

The Guilded Page



The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter 2000



Dear Museum Guild Members:

I first want to thank you for electing me and giving me the opportunity to be your President.

Since I am one of the newest Guild members, I thought I would provide you with some information about myself. I was in the Army. I was stationed in Germany for 8 months and Vietnam for over 14 months. I graduated from Loras College with a degree in Sociology (balance minors in business, philosophy and theology). I have over 15 hours in Elementary Education. I have been with Cedarapids Inc. for over 27 years, working in the Production Support Division and handle the international sales of our parts. I belong to Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church. I taught Sunday School (grades 3-12), was an Elder for 6 years and presently the moderator of our Deacons. I was a member of the board of Seminole Valley Farm Inc. I was at one time their treasurer and vice president. I still am an advisor to the Farm. I had been president of the Cedar Rapids Chapter of the National Management Assoc.. I take a day of vacation in the spring and summer and do volunteer work at Erskine Elementary School (my only chance to get into the classroom). I started volunteering at the Czech and Slovak Museum three years ago during the exhibit from Prague. Working at the Museum gives me a chance to pay tribute to my ancestors. I just found out this summer at our Vanorny Family Reunion my great-great-grandparents came from Lidice in 1866. I belong to a dinner group and a bridge group which meet once a month. This gives you some of my history.

I am looking forward to this coming year of 2000. I have a wonderful group of people as fellow officers. Zula Oujiri, Sister Christine Elias, Leni Stastny and Rose Kopecky are friendly and dedicated individuals. Who could ask for more.

My goals are to work on the how we accumulate volunteer hours, more training for the volunteers who work in the gallery and ways to keep the Czech Language from fading from our local culture.

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and will be looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting. If you have any suggestions or comments please let me know.

Sincerely,
Gary F. Dvorak



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MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Rohlena on the bus to Spillville, IA., our day trip with Lavanda Woosley tours.

Introduction of visitors -

Evelyn Dvorak and Betty Metz

Word of the Day - "Hodini", which means clock. **Secretary's Report** - Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$2,705.29 was reported.

Committee Reports -

Volunteer Coordinator - Patty Hikljl handed out 20 raffle tickets to each member for the remarque print. The money will be turned in to Patty.

Fund Raising - There are 300 cookbooks remaining to be sold.

Membership - There are 117 guild members.

Program - Zula Oujiri reported that Rollie Raim will be the speaker at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Thank you to Zula Oujiri for mailing out remaining membership books. Also, a thank you to those who served at the reception at the Museum and to Leni Stastny and Barb Pulkrab for selling raffle tickets at the Riley fund raiser.

The **Auditing Committee** will consist of Leni Stastny and Bob Stone.

Rose Kopecky, Milly Ortner, and Marilyn Tucker were elected to the **Nominating Committee**.

New Business:

It was moved and seconded that a "Cookie Walk" be held on Dec. 11. Beula Dvorak and Shirley Rosencrans will work on this. November 8 is the volunteer auction. Sylvia reported that the Museum has purchased a new slide projector and they suggested that this be the Guild's annual gift in the amount of \$438.95. It was approved by the members.

After a stop at Festina to see the smallest church, we had a delicious lunch at the school in Spillville and time to visit their craft show. We then toured St. Wenceslaus. Lavanda had everything well organized and it was a fun trip, enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Betty Truesdell, Secretary



MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 1999

Vice-President Zula Oujiri conducted the meeting with 35 in attendance. Sr. Virginia Kremlacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Word of the Day - Milly Ortner

"Krocian", which means turkey.

Secretary's Report- Betty Truesdell

The minutes were approved with the addition of including mention of our tour of the Bily Clock Museum on the Spillville trip.

Treasurer's Report- Fern Fackler

It was reported that with a deposit of \$864 from the sale of the cookbooks and disbursements of \$438.95, we have a balance of \$3,130.24 as of 10/31/99.

Corresp. Sec'y's Report - Patti Marolf

A get-well note was sent to Maridee Dugger and Evelyn Lamparek, thank you notes were sent to Sr. Christine Elias and Lavanda Woosley. We received a thank you note from Sylvia Rohlena regarding the Riley event, and a thank you note from Evelyn Lamparek for the founding member article written by Marilyn Tucker in "The Guilded Page".

