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Deadline for receiving articles for the June issue is April 26th, 1997.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who helped with the September newsletter were: my husband John. Thank you for your support and help.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We have always enjoyed travel. We traveled as a family when the children were still at home. Now in retirement, John and I still enjoy trips.

Yearly conventions take us to various parts of the country. When we check in for the night at a hotel, it is interesting to leaf through a phone book. First, I look to see if the name Volesky appears. It is not a very common name. Next, I look in the "Z" section because many Czech names start with "Z".

I think there are Novotnys and Novaks in every state in the union and all major cities. I found Novotnys and Novaks from Hawaii to Nova Scotia. They appear as doctors, dentists, and lawyers. The names Novotny and Novak are as common as Smith and Jones, but there are not nearly as many of them.

On a trip to Alaska and the Yukon, I didn't find any Voleskys, but the name Novotny and Novak appeared often. In some areas the name Novotny was spelled with an "E", Novotney

Some Czechs are more adventuresome. In North Pole, Alaska (pop. 1,500) the Malatek name appeared. The name Zaruba was listed often in many areas.

Our newsletter goes to most of the 50 states and we are pleased and proud that Alaska is one of them that receives *NAŠE ČESKÉ DĚDICTVÍ*.

Adeline L. Volesky

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The annual board meeting of the Czech Heritage Fd'n. and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library held a combined meeting at the museum on Monday, January 20.

Both groups gave accounts and results of the past year. Election of officers to serve for 1997 for the Czech Heritage Fd'n. are as follows:

President	Russell Novotny
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Russ Novotny

I am honored and pleased to have been elected President of the Czech Heritage organization. I'm proud of my heritage. I'm proud of this organization, and I'm proud of all we have done for our heritage and our community.

Since I'm new to this post, I thought I'd let our readers know a little bit about me. I'm a Cedar Rapids native, went to college at the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa, and married Linda, another Iowa native. Then I strayed from the midwest for several years to Alabama, where our two daughters were born. When I returned to Cedar Rapids about 20 years ago, I started to become active in our organization. My primary assignment has been representing Czech Heritage as a sponsor of the Cedar Rapids Ethnic Fest. For the past several years, I have also updated the membership database and printed mailing labels (like the one on this newsletter). Perhaps one of my greatest prides was serving on the building committee for the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

My wife and daughters have also been active in our organization, and we have all been regular fixtures helping out at festivals. Although she has no Czech forefathers, Linda has adopted my Czech roots. Both of our daughters served as Czech Princesses and had the wonderful opportunity to spend a month in the Czech Republic as Homestay representatives. In fact, our whole family was able to visit the Czech Republic and spend some memorable days with our oldest daughter's host family.

Finally, I need to thank my fine parents, Frank and Mae Novotny, for showing me the conviction and commitment that is the cornerstone of our heritage. No wonder I'm so proud of my heritage, and such a supporter of this wonderful organization.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I hope you'll excuse my tardy catching up on the mail and news of PROJECT PLZEN. I can report there is progress.

I am planning a coast-to-coast fund raising drive to begin in January that is centered on the GREAT WALTZ ACROSS AMERICA. It centers on a dance to be held in the cities of veterans who helped liberate Plzen in 1945. The first is here in Kennewick on January 11 and the next is scheduled for Prescott, Arizona. I hope to bring the GREAT WALTZ ACROSS AMERICA to Cedar Rapids when the winter weather is over. We are hoping to have the library/culture center open in Plzen in time for the liberation day ceremonies in 1997. Please feel free to print the letter so all who contributed can receive our thanks for their generous support. We now have over 2,300 wonderful books for the library! Donations still welcome to the Geo. S. Patton Memorial Library in Pilsen, Czech Republic.

Sincerely,

Roger Burke
Kennewick, Washington



Senior Bingo at Wooster, Ohio Wal-Mart
Ernst Dreuss, accordionist

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check for renewal and a donation.

Also thought your members would find the activities of Czech employees of Wal-Mart of interest. From Store #286 in Ennis, Texas, Amanda Marusak was crowned Queen of the local Polka Festival. She and her brother, dressed in Czech costumes, took the highest honors.

My retired husband works part time at our Wooster, Ohio store. He plays polkas and waltzes (occasionally) for the Wal-Mart Seniors bingo on Wednesday mornings. Pretty neat way to share our Czech & Slovak heritage, I believe. (photo above)

Wynona (Lisy) Dreuss
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Your December 1996 issue was an excellent issue. I especially liked the Homestay reports by the five ambassadors.

The issue has a nice balance of articles. Keep up the good work.

Bob Baumruk
Berwyn, Illinois

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is money for renewal and extra.

I really enjoy this little paper and have given some of my old copies to so many and they told me they also joined.

One day I was in Mitchell, S. Dak. in a cafe with my sister Emily Sochan. We met a couple by the name of Ralph Mitchells. They were hosting a Czech student who was living with them, trying to learn English. He was so glad when we spoke Czech to him. I sent them a couple of these papers and they subscribed for it and joined the Czech Heritage Club.

