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President's Message

By Arlo Netolicky

Another year has come and gone, as usual we have been very active. All of our programs were successful and we are looking forward to this coming year. The students have been selected for the Homestay program. We will be selecting our new Prince and Princess shortly. Plans are already underway for the St. Joseph's dance. The Miss Czech/Slovak Iowa Contest will be taking their applications soon. Also Scholarship applications will be distributed to the schools in the coming months. Our meeting dates for the board members are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. We would like to have you attend the meetings if you desire. We at the Czech Heritage would like to thank all of you for all your support in the past and the upcoming future.

Arlo Netolicky

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Editor's Message - by Tara Quell

or Elaine Samek at

This is my first edition as Editor of the Czech Heritage Foundation newsletter. Also, being a staff member of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, being of Czech descent (my grandfather is a Kunc), a Czech School graduate, and having traveled in the Czech Republic myself I hope I can offer a unique perspective to future newsletters.

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I. Special Notices:

**Ceska Skola - Czech School
Chili Supper and Bake Sale**
Saturday, March 3, 2007
St. Wenceslaus Gym Building
1230 5th St SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
\$4.00 per person

Delicious chili, crackers, rye bread, butter, carrots and celery sticks, dessert, coffee and drink.

The annual chili supper is a fundraiser to help support the summer Czech School for children. A large bake sale will be part of the fundraiser. Tickets for sale at the door.

Czech School
June 11 - July 13, 2007
Wilson Middle School
8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Monday - Friday
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact Barbara and Frank Edmunds at

St. Joseph's Day: March 24

Czech Village's annual festival celebrating the Czech patron saint. Parade at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact the Czech Village Association at (319) 364-0001.

St. Joseph's Day Dance 2007

The Czech Heritage Foundation in Cedar Rapids will be the proud host for the annual **St. Joseph Day Dance on Sunday, March 18th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.** This will be held at the Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge - 801 33rd Ave SW.

Dave Salmons and his band from Omaha, Nebraska will entertain our guests. This band is very popular throughout the Midwest and will entertain you with their polkas, waltzes, and other favorite music. Food will be for sale by the Elks Lodge and a bake sale by the Czech Heritage Foundation.

Members are asked to bring bake sale items and donated items for this fundraiser. There will be door prizes given out during the afternoon and nice raffle items that are all part of the fundraising. This is the main means to raise money for the Czech Heritage's two programs - Scholarship and the Homestay Program. For the Homestay program, students are selected each year to spend one month in the Czech Republic. **Tickets are \$7 each** and can be purchased from any Czech Heritage member or at the door. If you have any questions, please call Frank and Barb Edmunds at

**COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!!!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

II. Cover Story:

Czech Heritage on the Move: Cedar Rapids Christmas Parade 2006

A big "thank you" to Leonard Pfeifer for the time and effort he and his crew put into the preparation of the float. Being #1 reflects on the Czech Heritage Society and we all appreciate it.

Once again the story of Svatý Mikuláš, the Devil and the Angel were brought before the spectators of the Cedar Rapids Christmas Parade in downtown Cedar Rapids on December 1, 2006. Again a big "thanks" to Leonard Pfeifer for creating our float.

In a very cold winter setting Svatý Mikuláš handed out candy to people that the Angel checked off in her book as "good." If their name was in the "bad" column the Devil would hand them a chunk of coal. Everyone in Cedar Rapids was in the "good" column because I



Svatý Mikuláš with Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa, Emma Lehmann and sister Megan Lehmann.

This year Lud Svoboda helped Svatý Mikuláš by standing in for him to depict this holiday tradition. Lud was assisted by Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa, Emma Lehmann and her little sister, Megan Lehmann. Prince Austin Frerick and Princess Vickie Dostal provided the royalty on the float. Miss Candy Cane Queen, Ann Waltermeyer also rode on the float.

Vesely Vanoce a Stastny Nove Rok!