Committee Reports-

Volunteer Coordinator and Program

Report - Patty Hikljl It was reported that the number of Guild volunteers for Sept. was 46 and hours recorded was 492.5. For October the number was 55 volunteers, and 542.5 hours. Patty also reported that Max Naxera won the P. Buckley Moss painting.

Education - Bob Stone mentioned the variety of programs in the past and continuing in the future. Barb Edmunds reported that some books have been sent to Olanos and that Hana will be sending a thank you note. More books will be shipped through the Federated Czech groups.

Fund Raising - Beula Dvorak and her committee made up of Barb Edmunds, Irma Kelly and Frank Novotny have planned a "Cookie Walk" to be held Dec. 11. Detailed information was distributed. Cookbooks will also be available. We received \$732 from the gift shop for the sale of our cookbooks.

Membership - Milly Ortner reported 117 members. If the location of our next meeting is changed, her committee will contact members.

Publications - Marilyn Tucker reported the "Guilded Page" will be sent out Dec. 29. Terri Spahn will publish it.

Social - Barb Edmunds thanked those who helped at the receptions. Patty Hikljl and Fran Johnson were thanked for providing refresh-

ments for this meeting. Board members will be in charge of the Dec. meeting.

Old Business:

The seminar on Slovakia was discussed by Bob and Marge Stone, Fern Fackler and Betty Truesdell who attended. They all agreed it was a success and enjoyable. Bob Stone and Emil Koval helped with the planning.

The Nominating Committee, made up of Rose Kopecky, Milly Ortner and Marilyn Tucker, produced a slate of officers for the coming year made up of Gary Dvorak, President; Zula Oujiri Vice-President; Rose Kopecky, Treasurer; Sr. Christine Elias, Secretary; and Leni Stastny, Corresponding Secretary. They were elected by the members.

Zula Oujiri reported on the reception honoring Alma Turecek who translated a music book from Czech to English.

New Business:

Fern Fackler presented a bill of \$ 15.70 for mailing of membership books, which was approved. The Auditing Committee will meet in January. Fran Warren mentioned there is a website on Czech glass - WWW.Czechout.com. Barb Edmunds reported the Sokol pork dinner will be held next Sat., Nov. 13 from 4:30 to 7:00.

Patty Hikljl won the door prize, an apron donated by Marj Nejd.

Rollie Raim gave an interesting presentation on information and exhibits at the Masonic Library. He also read excerpts from "Nemcova's Grandmother" which gave us an idea of the mores, customs and superstitions of the "Old Country". "Babi" believed that before you die you should do three things: "Make peace with God. Present gifts to the Grandchildren, and - See visitors who may want to see you before you go". Rollie also distributed a map and directory of the early SE settlement in Cedar Rapids.