Anna (Bilka) Gillings
Platte, South Dakota

BIOGRAPHY



Barbara Benda was born in Srby, Czechoslovakia, on Dec. 16, 1904 to Marie Hrabitin Spina and Frank Spina. She had two brothers Frank and Ladislav and a sister Marie Kichner-Rice. All her siblings have preceded her in death.

Barbara was the oldest child. The Spina family lived near an aunt, cousins and grandmothers. Barbara never lacked for attention and admits she was a spoiled child. Grandmother Spina took Barbara on many outings including Praha. Occasionally her grandmother gave her a special gift, a twig from the bing cherry tree. It was as special as an ice cream cone is today. Grandmother took special pride in her fruit trees.

Next, the family moved to the village of Kacece. There they had a large spacious home, entryway with a cupboard, and enclosed yard. The gate was usually kept closed to keep out roaming gypsies. The cupboard was used to hide things from climbing children. One day Barbara took a chair to taste the vinegar but mistakenly drank some lamp kerosene. She lived to tell about it but lost her taste for vinegar.

Even though the family was comfortable in their new home, family and friends were talking about going to "America" and it became a magical word. The word "America" painted an alluring dream and new possibilities. It became a daily topic of conversation. It seemed that one by one friends and relatives were leaving for America including Uncle Joe.

Finally Barbara's mother consented to go, provided they had enough money to travel first class and she could take treasured possessions like pillows and feather beds. Barbara's father who was a cobbler, took on a second job to earn extra money.

Each time a problem was solved, a new one cropped up. It took two more years to get proper papers and credentials for the upcoming voyage. In the meantime a new passenger was added to the list. Barbara's sister Marie was born on August 5, 1911.

July 13, 1912 was a tearful day of departure with a lot of hugs and kisses. Again grandmother gave her final precious gift of a bouquet of bing cherries to each grandchild. The carriage was piled high with belongings as it left for the train depot to Bremen, Germany where the ship PRINCE FREDERICK WILHEIM was docked at the pier.

Barbara remembers two incidents on the voyage. The first was that her brother lost his shoe overboard and the second was when Barbara saw

a sick girl get breakfast in bed so she faked illness so she could get breakfast in bed.

The family arrived on Ellis Island on July 22, 1912. Most of the passengers were processed very quickly and sent to their destinations. Because the Spina family had so many possessions, important documents were misplaced or lost. The family was detained for two days. If they did not come up with the name of the Cedar Rapids lawyer who did their legal work, they would be returned back to Europe. In desperation, little Barbara was asked if she knew the lawyers name. Barbara had remembered it as it came up in the daily conversation back home.

The final stage of their journey landed them in Cedar Rapids at Uncle Joe's house. Barbara's father got a job the next day. Now they needed a house. They quickly found a house to their liking through a realtor. Their joy was short lived. They no sooner moved in with their pillows and feather beds and disaster struck. Bed bugs were rampant in the house. Rather than the realtor giving the money back, he found another suitable house.

After Barbara finished Polk School, she went to Kresge's Dime Store to work.

Her parents took her to CSPA Hall which was a favorite of Czech families. It was there that mothers took their teenagers to dance and socialize. Many a mother tried her hand at matchmaking. Barbara was shy and clumsy so she danced mostly with her father.

Barbara was a novice at flirting but there was a good looking "Czech" she met during her lunch hour at Kresge's that set her heart thumping. She eventually married Chester Nemecek, a young jeweler. They were blessed with two sons, Bob and Richard, and a daughter, Janet Dyson. After her children were grown, she took a job at Killian's where she worked almost 30 years. After a 20 year marriage, Mr. Nemecek died.

Six years later, Barbara married Jim Benda, the owner of Modern Bakery on 16th Ave. in Cedar Rapids. He has also since died.

Barbara thrives on activity. For many years she was active with the Sokols and serving as president. She has been active in the Witwer Senior Citizen group retiring in 1993. She served as chairman of Elderfest, a festival for senior citizens.

In 1960, she was invited to the White House as a Sokol delegate when Eisenhower was president. Barbara is very excited about Pres. Clinton's choice of Madeleine Albright to the Cabinet. Madeleine Albright's mother and Barbara's mother were second cousins.

The family now consists of 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Neighbors and friends call her the "Swinging Senior Citizen" because she is so active for her 92 years of age.

CZECH MASS BY FR. ODILO

Once a month for 30 years Fr. Odilo Crkva drove from the abbey in Lisle to the Bohemian Home for the Aged in Chicago.

Now he does not have to drive so far since the nursing home has been relocated in Naperville.

On the first and third Monday of each month, Fr. Odilo says Mass in Czech and afterwards entertains the residents with Czech singing and poetry reading.

Abbot Thomas Havlik offers Mass in English at Tabor Hills on the second and fourth Monday each month. He, too, speaks Czech.