III: Special Reports

Partial First Generation

By John Havlicek

This is a short biography of the early beginnings of the Czech family of František Havlicek and Andela Šultesova Havlicková.

My parents met on a ship coming from Czechoslovakia to the United States and were married in 1912 in Marion, Iowa. They lived on the South side of Cedar Rapids near Penick & Ford and the Wilson Packing Company. There was a thriving Czech population in this area. Many stores and services had native Czech speakers so English was hardly spoken.



Czech Heritage Prince, Austin Frerick and Czech Heritage Princess Vickie Dostal in the 2006 Cedar Rapids Christmas Parade.

didn't see any coal given out.

My father was a carpenter and worked for the Rock Island Railroad until 1920. My parents weren't U.S. citizens and being wealthy, according to European standards, decided to return to Czechoslovakia. I was almost four years old and don't recall the train and ship trip to the "old country." In Czechoslovakia I was considered a curiosity being an American boy who could speak Czech and some English.

On the outskirts of our village in Podivin, Moravia was a sandpit. Local cooks used the sand from the pit for scouring cleaner. While digging near the sandpit I found a human skull and quickly reburied it. My parents had me return with the authorities to find it again and to verify that it was a World War I casualty. I also visited a wooded hunting preserve where a game warden had set a wire fox trap baited with a dead pheasant. My friends dared me to get some of the pheasant's tail feathers. As I yanked at the feathers, the cage tripped and locked me inside. The boys ran off to find the caretaker, leaving me alone in the cage until twilight. When help finally arrived the caretaker lectured me and threatened to leave me in the cage overnight to teach me a lesson.

My family only stayed in Europe for two years due to the postwar chaos and high inflation rates. I remember being on a ship sailing back to New York and my excitement when I saw the Statue of Liberty. We went through immigration processing at Ellis Island and had very little food; at one time only square pats of butter. I started kindergarten at Hayes School upon returning to the Southwest side of Cedar Rapids. The teacher had to speak Czech and translate into English in order to teach me the English language. I was unlike other students in my class who were first generation Americans and speaking English, I was the only partial-first generation and spoke Czech. My parents attended night school and eagerly became good U.S. citizens. During my teenage years knowing both English and Czech languages was helpful when working among immigrants and learning their customs and

traditions.

In the past 50 years the American "melting pot" has absorbed the Czech language so thoroughly that it is rare to find Czech spoken. In an endeavor to restore and preserve this ethnic culture, organizations in the Cedar Rapids area have been formed including The Czech Heritage Foundation, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, the Czech Village Association and the Federation of Czech Groups.

2006 HOMESTAY REPORTS

By: Cortney Balichek

My name is Cortney Balichek and I lived in



Anezka and her mother, Hana

Prague with Anezka Reimarova and her family. They are a wonderful family and we all had a great time. My host family always treated me with respect and did everything they could to make me feel comfortable and at home. During the first few days, which are the hardest, Hana (Anezka's mother) emailed my mom to ask questions about how she could help me through my homesick period. They were always very thoughtful doing special things like that. I have contacted Anezka's host family here to let them know what things will help her feel at home when she arrives. I look forward to spending time with her also. While I was in Prague, most of my time was spent with Anezka doing many things we

both liked to do.



Anezka and Cortney sightseeing.

We did a lot of sight-seeing with her parents and siblings, which gave us time to get to know each other. A few of the places we went to visit were Prague Castle, St. Charles Bridge, and the Sokol Performance. This performance is held only once in 6 years, with participants from all over the world, so it was an especially memorable part of my trip.

Midland graduate visits Czech Republic on homestay program

By Marlene Flory

Being part of the youth scene was the big difference for Cortney Halicheck during her recent visit to Czech Republic, compared to her last visit five years ago. Halicheck, 18, lived with the family of Anezka Reimartova, 16, a visit arranged by the Czech Heritage Foundation Homestay Ambassador Program of Cedar Rapids.

