we shall enjoy it.

## ***FUTURE EVENTS:***

1. Next Club meeting – APRIL 19 - “Ham ‘N Songs”– Let’s bring it on! Do not forget your friends and family.
2. PPP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Phoenix Pigoast Party – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4PM at Jirka Hegr’s – 2631 E Pershing Ave, Phoenix. “Out of this world Pig Roast” All You can Eat and All you can Drink Pilsner Urquell beer for \$20,-. Live music and Czechoslovaks included. I mean it! Brush up on your Czechoslovak conversation. After few, you will be fluent.



3. Teaser for MAY – our last meeting before the summer recess:  
**Menu: Beef Goulash with dumplings** by Hana and Ladi and **“wild performance” of the “Rusyny Dancers”** – our fabulous dancing friends and their special program full of jumps, flying “valaska” axes, spinning and exuding energy. They are a highly sought after group and we had them performing for our January meeting.

(All to be confirmed in May Newsletter and All Rights Reserved by the BOD).

#### **Items for Sale at Meetings**

T-shirts, revised Club cookbooks, and Bouncing Czech CD's are always on sale!

**The Newsletter editor is interested in having more articles regarding Slovaks and Slovakia appear in the future. We invite all Club members to submit any appropriate articles.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**These two “born and raised” Czech ladies are seeking your assistance.**

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They need your help in order to pass their certified OPI test (Oral Proficiency Interview) they ask volunteers for 15-40 minute telephonic interview (over a landline) for American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages ([www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org)) to prove their Czech / English proficiency.

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**Pevne zdravi a hodne zdaru!**