Each year, usually in July, a group from the nursing home is brought to the abbey. Fr. Odilo offers Mass in Czech, then, after lunch, tells stories in Czech and leads the group in Czech singing.

Fr. Odilo offers a sung Mass in Czech at the abbey on the first Sunday of each month for Czech-speaking Catholics in the Lisle area. (*from the St. Procopius Abbey Newsletter*)

PRAGUE & TOURISM

Prague's Ruzyně Airport has plans for expansion. At present, the airport's capacity is 190,000 to 400,000 operations a year.

New plans call for a 300 room hotel on the premises by the year 2000 and a new runway and terminal with a duty free shop. This would boost the annual capacity to 6.4 million.

Cedok is the Czech Republic's largest and oldest travel agency handling over 10% of the market abroad and 30% of the domestic tours. It has been in existence for 75 years. Since 1989, there have been changes. Cedok has undergone privatization changes. Cedok served both the Czechs and Slovaks. Now, it serves only the Czech Republic and an independent state owned Satur serves Slovakia. During the process of privatization, Unimex took part in a closed tender but the name Cedok will remain for at least 10 years.

Last year, Germans accounted for 37% of foreign visitors. The Dutch were next with 7%. Americans made up 3.6%.

Most tourists come in August and Prague is the most visited city.

NEW CZECH & SLOVAK PHONE CODE

If you make phone calls to the Czech or Slovak Republic, you will want to take note. New telephone codes went into affect on February 28, 1997. The new Czech code is 420 and the new Slovak code is 421

KVAPIL CONCERT AT COE COLLEGE

Classical music enthusiasts welcome the performance of famed Czech concert artist Radoslav Kvapil at the Daehler-Kitchen Auditorium on Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. on the Coe College campus in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Maestro Kvapil was born in Brno in 1934. He is considered by international critics to be the leading pianist and finest exponent of music from the Czech Republic. Maestro Kvapil has made recordings of piano music of famed Czech composers including Dvořák, Smetana, Martinů, Voříšek, Fibich, Suk and Janáček.

Mr. Kvapil's recital will feature the piano music of Czech composers. This March 18th event is sponsored by the Friends of Music and the recital/reception is free and the public is invited.

ALBRIGHT VISITED MUSEUM

Shortly after Pres. Clinton's re-election to the presidency, he chose Madeleine Albright as a nominee for Secretary of State, much to the delight of the Czech community in Cedar Rapids. Madeleine Albright has visited our city and Czech Village in recent years. In 1988, she came to campaign for Democratic candidates. In October 1995, Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, came along with Presidents Clinton, Havel and Kovac to the dedication of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Madeleine Albright was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia to the Joseph Karbels. Her father, who was a diplomat, served in Yugoslavia, later escaping to England. The family moved to the United States where her father taught in Denver. Madeleine graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts in 1959.

In January, Congress approved her nomination.

FRANZ KAFKA

Franz Kafka was born in Prague in 1883. He was a writer whose works were very controversial. Because of his bizarre tales, his works appeal to the younger cult and jet set. He wrote *THE TRIAL*, *THE METAMORPHOSIS*, and *THE HUNGRY ARTIST*. He disliked Communism so his works were forbidden, making them much sought after reading.

Kafka fans who visit Prague go to Kafka book stores to purchase books, mugs, steins and T-shirts with gloomy Kafka phrases on them.

For a short time Kafka lived in a little blue house near Hradcany Castle. On the Golden Street is a plaque "Kafka Lived Here".

Franz Kafka died in 1924 at the age of 41. In his will he demanded that all his unpublished writings be destroyed, but his past lives on with sales of memorabilia in the many souvenir and book shops. While some tourists are obsessed with Kafka, others have a differing opinion.

VELIKONOCE

(Easter)

Preparations for Easter started the week before the holiday by picking pussy-willows for Palm Sunday.

The following days were busy with baking kolacky, buchty and a special lamb cake. The lamb cake was a lemon flavored sponge cake that required a special mold in the shape of a lamb.

Girls would paint eggs that took a great deal of work. Egg decorating is an ancient Czech folk art. In Czechoslovakia, painted Easter eggs (Kraslice) were not only beautiful, but also symbolism. The word "kraslice" is taken from "krasny" meaning beautiful. The batik method uses hand painting with a pen and use of wax. The Ukrainians call them "Pysanky" from the Ukrainian word "pysat" which means to write.

On Easter Sunday, boys and girls took their braided and decorated willow switches called "Pomlaska". The boys chased the girls and dusted their skirt. She would have to give him one of her pretty eggs. The next day the girls could chase the boys. If the girl did not like the boy, she chased him and brushed his pants and the girl retrieved her egg. Of course, if she liked him, she never caught him and he got to keep the beautiful decorated egg and the game sometimes ended in a romance.