She returned when school was still in session for a week and Cortney was invited to speak during English classes. She accompanied Anezka on a class trip to a museum and a swimming party.

Students go to school for their grades on the last day of school. They neither outside

factory. They live in a two-bedroom flat. They were careful to explain that they own their flat, while those who live in apartment pay rent. Anezka and Hannah share bedroom, joined by Cortney for a month. Jakub has the other bedroom and the parents sleep on a pull out bed in the living room.

The flat is on the sixth floor and until two weeks ago, there was no elevator.

They also own a cottage about an hour drive from Prague, where they go for weekends and vacations.

Cortney was accompanied to Czech Republic by Beth Samek of Cedar Rapids.

Article on the front page of Oxford Junction's *Midland Times* about Cortney's homestay in the Czech Republic

We went to concerts, spent time in their summer cottage, and spent two weekends with Lenka and Beth. I got to meet both sets of her grandparents, who had many concerns about what Anezka needed to know to be safe in America. I was able to answer their questions and help them to feel better about her stay. One of her grandfathers is involved in wheat production and had many farming questions.

I am very grateful to the Czech Heritage Foundation for giving me the opportunity to visit the Czech Republic through the Homestay Program. I am also thankful for the meetings we held before the trip which prepared me for the difference in lifestyle and the travel trips. Even though I had traveled there before, it was with a parent, which is a lot different than by myself. I would like to say "thank you" for giving me this opportunity as it was one of the best experiences of my life.

By: Beth Samek

Ahoj! I am Beth Samek and I just spent a month living in the Czech Republic with a



Beth rubbing statue on Charles Bridge

Czech family. This was a very special trip for me because I was able to experience first-hand

the life and culture of my heritage. While I was there, I lived in the small town of Pribram. Most of my time was spent doing what the other teenagers would do. I went to school, hung out with friends, and went on hikes. On weekends my host family and I visited many castles and other historic places along with their cottage, just outside of the city limits.

I only visited Prague for five days. This may seem like more than enough time to tour one city, but when you are in the heart of the country, it is nearly impossible to see all that you may want. My favorite site there was the astronomical clock in Old Town Square. The craftsmanship put into the makings of the clock completely intrigued me. It was unbelievable that each statue and



Beth (far right), Lenka (second from right), and friends bowling at Becko Pub.

mechanical object was built over 500 years ago and still leaves each and every visitor in awe. My host sister and I were fortunate enough to be able to stay with my grandfather's cousin, Vera, while in Prague.

Throughout my stay I was very well fed. I had everything from amazing fruit pastries to the traditional Czech dinner of sauerkraut, pork and dumplings. One of my new favorite foods is dumplings completely covered in a strawberry cream. It is absolutely delicious.

My trip to the Czech Republic was a very memorable experience. I would like to thank the Czech Heritage Foundation for being so

generous as to give me the opportunity to be a part of the cultural exchange. I learned many things about the history of the country and how similar life can be clear across the ocean from home. Now I can say I have an extended family overseas along with many new friends. For this I would like to again say, thank you.

IV: National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library presents an original exhibition: *Puppetry! Suspended Imagination*.

Puppet theatre has long been a form of artistic expression in the Czech and Slovak lands. It was used during the 19th century to make subtle political statements, and remains popular today to recreate popular folk tales. Czech puppet carvers and performers are known as the best in the world. *Puppets!* will feature a variety of old and new hand puppets, finger puppets, marionettes, puppet theatre advertising, and scenery from the Czech and Slovak Republics, plus an interactive theatre.

Puppetry! Suspended Imagination opens for members and friends on Friday, April 13th with a special reception and the Czechoslovak Puppet Theatre of New York performing "Czech and Slovak Folk Tales" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold for the reception and performance at the NCSML. The exhibition closes on September 29, 2007.

Three Czech Organizations

By: Adeline Volesky

Sometimes there is confusion with three organizations with similar names. They are the Czech Heritage Foundation, the Czech Village Association, and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. All the organizations cooperate to preserve our culture and history.

