



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

Hlasatel – Newsletter – September 2009

We hope you enjoyed the summer and survived the heat!

**Next meeting after summer break
Sunday, September the 13th 2009**

At our usual location: Knights of Columbus at 1330 S Mountain Ave. at 1:30 p.m.

Please bring items to donate for the raffle (each donated item entitles you to one free raffle ticket). Don't forget a side dish to complement the meal; otherwise the lunch will cost you \$5. Having enough food is a priority. Personal plates and trays to go are not allowed. Extra lunches and leftover meals can be purchased at \$3 per plate to go. Czech and Slovak beers will be on sale.

Announcement:

We are seeking nominations for the following vacant positions: 1 Vice President and 1 Board Member at large. Please contact anyone on the Board with your nominee (must be current CSA Club member).

Volunteers for Setup/Cleanup Needed

Volunteers are appreciated to help at the monthly meetings to 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 SEPTEMBER 13TH:

Lunch:

Let's have a traditional start. What is it? Nedelni obed s prateli a pivem = Sunday lunch pork roast, dumplings and sauerkraut with friends and beer.

Prepared with care and lifetime experience by Hana and Ladi Kletecka.

We will need of course few other side dishes and desserts. Please bring your favorite.

ENTERTAINMENT:

What goes well with the menu? Some polkas and waltzes, performed by

"The Stardusters"

Roxanna Baker and Ben Buette have been playing music professionally for many years. They have combined their talents as "The Stardusters" and are pleased to provide entertainment at parties, dances, and community events. Enjoy the festivities as you listen to their selections of music featuring a wide range of waltzes, polkas, old time standards, Big Band music, Italian, German, and French selections, and sing-a-long songs. They also play with several other local dance bands and ensembles, including your favorite "Bouncing Czechs". Roxanna directs The Accordion Club of Tucson, www.accordionstucson.com, is a member of the AZ Balalaika Orchestra, www.azbalalaika.org, and performs as a soloist. To hire "THE STARDUSTERS," please email roxannabaker@yahoo.com or phone 520: 722-2958.

PAST EVENTS:

NEWS FROM THE "PAST-PRES":

Ahoj everyone! I write from Milwaukee. We miss the Club deeply but look forward to our new opportunities.

Marie is in Karlovy Vary enjoying time with little Sylvia, family, and preparing to take the National Physical Therapy Exam. We are very proud of her accomplishment as she had to repeat and take several new classes over the past few years, but she stuck with it. We are thankful for all of the support we received from family and friends, especially club members Linda Cerveny and Mikel Shiya.

I was in Czech with the girls earlier this summer too attending brother in law Jan's wedding. He and his wife Dasa held the ceremony in a southern suburb of Prague (see photo). The wedding was beautiful and Sylvia loved being the Princess from the Mill! I loved the svicova meal and Czech conversation.

I begin working and studying at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee very soon. My responsibilities in addition to coursework will include working with psychologists in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the nearby VA Hospital and supporting a multicultural online certificate program to provide basic knowledge of and guidelines for counseling practice with diverse groups.

Lastly, I have already learned a fair amount about the Czech and Slovak communities here. There is a Czech Slovak dance troupe in town as well as a Sokol. Just last week, the Northeastern Wisconsin Czech & Kolace Festival took place, and earlier this summer I spent time with the Czech music group Cechomor when they performed at Klas Restaurant in Chicago, presumed to be the oldest Czech Restaurant in the country. This fall we hope to meet students from the Czech Technical University in Prague who study at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Of course there are also many Czech and Slovak fans in Chicagoland and interestingly in Green Bay too. Both areas are not far from us.

We wish Petr Chylik aka Pan Strom (Mr. Tree Man), legendary club musicians Josef Cerny and John Prokop, and all of the other members and friends the very very very best as the Club starts and charts a new course this year. I am sure it will be fantabulous as it always is! We will be thinking of you!

Our new contact info is:

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Always the best, Past President Jack, Marie, and Sylvia

Miss Czech Slovak USA Report:



Hello.

I just got back last night from an amazing trip to Nebraska. Thank you all so much for all the support you gave that allowed me to go!

Here are the 2009 Pageant Results: Christine Dowling, Kansas, Americanized Kroj Winner and Grand Talent Winner. Olivia Cada, Minnesota, Miss Congeniality and Sokol Winner. Tanya Jech, Illinois, Heritage Involvement Winner and **Leilani Kurtak**, Arizona, Lois Fiala Spirit Award.

The Lois Fiala Heritage Award: This award is presented to the contestant with the most passion and spirit for her heritage. As soon as everyone gets their pictures up on facebook I will be sure to send you all some.

Again thank you all so much for giving me this amazing opportunity!

Leilani Kurtak

Feel free to take a look <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Miss-Czech-Slovak-US-Pageant/98994805512?ref=nf>

FUTURE EVENTS:

1. Next Club meeting – October Club meeting on Sunday the 11th - Latino Smorgasbord - Chips and Salsa – Rum-ba and Coke – Ciabatta or Bachata
Do not forget your friends, family and dancing shoes.
2. PPP – 4th Phoenix Pigroast Party – coming up in fall at Jirka Hegr's –in 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 Czech and Slovak conversation. After few, you will be fluent.

(All to be confirmed in October 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 editors are interested in having more articles regarding Slovaks and Slovakia to appear in the future. We invite all Club members to submit any appropriate articles.

Current Board Members

Petr Chylik, President

, Vice President (vacant)

Linda Cerveny, Secretary

George Coffos, Treasurer

Board Members at Large

John Prokop

Robert Wack

Vera Masa

Jean Coffos

Lucia Cavallo

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Pevne zdravi a hodne zdaru!