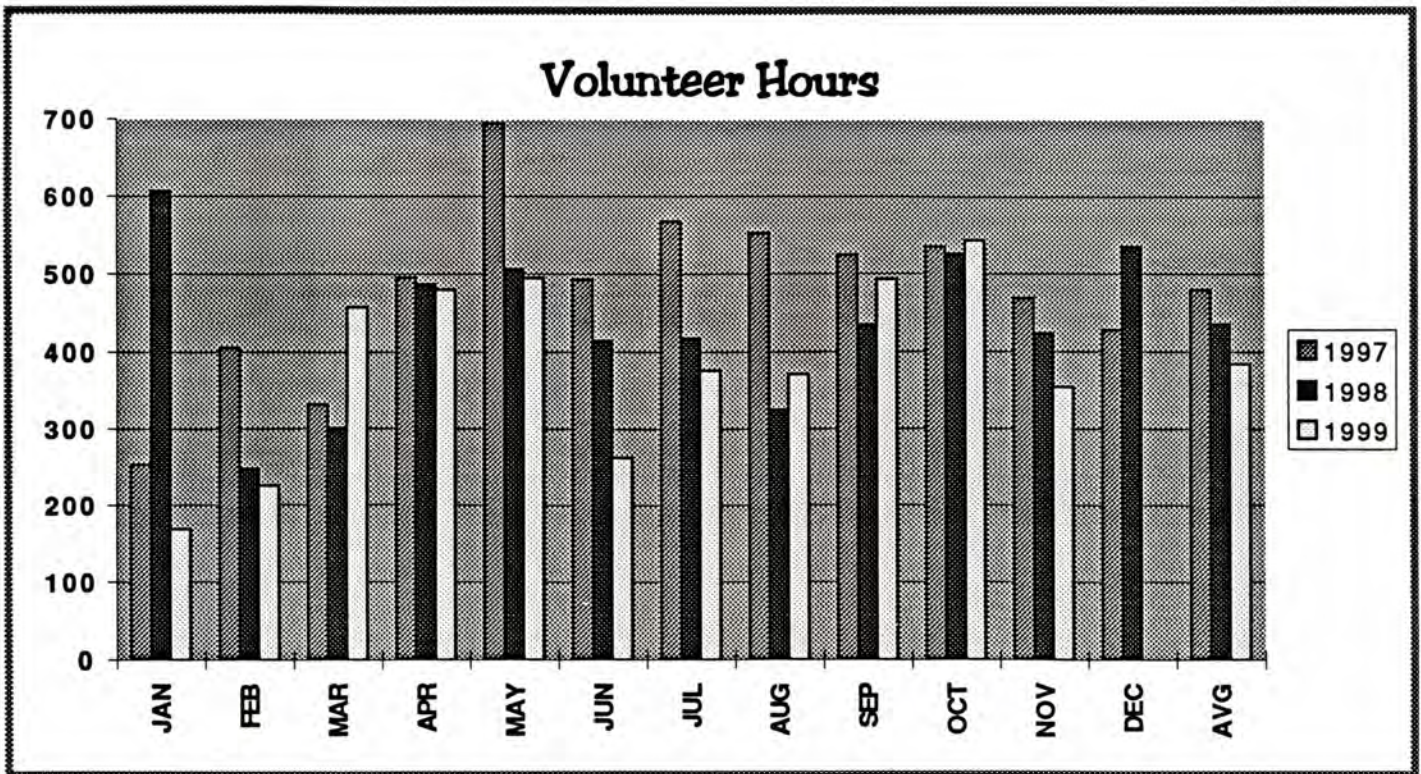
Respectfully Submitted By:
Betty Truesdell, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

It is time to pay your Museum Guild membership dues for the year 2000. Annual dues are \$10 and may be sent to:

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JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG	1997
253	405	332	495	694	493	567	552	524	535	468	427	479	1998
606	247	301	487	506	414	417	325	434	526	423	535	435	1999
168	225	457	479	494	262	376	371	493	543	354	0	384	

TOP TEN LIST:

September 1999

Dolores Usher	34.00
Zula Oujiri	26.75
Anne Reif	24.50
Irma Rozek	24.50
Terri Spahn	20.00
Inez Popelka	19.50
Lillian Kopecky	18.00
Helen Christophersen	17.50
Dorothy Conner	17.50
Irma Modracek	17.50
Barb Pulkrab	17.00
Mana Zlatohlavek	16.50
Lydia Elias	14.00
Marj Nejd	14.00

October 1999

Dolores Usher	38.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	27.50
Marj Nejd	24.00
Anne Reif	22.75
Irma Rozek	22.75
Zula Oujiri	22.25
Milly Ortner	20.50
Vera Hanson	20.00
Lydia Elias	19.50
Lillian Kopecky	19.00
Irma Modracek	18.50

November 1999

Marj Nejd	26.50
Dolores Usher	20.00
Laverne Fisher	17.00
Irma Rozek	16.00
Dorothy Conner	15.75
Betty Petrzalek	15.50
Inez Popelka	14.25
Anne Reif	14.00
Sr. Christine Elias	11.75
Mana Zlatohlavek	10.75

46 Guild Volunteers 492.5 Hours
Average Hours 10.71

55 Guild Volunteers 542.5 Hours
Average Hours 9.86

39 Guild Volunteers 353.75 Hours
Average Hours 9.07



Christmas

*There is a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look
And that is when I realize that these names are a part;
Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.*

*For each name stands for someone who has touched my life sometime
And in that meeting they have become the "Rhythm of the Rhyme".
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name
And while you may not be aware of feeling quite the same
My life is so much better than it was before you came.*

*For once that you have known someone the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a list that are forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you
It is because You're on that list of folks I'm indebted to.*

*And whether I have known you for many years or few
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.
So every year when Christmas comes I realize anew
The biggest that God can give is knowing folks like you!*

Author unknown

MAKE A BETTER WORLD

With the new Millennium soon upon us, I think we all want it to be a better world. This thought was given to me in a study group at Prairiewoods and I wanted to share it with all of you.