A ham or roast lamb was served for Easter. Many of the decorated eggs were saved indefinitely, but the ones that were eaten, the shells were crushed and scattered in the field or garden for enriching the soil.

EGGSIBIT

Phillipsburg, New Jersey has an annual Easter Eggsibit. Eggshell artists come from Maine, Canada and North Carolina to show and sell their decorated creations.

The eggshells, with yolks blown out, are painted, decorated with beading, lacework, etched and glazed, featuring miniature scenes behind hinged sections.

Some no longer resemble ostrich, goose, quail, duck, chicken or finch eggs, but take on the shape of jewelry, teapots, and treasure chests.

One of the many exhibitors stood over her brood of Pysanky Ukrainian eggs and spoke of the magic of her hobby. The grasslike eggs on her table were bright with geometric designs written on them using a wax process,

(Contributed by E. K. Miller, Phillipsburg, N.J.)



Proprietor Don Janda holds Get-Well card.

NA VASE ZDRAVI PRESIDENT HAVEL

(To your Health, President Havel)

The Czech community in Cedar Rapids wanted to show their concern about the health and recovery of President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic, who had lung surgery in December.

In order to convey their concern, friends and admirers were able to go to Sykora's Bakery in Czech Village and sign a giant Get-Well card that read in Czech "Esteemed Mr. President Vaclav Havel, your friends in Cedar Rapids wish you a quick recovery. We remember your visit with us at the celebration at our National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library."

It did not take any coaxing, or very long, to fill the card with hundreds of signatures and messages. The card was sent after the holidays to the recuperating president in Prague.



Specialties at Sykora's Bakery

"REMEMBERING THE GENERATIONS"

*(written by Carol Davidson Baird
from the Oct./Nov. issue of THE FAMILY TREE)*

In my mother's hometown of Opole, Poland in 1989, we asked a random lady if she knew where the Jewish cemetery was. She not only knew, but she led us there.

In the same year in Roudnice, Czechoslovakia, my mother in German asked the oldest person in town square where the synagogue and Jewish cemetery were. She received very explicit instructions which led us to an area with no discernible synagogue. After asking others, including the officers in the Police station who also gave us no directions, said the synagogue was "Kaput", gone. We gave up and went to our car in defeat. A young woman was looking envious of our car. Mom asked her if she knew the location of the synagogue and cemetery. After asking another young lady and getting explicit directions, she got in our car and directed us out of town on a dirt road where we stopped in front of a Catholic cemetery to get further directions from an old man. He pointed further down the dirt road. After about a quarter of a mile, we stopped in front of a forest of trees. We saw nothing, but got out anyway. There to the left, we climbed over a broken stone wall, and to our astonishment, we saw what we thought was the old, burnt-out synagogue of Radnitz an der Elbe, now called Roudnice nad Labem, with the Star of David still intact, but without the stained glass. Because our synagogue's Torah came from this synagogue, we were more concerned with bringing back remnants from this destroyed little house of worship, with Hebrew still painted on its walls, than with the cemetery. Two years ago my parents returned only to find the Star of David now gone, more graffiti on the walls, but did see many broken tombstones amidst high weeds in the back of the former synagogue. Many of the stones were transported to Prague for storage and restoration. According to Gruber's book, what we found was not the synagogue, but the ceremonial hall in front of the cemetery.

Your quest may often be frustrated by desecration, broken stones or absence of stones, but you must still proceed with your search.

Most remaining Jewish cemeteries in Europe are from the 18th and 19th centuries, according to Ruth Gruber. In Europe, physical appearance of gravestones varies from country to country depending on local cultural customs.

If we are lucky, our children and grandchildren will care enough about us to visit our final resting places and stand over us thinking wonderful thoughts of how much our life meant to them.

(Roudnice is located half way between Hradec Kralove and Chlumec)

PRAGUE'S JEWISH MUSEUM

Last November, Prague's Jewish Museum celebrated the 90th anniversary of its founding in 1906. The museum is one of the few surviving synagogues that was not destroyed by the Nazis. The German occupation of Czechoslovakia between 1939 and 1945 was the most critical time for the museum as the Nazis seized it into an "Exotic museum of an extinct race."

The Prague Jewish Community, almost totally annihilated in the Holocaust, has been revitalizing their roots after the political change since 1988. This new movement has been well reflected by the new development of the Jewish Museum as well. It houses hundreds of priceless items that document the rich history of the Jewish people.

THE KOUBAS

Bob Kouba and his wife Eva were active members of the Czech Heritage Foundation as well as board members from its onset. They resided at 928 - 21st St. S.E. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They worked earnestly for the success of the Foundation. They gave of their time and finances generously. Koubas gave the initial gift that established the Scholarship Fund. It has continued to grow with other donations.

