

Bexar County Czech Heritage Society

September 2022

President's Message

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Dobry den everyone,

It is time for us to meet again and enjoy and promote our Czech and Slovak Heritage. Our fall meeting is September 11 at 1:30 at the parlor at St. Anthony de Padua Church (102 Lorenz). Please come to discuss the annual festival. Discussion will be short! The festival meal will be catered and served by Dottie Biediger. We do need volunteers for helping with the genealogy, kolaches sale, Czech-Slovak Bingo and Silent Auction.

Please respond to Jasmine Kirby if you receive her e-mail for volunteers.

Our Festival will be held on Oct. 2nd at St. Anthony de Padua's Banquet

Hall. Admission is free to members and guests. All paid members' meals will be **FREE!** Non-members meals will be **\$12.00.**

Joe Topinka and I attended a recent meeting of the San Antonio Conservation Society to support their effort to have the ITC declared a building of antiquity! We were invited to join them. Polish, Belgian, and Lebanese groups are also involved in this effort with other ethnic groups to be contacted. We will share information that we received at the Sept. meeting. We hope to see all members at this meeting.

Dekuji,

Robert Trampota
210-705-1514
If you have questions, please call.



Calendar of Meetings/Events for 2022

- **Sept. 11, 2022** - Chapter Meeting – St Anthony de Padua Parlor -1:30 PM
 - Festival Planning
- **October 2, 2022** – BCCHS – Czech-Slovak Festival – 12:30 to 4:30 pm
 - **St Anthony de Padua Banquet Hall**
- **Nov. 6, 2022** – General Membership Meeting – St Anthony de Padua Parlor – 1:30 pm
 - Nominations for officers and directors followed with elections.
 - Discussion and plans for our Christmas Party
- **Dec. 4, 2022** - Christmas Party – St. Anthony de Padua Banquet Hall
 - Time to be determined

Chapter News



Czech Travelers

Several of our members were able to travel to the Czech Republic this year. On the top left Joseph Topinka and his daughter Alexandra met up with Jasmine Kirby and her son Max. Both of these families were also able to visit with relatives. Joe and his daughter met with former Czech President Vaclav Klaus. Joe and Jasmine visited the Sklarna Jansteijn glass factory, which is an ancestral factory in Jasmine's family. (See top right).

On the left are Mike and Kay Vajdos, who also traveled through the Czech Republic, Kay's sister Bea Jarzombek (not pictured) was also on the trip. Mike, Kay and Bea had lunch and shopping in Slovakia. Kay was able to secure a copy of a 1933 film showing the beautiful kroj and harvest celebrations that our ancestors would have participated in. This film will be shared at our upcoming Czech Heritage Day. Picture on bottom right is entrance of Czech Palace.

Looking for a Home

Member TJ Slansky has four boxes of Czech publications he would like to find a home for:

- **Český Hlas** – State Czech Heritage Society Quarterly magazine
- **Náš Český Život** – TCHC - Culture and Museum Magazine
- **České Stopy** -TX Czech Genealogy Society - Czech Genealogy Magazine
- **Naše Rodina** – Czech Slovak Genealogy Society International Magazine
- **Slovo** - National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library Magazine

If you are interested, please contact TJ; he will also have them available at the September General Membership Meeting.

News on Our Queen and Little Sister

Destiny and her Little Sister Natalie Hollingsworth

Destiny and Natalie have been keeping very busy representing the State Czech Society at numerous events around the state and out-of-state. Here is a list of their travels:

- **Two Events at Czech Culture Center in LaGrange**
- **Ennis Polka Festival**
- **Hallettsville Festival**
- **Caldwell Kolace Festival**
- **Wilbur Nebraska State Event & Parade**
- **WestFest in West**

Looks like Destiny and her family have traveled many miles, and will continue to do so this coming year. If you wish to help with some of these expenses for her travels, you can make a tax free donation to our chapter asking that those funds be given to the State Queen.

Elections and Membership Renewal

Elections will be held at our November Meeting. There are three director positions up for election. If you are interested in serving as one of our directors, please let Robert Trampota know. I am sure the nominating committee will be making calls inquiring about an interest in serving, please consider throwing your name in the hat.

We are also approaching the time of the year for Membership renewal. We are attaching a Membership Application with this Newsletter. We hope you will decide to rejoin and please share with a friend or family member who might be interested in our Czech culture. You can mail in your renewal or sign up at our Czech Festival or upcoming events in November and December. You have the option of joining both the state and local chapters for **\$15** or just the local chapter for **\$5**. **Dues are due by January 1, 2023** and can be mailed into the address at the bottom of the application.

Please RSVP to Jasmine Kirby if you plan to attend the festival so we can get a good count for the caterer. Remember if you are a current member you will receive a free meal.