Try saying this silently to everyone and everything you see for 30 days and see what happens to your own spirit.

"I pray for your happiness now and whatever will bring happiness to you in the future."

If we said it to the sky, we would have to stop polluting. If we said it when we see the ponds and lakes and streams, we would have to stop using them as garbage dumps and sewers. If we said it to small children, we would have to stop abusing them, even in the name of training. If we said it to people, we would have to stop stoking the fires of enmity around us. Beauty and human warmth would take root in us like a clear, hot June day. We would change and the world around us would also change.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Millennium



MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 1999

President, Sylvia Rohlena, conducted the meeting at Hamilton Business College, with 36 in attendance. She welcomed and thanked everyone for a successful year.

Zula Oujiri led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced her son, Lieut. Col. Timon Oujiri, who works in the Pentagon.

Word of the Day - Milly Ortner

Stedry Vecer - which means Christmas Eve.

Secretary's Report - Betty Truesdell

The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Fern Fackler

It was reported that with a postage expense of \$15.70, we have a balance of \$3,114.64 as of 11/30/99.

Corresp. Sec'y's Report - Patti Marolf

Thank you notes were sent to Rollie Raim and Hamilton Business College and a thank you letter was sent to Marj Nejdil acknowledging her donations of 8 decorated eggs, a book and an apron, in the amount of \$188, which were used for door prizes. A bill in the amount of \$20.21 for mailing fees was presented by Patti and approved by the members. It was also noted that Patti and Marj made additional light bulb pins and decorations to be sold.

Committee Report -

Education - Bob Stone mentioned accomplishments the past year and hope for continued success. He particularly mentioned the excellent Slovak conference which drew people from all over the United States. His concern at the present time might be preservation of the Czech and Slovak languages, to which Olga Drahozal has greatly contributed. Olga mentioned a refresher course might help. It was also noted that the library has language tapes.

Fund Raising - Beula Dvorak, who is at the Museum working on the "Cookie Walk". Sylvia Rohlena remarked on the tremendous job she has done this past year.

Membership - Milly Ortner reported 117 members. Also, the \$10 dues for the coming year should be paid to Fern Fackler. Terri Spahn needs a list for any additional name tags needed.

Program - Next month, Jan. 8 - "Guild Members share treasures".

Publications - Terri Spahn will publish the "Guilded Page", with the help of Marilyn Tucker, and it will be mailed December 29.

Historian - Barb Pulkrab asked for help

with the history book.

Old Business:

Maridee Dugger thanked the Guild for her get well card. Fern Fackler presented a bill for \$17.32 which was approved. A bill from Frank Novotny for the individual Poinsettias presented to each Guild member today in the amount of \$123 was approved.

This also included a Poinsettia given to the Hamilton Business College, along with a special note to be sent to Susan Spivey who sets up for our meeting.

New Business:

Marj Nejdil is resigning as our representative to the Executive Board and the remaining year will be filled by Sylvia Rohlena. The Guild members approved sending \$1,500 to the Museum Endowment Fund next March.

Bob Stone commented on the excellent Letter to the Editor of the Gazette by Peter Rippe complimenting the Museum on its many endeavors, including the P. Buckley Moss reception at the Riley estate.

Sylvia mentioned the annual meeting of the combined executive boards of the Museum, Czech Heritage, and Guild will meet in Jan. and anyone is invited. The new Czech Prince and Princess will be introduced, as well. A Poinsettia and wallet sized Czech calendar for the millennium was presented to each Guild member. Sylvia thanked the officers and members for their hard work and reminded us we are a strong part of the Museum now.

Betty Truesdell gave an inspirational reading for the new millennium titled "Make a Better World" by Joan Chittester.