Bob was a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War I as an Electric Mate First Class and qualified in submarines on the submarine USS K-4. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University in 1920, he went to work for General Electric on their test program. During World War II, Lt. Cdr. Kouba served in the U.S. Navy in the Bureau of Ships in Washington D.C., assigned to the section responsible for expediting repairs to damaged ships. After the war, he was employed by International General Electric dealing with world wide Railway Transportation and contributing to the development of the Diesel-Electric locomotive. During his career he had contact with Thomas Edison and Charles Steinmetz. Bob retired from General Electric in 1961.

Eva was a lady of many talents. She enjoyed the arts and crafts and did beautiful handwork.

Both Bob and Eva passed away. Their daughter JoFran (Jim) Falcon live in Berlin, Maryland.

GOLDEN ARCHES & PEPSI COLA

The fast food industry is quickly spreading. McDonalds opened their 25th restaurant in the town of Most in North Bohemia in the Czech Republic.

In beverages, Pepsi Cola has overtaken Coca-Cola in the Czech Republic. Pepsi controls 29.9 % of the market and Coca Cola 26% of the market.



Czech Village

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY PARADE

Circle Saturday, March 22, 1997 in RED on your calendar. Come to Czech Village for our annual St. Joseph's Day Parade at 1:00 p.m. Come visit the Village shops featuring specials on all sorts of RED items. Czech Plus Band will entertain at the bandstand before and after the parade.

If you or your club are interested in participating in the parade, registration forms are available at 48 - 16th Ave, S.W. or phone 362-2846.

ST. JOSEPH'S DANCE

March 16th, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., is the time and date set for our Homestay and Scholarship Fund raiser. It will be held at the Local P-3 Retirees Hall at 116 -14th Ave. S.E. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The admission is \$5.00 with door prizes given. A lunch and soft drinks will be available. A bake sale is being planned. Any items for the bake sale will be appreciated. The music will be furnished by Mike Lasack & His Rhythm-Aires. They play a nice variety of music which is suitable for dancing and listening. They make you forget your troubles for four hours.

Hope you will mark the date and time and join us for an afternoon of relaxation and fun. Any help you can give will be appreciated by the Czech Heritage Foundation. Thank You.

Frank Novotny & Committee

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The annual Memorial Day Services at the Czech National Cemetery, honoring our service men and women, will again be held on Monday, May 26th at 11:30 a.m. The service will be held at the cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the services will be held at the Czech/Slovak Museum & Library. If in doubt, call the cemetery or listen to the radio stations for up to date information.

Past participants have been the Czech Heritage Singers, Czech National Cemetery Board members, Ed Kuba, Governor Branstad, former Mayor Larry Serbousek, State Representative Rich Running and many more.

Please mark your calendars to attend this special ceremony in remembering loved ones and/or friends who served our country to keep it a free nation.



HOUBY DAYS

Spring is just around the corner, so quite naturally all thoughts turn to Houby Days in Czech Village. The dates to remember are May 17 and 18, 1997. This year, again, you can enjoy a scrumptious breakfast both mornings, enjoy music and activities all day long. Don't miss the opening ceremony on Saturday and enter the special Houby in the annual contest. Sunday, join our 5k run or the parade, it's fun for the entire family. As always, visit our fine village shops and enjoy the delicious food our restaurants will offer. For more information, call or write 48 - 16th Ave. S.W. (319) 362-2846.

YESTER YEARS

There is a variety of shops in Czech Village and now we are happy to tell you about another new one. Yester Years is located at 82 - 16th Ave. S.W. Its operator, Pat Sebetka, calls it a "friendly antique store". The store is brimming full of antiques and collectable glassware, jewelry, furniture, quilts, linens, books, fiesta and etc. in very attractive displays.

The hours are 10 to 5 on week days, Saturday 10 to 4 and Sunday 12:30 to 4. Stop in to shop or to reminisce about the past. (319) 362-1777.

ETHNIC FEST 1997

A terrific change is taking place with our Ethnic Fest this year. After several meetings and due consideration, we are moving the Ethnic Fest to Hawkeye Downs, just south of Cedar Rapids. After a couple of unfortunate years due to weather and rising costs, we decided we needed to make some changes. By moving to Hawkeye Downs we shall be in the large exhibition hall and will not have to have a large tent, but we are having two stages in the large building. The parking will be plentiful and close. The accommodations that Larry Kemp and Darlene Langhoff have given us make it very interesting and worth moving to Hawkeye Downs. Basically it will be run the same as before with the Ethnic groups selling their special foods. Cooking has to be done on the outside, but serving will be done inside.

The time will be Saturday, May 24th from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 25th 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the gate and from the Ethnic groups in advance, and at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Hoping for a co-operative weekend and thanks to all who will be helping.

Frank Novotny, Czech Heritage Fd'n.

CHILI SUPPER

As has been the custom for the last several years, the Czech School is having their annual fund raiser. We are having a Chili Supper on Saturday, March 1st, 1997 at the Kuba Hall at 1300 - 2nd St. S.E. from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A complete meal will be served including drink and dessert. A bake sale will also be held and anyone wishing to bring items for sale are welcome. The ingredients, meat etc., for the chili is donated and many volunteers help make it a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all. Any help is appreciated and the Czech School Board extends a sincere thank you.