The Czech Heritage Foundation

The Czech Heritage Foundation was organized on May 17, 1973 in support of the 16th Avenue business merchants. The business district is now known as Czech Village. Czech Heritage grew in membership and in influence over the years and was involved in many projects. The best way to perpetuate our heritage is to reach out to the younger generation of families with a Czech heritage. Every fall we search for a Czech Prince and Princess that are in Junior High. They are crowned at the Annual Board meeting in January and take part in activities and parades during their reign.

The Homestay Program started in 1983. The goal is for High School students to travel to the Czech Republic for a one-month stay with a Czech family. So far 71 students experienced a trip of a lifetime since the program started. The last two years it has become an exchange program. Students from the Czech Republic are also hosted here with local families.

The scholarship program started in 1994 when our Perpetual fund reached a level where only the interest was used for the funding. Since then, 43 grants were awarded. Scholarships are awarded to High School seniors and students who have completed at least one year of secondary education.

Our newest program is the Miss Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant that started in 2001. It takes place in Czech Village in conjunction with the Houby Days Festival in May. The pageant is open to girls ages 16 to 26. Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa reigns for one year and represents our state in various activities. Iowa has had two winners at the national competition in Wilber, Nebraska in August.

Czech Heritage sponsors many activities, participates in many parades, publishes a selection of books, and provides an educational kit for school curriculum.

Czech Village Association

In 1972 the business men of the 16th Avenue SW shopping area gave the area an ethnic look with banners, a bandstand and a clock tower. The area is now known as Czech Village. The Village Association sponsors festivals and promotes tourism. Last year the association worked with the city council and were instrumental in getting a new face lift for the area. With new wider streets, relocating the clock tower, new lamp posts, benches and receptacles, it is an attractive place to visit and shop.

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

In 1974 before the present museum was built the Czech Fine Arts Foundation had a collection of artifacts. In 1978, the Czech Museum & Library organized and rented a small house to display the artifacts. The space was limited so it moved into a bigger building on the east end of the Bridge of Lions. The new and current building was dedicated on October 12, 1995 with the attendance of Presidents Clinton, Havel and Kovac. An important feature was the creation of the library. The museum hosts visitors from around the world to view the vast collections. The Museum sponsors and promotes many activities throughout the year.

V: Feature Story

Evelyn Svoboda Stejskal



Evelyn M. Svoboda Stejskal was born March 17, 1922 to Tom and Mary Merta Svoboda in rural Johnson County Iowa with Dr. Wes Netolicky in attendance. Evelyn already had an older sister Georgie and later a brother, Frank was born in 1926.

Evelyn's parents lived on her grandparents, Josef and Mary Svoboda's farm. It was a small farm near the Iowa River at the end of a dirt road. To reach the farm, there was a series of wooden gates. The gates would open by pulling a rope attached to the gate. After driving through, another rope was pulled to close the gate. Grandfather Josef Svoboda was credited with inventing the rope pulling gate. Evelyn's parents eventually purchased her grandparents' farm.

Evelyn attended a rural school, Vorel School #6 in Jefferson Township, rural Solon, Iowa. She had to walk one mile to school. The children would walk through fields and over fences to get to school. The one-room schoolhouse had a pot-bellied stove in the center for heat. There was no electricity or telephone. Water was carried in a pail from the nearby Frank Louvar farm to the schoolhouse. Evelyn had three classmates, Rose Detert (Morris), Martha Detert (Mekota), and Louise Reisner (Vavricek). The teachers were Louis Buresh, Emily Bys, Mr. Langenberg, Alice Bittner and Elizabeth Bowersox. Teachers were paid \$50 per month. Sack lunches consisted of lard or jelly sandwiches and a sack of apples. Evelyn liked spelling, geography, arithmetic and declamatory contests.

At one time a band of gypsies settled by the Fordice farm in tents for the summer. Neighborhood children were afraid of them because of the stories that they had heard.