Zula Oujiri presented Sylvia Rohlena the gift from the Guild of a necklace from the Museum gift shop and a "Spider" ornament also from the gift shop. Sylvia read the "Legend" of the ornament and then thanked her board of officers and the Guild members for the successful year. She stated it had been a privilege to serve as President.

For the program, the officers shared Christmas traditions: Sylvia brought a corn husk doll, a dough decoration, a craft made from natural items, and a poppy seed doll, Zula read a beautiful poem, titled "Christmas"; Betty Truesdell shared her hand made puppet from the Czech Republic, the Devil "Cerrt", part of the St. Mikulas tradition; and Patti Marolf brought wooden items -

a rotating doll, wood horse and walking duck.

Milly Ortner expressed concern as to whether the "Pickle" ornament had been placed on the Museum tree and was reassured that it had been hung. Tradition is that the first child to spot it would get an additional present. Maridee asked us all to remember when we first found out there wasn't a Santa. Timon Oujiri quipped "There isn't?"

Marilyn Tucker won the door prize - a beautiful ornament donated by Olga Sedenka.

Delicious refreshments were served by the officers and a good time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Betty Truesdell, Secretary



I have enjoyed being your Recording Secretary the past two years and I wish all good happenings and success to the new officers: Gary Dvorak, President; Zula Oujiri, Vice-President, Rose Kopecky, Treasurer, Leni Stastny, Corresponding Secretary, and especially to my successor, Sister Christine Elias.

Volunteer News ... by P.A. Hikiji

September 1999:

46 Guild Volunteers recorded 492.5 hrs
Top Volunteer - Dolores Usher 34.0

October 1999:

55 Guild Volunteers recorded 542.5 hrs
Top Volunteer - Dolores Usher 38.5
Raffle tickets sold - 614; \$614.00

November 1999:

39 Guild Volunteers recorded 353.7 hrs
Top Volunteer - Marj Nejdil 26.5

Note from the Publications Editor:

I have enjoyed working with Marilyn and everyone involved with *The Guilded Page*. Unfortunately, due to work commitments I am unable to continue as editor. It has been a pleasure working with and for the Museum Guild and all of the members. I want to thank you all for the last few years ...

... it's been a great run. **Terri L. Spahn**



Terri L. Spahn, Editor ...

Celebrate 2000!



Beula Dvorak

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Museum needs as many volunteers as possible. Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving. Please contact:

Patty Hikji today at 362-8500.

Upcoming Guild Meetings & Museum Events

Be sure to mark your calendars enjoy our upcoming programs

Saturday, JANUARY 8, 2000 - HAPPY NEW MILLENNIUM!

Notice: Second week not first week

9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW

"GUILD MEMBERS SHARE TREASURES"

Host to be announced

**REMEMBER -
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE
NOW DUE!**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 5, 2000

9:30 AM Hamilton College, 1924 D Street SW

"CZECH NATIONAL HERO TOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK"

by Bob Stone

Host to be announced

January ... Museum Events

Jan. 19: Learn at Lunch. Noon. Free

Jan. 30: Sunday Lifelong Learning Series; 2pm. Heritage Hall

February ... Museum Events

Feb. 14: Kava a Knihy (Coffee & Books).

Reading Discussion Series. 7-9pm. Free. Call 319-362-8500 for book titles.

Feb. 16: Learn at Lunch. Heritage Hall. Free.

Feb. 27: Sunday Lifelong Learning Series. 2pm. Free. Heritage Hall.

Cookie Walk a Big Success!

A great big THANK YOU to all guild members who participated in any way in the Guild's first ever Cookie Walk which was held at the Czech Museum on Saturday, December 11, 1999. We made approximately \$600, which will be used to support Guild activities which support the Museum. As I mingled with our customers, I heard many positive comments about the cookie walk, including the great variety and amount of cookies and candies we had available. If you baked cookies, helped set up, helped clean up, or helped during the cookie walk, THANK YOU. To my planning committee members - Irma Kelly, Barb Edmunds, and Frank Novotny - THANK YOU for your help and support of this event. This is an event you can probably look forward to again next year!

Beula Dvorak
Guild Fund Raising Chairperson