Frank Novotny, Treasurer

SOMETHING'S MISSING

Something's missing! Remember the days of the "Divadla" (stage plays)? They were held during the early 1900's usually on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The casts were made up of members of the C.S.P.S. Lodge (Cesko-Slovensky Podporujici Spolek) Z.C.B.J. (Zapadny Cesko-Bratrska Jednota) and of the Ctenarsky Spolek (Reading Society). Two other groups were active in stage plays, the Vesna of St. Ludmila's Church and the Ceska Lepa from St. Wenceslaus. Members of the Karla Masaryk Chorus took part. Tickets could be purchased in advance, especially for reserved seats, which generally went for 50¢ and general admission was 35¢ or 25¢, children 15¢. The neighborhood pharmacies J. F. Machacek in the C.S.P.S. building, Jos. Zastera on 16th Avenue and Bartunek's from across the Gazette had tickets for sale. You were assured of an evening of laughter and entertainment at the plays or operettas they performed. Between acts there was always music by some orchestra. Some of the conductors of those days were Adolph Topinka, Quido Novotny, Richard Blahnek, Ben Jansa, Cejka and Drahozal.

There was always a prompter to keep the actors on line. Quite often that task was fulfilled by Marie Janeba or Tony Kapoun. There were quite a number of people who took the job of directing: T.B. Hlubucek, M. L. Hromadka, Frank Kralik, Vaclav Picek, George Naxera, Jos. Neumeister, J. Jun and others.

This Cedar Rapids community was blessed with a great number of capable actors and actresses willing to take time out of their busy lives to rehearse for days in preparation for these wonderful productions. Those contributing to this endeavor would make a long list and they filled the "shoes" in many capacities; acting, directing, stage hands, and costuming. People came from communities miles away to attend and often players even went to nearby communities to perform for them.

As I was growing up, I was privileged to attend with my parents. In those days families did things together. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to see and hear a Czech "Divadlo" once again?

By Leona Poduska



Participants in the Divadlo "KrajaneK Holandr Jde Na Vandr"

(translation) Countryman Holandr goes on a journey. Divadlo presented Sunday, October, 21, 1928.

Back row left to right: Bohumil Gsmacher, Ondrej Polehna, George Naxera, Karel Bohac, Joe Jun, Ed. Marsoun, Joe Bartunek, Rudy Machacek. Front row left to right: Rose Bartunek (Polehna), Frances Dusek, Mary Stodola (Jun), Mrs. A. Fiala, Elsie Kosina (Smrcek), Pauline Horacek (Jasa), Florence Boxa (Malik).

DUPANDA, IOWA????

How many of our readers ever heard of Dupanda? The December issue had a number of cities and towns in the U.S. that had Czech names.

You will not find Dupanda on your map of Iowa, but some old timers from Tama County can tell you about it.

It once consisted of the Holy Trinity Church, church cemetery and a hall.

Czech immigrants came to the Vining area in 1866. Because they were unable to build a church, they would gather at the Frances Salesek home for services. Mr. Salesek then donated two acres of land 4-1/2 miles northwest of Vining for a church and cemetery. The church was built in 1875 under the direction of Rev. John Zlebciik, who lived in Norway. Services were held once a month and on Holy Days. Zlebciik's successors were Rev. Chmelar and Rev. Mikota both from Norway, Iowa.

Father Peter Kloss was a zealous priest and the parish grew. In January 1899, it was decided to build a larger church. On September of the same year, the church was solemnly dedicated. This new church served its parish only a short time. On December 3, 1899 while the people were arriving for Sunday Mass, the church caught fire from a badly installed furnace. Church service was held in the public school for a while and after March 1, 1900 services were held at what was known as Dupanda Hall. This hall was built by the K.D. Lodge and was torn down in later years. In the meantime, a new church was being built.

Holy Trinity parish was joined to St. Wenceslaus parish 2 miles west of Clutier.

In 1919, Holy Trinity became a mission of St. Mary's Church in Vining. The following priests served the two parishes: Rev. Hradecky, Rev. Xavier Gorecki, Rev. Anthony Chihak, Rev. John Chihak and Rev. J. Badura,

Rev. Joseph Serovy served from 1954-1968. The last service at Holy Trinity was held the last Sunday of 1968.

To the general public, Holy Trinity was a pleasant landmark and the place where everyone went in the fall for the annual duck dinner with all the trimmings given by the good Czech cooks.

The church and hall are now both gone. The cemetery and Dupanda Street still remain as a reminder of the past.

(Excerpts from the book OUR CZECH HERITAGE by Marlys Svoboda & Dorothy Schwieder from the Genealogical Society of Linn County.)



Dupanda Hall

SUCHY BUILDING REMEMBERED

(This article was written by Pauline Horacek Jasa in response to the inquiry about the Suchy building in the December 1996 issue.)