In the fall the family would prepare for the winter by storing apples in a cave, buried in straw, covered with heavy horse blankets. Carrots, onions, and potatoes were stored in sand in the basement.

The farmhouse used kerosene lamps for light. Wood and corn cobs were used for fuel in the

kitchen stove and room heaters. Children had chores and responsibilities. Evelyn's chores consisted of filling the woodbox, carrying out ashes, and filling the stove's reservoir that provided hot water. Besides gathering eggs, the children learned to milk cows. The warm milk was poured in the bowl of the DeLavel hand-cranked separator. The centrifugal force in a bowl of discs separated the cream from the milk and each ran out separate spouts. The milk was made into cottage cheese and the cream was made into butter in a Daisy churn. Meat consisted of home raised chickens and hogs. The meat was fried down and the lard rendered. In the summer dairy products were kept cool by lowering containers with ropes in a deep, cool well. A windmill would pump water into a tank for the livestock. In the winter the cattle were chased to the Iowa River and a hole was chopped in the ice for watering.

Parties were held in the winter. For entertainment ladies would strip feathers for pillows and feather beds while the men played cards and drank home brew. Oyster stew was served for refreshments. If a farmer had a new building a neighborhood party was held. Evelyn's mother played a heligonka button accordion as well as her uncle, Frank Merta who was a talented musician. Merta played in taverns on 16th Avenue. People did a lot of socializing, especially in the winter while riding on bobsleds pulled by horses. In the summer, picnics were held by the river. There were no refrigerators or lawn chairs, so people sat on blankets on the ground. The Svoboda family car in the 1920's was an Overland followed by a Whippet.

In the summer a summer kitchen was a very useful place. It was a separate building that served as a laundry room. The water was pumped from a cistern that caught the rain water with the down spouts from the roof. Water was heated in a copper boiler on a laundry stove. The Dexter washing machine had an engine that would start with a foot pedal. Evelyn's grandmother's washer had a wooden tub with a hand washer that was a lot of fun. The summer

kitchen was a separate building so the heat from the laundry and canning kept the living quarters cool.

Sunday dinners were very special. The meal consisted of spring fried chicken, fresh baked pastries, and popular Czech dishes. There was always plenty to eat and the family always ate everything that was put on the table. A treat was homemade ice cream and homebrewed root beer. Baking soda, water, and vinegar would be mixed together to give it a fizz, and it was considered a real treat! (Yuck!)

For poultry, eggs were put in an incubator. A lamp provided the heat. The eggs were turned every morning and night on the long wire trays. In 28 days the chicks would hatch. Duck and goose eggs were set under hens. To see if the eggs were fertile, they would be placed in a pan of warm water to see if they would wiggle. Goose eggs were hard to find because the geese hide the newly laid eggs in a special barrel with straw. The gander is very protective of the flock and often chased those who came near.

The Svobodas did not have much to play with when they were kids. They played ball and had a sled and coaster wagon that they shared. Everyday at 4:30 p.m. Little Orphan Annie came on the radio. For five cents they could buy a pack of gum or Cracker jacks with a toy in the box. In the 1930's they often went to dances to Coufals and Stangler's Hall in Swisher and Becicka's Hall west of Shueyville. They could ride the Crandic Inter Urban to Cedar Rapids for twenty-five cents. There were two Coney Islands near the Inter Urban depot and they ate hotdogs for five cents each and loved them.

The Matalleks had a steam engine and thresher that went from farm to farm. The bundles of grain were hauled to the thresh machine. The men harvested the grain and the women would come early in the morning to cook for the threshing crew. The women would prepare a delicious meal. Since there was no refrigeration a fifty-pound chunk of ice was purchased at Novotny's Store and Ice House in Curtis for a few

pennies. The ice was cut in the Iowa River in the winter and stored in the ice house covered with saw dust to last all summer.