The two story red brick building located at 1100 3rd St. S.E. known as the Suchy Building has stood at this location for many years. As was the custom in early years, the business was conducted on the ground floor and the living quarters were on the second floor. Such was the custom of the Suchy family.

Mr. Suchy was a jeweler. His business occupied the first floor and he and his wife and their daughter lived upstairs.

One summer day my mother and I walked into the jewelry store and we admired all the lovely jewelry. I especially liked a three tiered lovelier (necklace). Mother bought it for me. I still have it and treasure it.

For my high school graduation gift my parents gave me a wristwatch. It also was purchased from Suchy's Jewelry Store. Mr. Suchy inscribed my name "Pauline Horacek" on the back. One time I lost it and because my name was inscribed on the back, it was sent to me with my name and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It also reposes among my souvenirs.

My father was a painter and when the Suchys built a new home on Mt. Vernon Ave. my father did all their painting. They owned an old piano which they wanted to sell, so my father bought it for \$40.00. Mother thought it was overpriced but I was delighted. I finally was able to take my long, longed lessons. That old mahogany carved piano brought us many hours of entertainment. Years later when my sister replaced it with a new Spinnet, I felt as if I was parting with an old friend.

Their daughter, Lillian, was a beautician. She had a shop next to Kosek's on 16th Avenue. I received my first permanent there in 1928.

Later, Mr. Suchy retired. The building was sold and housed various businesses. At one time a restaurant called "The Raven" did business there.

As you drive by this location, look up on the building. The name SUCHY stands as a sentinel of days gone by.

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jsou zápěstní hodinky

ELGIN.

Nelítujte a kupte si jednu
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zlatník a hodinář.

1006 jižní 3. ul. vých.

Lillian Suchý

Beauty Shop



116 — 16. ave. jihozáp.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

TELEFON 3-1921.

LION IN CZECH COAT OF ARMS

(A LEGEND ABOUT DUKE BRUNCVIK)



Originally, the Czechs had just a picture of a huge urn in their Coat of Arms. They were not very happy about it. They wanted a more honorable sign. Their Duke, whose name was Zibrid, decided to do something about it — to earn a new sign of the eagle. The

Duke left his land and came to the Kingdom of Naples where he became the knight of kings. He was very faithful and reliable. The king soon took a liking to him. When the Kingdom of Naples was invaded by the English, Zibrid insisted the kings not give up and offered to help them. He himself fought 12 of the best English Knights and managed to beat them all. Only at that point, the King of Naples realized he was the Duke of Bohemia. He asked what his reward should be. Zibrid asked for only one thing, the sign of the eagle in their Coat of Arms. (St. Wenceslaus is never depicted with a lion, but always with an eagle.)

When Zibrid's son Brunčvik became the Duke, he, too, wanted to be remembered in the future. That is why he decided to have a new sign again. Because the lion is the king of all animals, and he himself was strong and powerful he decided to have a lion as his sign. But it was not easy. Every sign had to be earned in those days. Brunčvik left his land to see the world and become a hero.

Before he left, he exchanged his ring with his wife and promised to be back in 7 years. He saw many strange lands and even sailed a ship in a storm. The ship wrecked. He was stuck on a desert island. All the knights died except Brunčvik and 1 knight. Soon they found out, the only way they could get off the desert island was to be taken off by a huge bird, that came to the island off and on. On his way from the bird's nest Brunčvik witnessed a fight between a lion and a 9 headed dragon. He remembered why he left his homeland and decided to help the lion. The dragon was killed. Brunčvik became friends with the lion and had many adventures together. Brunčvik rescued a princess from another dragon with the help of a magic sword. Brunčvik handled many obstacles. He even escaped the engagement of the princess he had rescued.

He was still in love with his wife and wanted to keep his word. Finally he came back to his land accompanied with the lion. When he arrived in Prague, he found the castle busy with preparations for his wife's wedding because it was over 7

years and his wife was not waiting for him anymore. He was hurt, but as a signal of his return, he dropped his wife's ring into a cup. His wife realized what happened and told the bridegroom.

Now Brunčvik had to go through another fight. The lion and sword helped him win. He finally returned to the castle. In gratitude to his true friend, the lion, he ordered the people to draw a lion everywhere. It became a new and final sign of the Czech lands, symbolizing both the strength of the Duke and friendship. Finally the Czechs had a sign they were proud of and grateful for.

You can see the statue of legendary Brunčvik and the lion on the Charles Bridge. The legend however doesn't tell anything about the lion's 2 tails. (From *Prague Tales* by Vaclav Cibula) By Marcela Mastikova.



WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

The Czech Heritage had a winning entry in the Cedar Rapids Christmas Parade. This float won two categories, The People's Choice Award and the Best Float Award. The float was designed and built by board member Leonard Pfeifer.