Evelyn graduated from 8th grade and attended Shueyville High School for one year. She quit school because she wanted to make money and felt that she didn't have the clothes the other students did. She worked at the White Castle Café at the southwest end of the Avenue Bridge, along the river. In 1936 she bought a bedroom suite for \$68. She paid \$7 down and \$1 per week with no carrying charges or interest at Kratchmer's Furniture Store.

When her sister Georgie was married at the Little Brown Church, Evelyn was a bridesmaid. The wedding dance was held at the CSPS Hall in Swisher with the Sedlacek Band providing the music. Evelyn married Joe Stejskal on January 30, 1940 at the Little Brown Church. Their first home in 1940 was at 2473 Fruitland Blvd. It was a pre-cut home costing \$3000. They started housekeeping with used furniture and hand-me-downs. They later had two children, Ken and Kathy.

Evelyn worked various jobs in the 1940's and 50's. She worked at Killian's Tearoom, Sykora's Bakery, Quaker Oats, for the Martin and Andrew Polehna families, and at Polehna's Meat Market where she helped dress poultry for the holidays. For 25 years Evelyn worked for Godfrey and Lillian Stejskal at Stejskal's Flower Shop. In 1970 Joe and Evelyn went into partnership with their son Ken and daughter-in-law Sally and purchased Stejskal's Flower Shop. Joe was also the sexton at the Czech National Cemetery until his retirement in 1985. When the Stejskals were the sextons at the Czech National Cemetery, there was no power equipment. Lawns were mowed with push mowers and hand cickles were used to trim around the monuments and flowers. Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Volak were paid \$.25 an hour to trim with a cickle. Water was carried in a sprinkling can to water the graves and geraniums. Red, green, and gray Jacob's Coat plants were used in floral designs.

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Membership dues \$ _____ Donation \$ _____ Gift Membership \$ _____

Why not consider a gift membership for someone special? Your dues and generous donations help to fund several worthwhile endeavors such as Czech Prince and Princess sponsorship, financial support for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, adult Czech language classes, the Homestay Program, along with publishing the quarterly Naše České Dedictví, and other numerous publications. The list of Czech Heritage projects goes on and on.

It is time to renew your membership, unless you are a new member. Memberships expire December 31 and are renewable January 1. Use this handy Membership Renewal Application form. Don't forget. Renew now so you won't miss a single information packed issue of Naše České Dedictví.

Please renew today! A Bargain at ^{5.00}~~\$300~~ per year

Calendar of Events

February

Feb. 13: **Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting** - NCSML 7:30 p.m.

Feb 15: **Learn at Lunch. "Do You Have Anything About my Grandfather? Learning to Use the Library at the NCSML"** WFLA Heritage Hall. Noon. Free.

Feb. 17 & 18: **Exploring Czech & Slovak Cinema. "Andy Warhol: A Documentary Film."** Presented in two installments. NCSML WFLA Heritage Hall. 1 - 3 p.m. Free.

March

Mar. 10: **Cooking in Babi's Kitchen.** 10 a.m. - Noon. NCSML WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.

Mar. 13: **Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting** - NCSML 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 15: **Learn at Lunch. "Edvard Beneš: More than a President in Exile"** NCSML WFLA Heritage Hall. Noon.

Mar. 24: **Egg Decorating Class.** NCSML WFLA Heritage Hall. Fee \$20. Call (319) 362-8500 to register.

Mar. 24: **St. Joseph's Day.** Parade at 11 a.m. For more information, call (319) 364-0001.

April

Apr. 10: **Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting** - NCSML 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 13: **Puppetry! Suspended Imagination opens.** 6 p.m. Fee.

Apr. 14: **Czechoslovak Puppet Theatre of New York presents "Czech and Slovak Folk Tales."** NCSML WFLA Heritage Hall. 10:00 a.m. Fee to be announced.

Apr. 27 & 28: **It's Showtime! Tea and Tour.** \$14 Members and groups of 8+ and \$16 Non-members. Advance registration is required.