To je lev. This is a lion.
by Eric Gervais Division 2 Czech School

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our financial secretary, Lovell Dvorak, continues to receive your renewals and donations. Your generosity tells us you appreciate our efforts. Please check your address label. If it is stamped '96, your membership is expired and needs to be renewed.

October donations received with renewals were received from: Anna Gillings, Mildred Koenigsmark, Marjorie & Ed Nejdil, Joe Vondracek, and Vicky Whittemore. Donations only from JoFran & James Falcon.

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OSADA

Osada is a Czech word meaning "community". The word Osada will become a household name in Cedar Rapids,

The former vacant Witwer warehouse at 905 3rd St. S.E. and surrounding area is becoming revitalized. This area is located along the Cedar River S.E. where the first Czech settlement was located. This area still houses the CSPA Hall, ZCJB Hall, Matyk Building, first Czech School and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

The five story warehouse is being converted into 67 apartments. This complex is half way between downtown Cedar Rapids and Czech Village and will hopefully form a cultural corridor and revitalize the entire community. The Urban Development project includes land for a park that will include features designed to evoke the neighboring Czech Heritage.

The official ground breaking took place Friday December 6, 1996 with U.S. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa and Mayor Lee Clancey presiding at the ceremony.

EARLY CZECH SETTLERS

The year 1852 is given as the beginning of Czech settlements in Cedar Rapids. Actually, the majority of Czechs did not live within the one quarter square mile corporate limits of the city.

They located largely in the area that today lies south of Fourth avenue between Third and Seventh streets SE. That section was not annexed to the city until 1884.

About 80 Czech families lived in or on the edge of Cedar Rapids by 1860. After the Civil war and Prussian war in Austria (1866-1880) came the banner years of Czech immigration.

Jerome Vostrovsky may have been the first Czech business man in Cedar Rapids. He was in partnership with a Mr. Fort, selling women's apparel of every description, and according to an October, 1887, story in the Cedar Valley Times, "no shoddy goods at any price".

An 1870 city directory lists 128 people of Czech descent with various occupations. There was a teacher, lawyer, hotel keeper, servant girl, stone cutters, merchants, butcher, manager of a billiard hall, and the editor of the Czech newspaper, "Pokrok."

We can never fully realize the hardships the pioneers endured until we remember that day after day they plodded their way westward into the setting sun without sunglasses.

George Hanzal

HOMESTAY AMBASSADORS



My name is Sara Andrews and I was chosen as one of the 1997 Czech Ambassadors. First of all I would like to thank Czech Heritage Fd'n. for giving me this opportunity. I am sure it will be a fun, unforgettable learning experience.

I am excited about this trip and I think it will be interesting to experience my heritage first hand. For my entire life, I have enjoyed talking with my Grandmother Andrews (Votroubek) about how she grew up in a Czech American home.

I am 16 years old and a junior at Center Point-Urbana High School with many extracurricular activities including: Honor Society, Pep Band, Concert and Marching Band (Flute and Piccolo), Student Council, Cross Country, and Track. In addition, I work about 18 hours a week at the T & R Grocery Store. Other hobbies include fishing, camping, time with family and friends, reading and writing.

I live in the country near Urbana with my parents Alan and Susan Andrews and my younger brother Aaron, who is thirteen.

I am sure this summer experience will be most enjoyable and I am looking forward to meeting new people and a different culture.



My name is Erin Van Etten. I am 16 years old and currently a junior at North-Linn High School of Coggon. I live on a farm near Walker with my parents Frank and Linda and my 18 year old sister Ann. I also have a brother, Joel, who is a sophomore at Upper Iowa University.

In school I am involved in Cross Country, Basketball Cheerleading, Band Student Council, Class officer, FBLA (Reporter and currently vice president), and Individual Speech. Last year I was an All-State Individual Speech performer.

My hobbies include camping, fishing with family, watching my brother play football at UIU. Taking tap, jazz, ballet, and pointe ballet lessons, and helping teach preschool dance.

I would like to thank Czech Heritage Fd'n. for choosing me for what I feel is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am excited to visit the Czech Republic and learn about my heritage.



Ahoj. I'm Casey Parker and I'm very happy that you are extending this fabulous opportunity for the homestay in Prague. My heritage, not only Czech but Irish, English, German, French and Swiss, has always interested me. Ever since I was younger, I helped my grandma trace our family tree, generation after generation.

To have the opportunity to travel back to the region my ancestors left, for various reasons, is overwhelming.

A little about myself. I'm 17 years old and the oldest of four boys. At Kennedy, I'm in the top seven percent of my class. I'm also in Model United Nations, Student Government, and Medical Careers. When I go to college, I want to major in international business with emphasis in French. I may want to live overseas after that.

I work part time at the Oakland Road Hy-Vee. I check and work in the salad bar.

I really like to travel but haven't had the opportunity to do much in the past. I hear Prague is second only to Paris as the most beautiful capital in Europe. I intend to experience that first hand. And once again I want to acknowledge all the people who have made this "opportunity of a lifetime" possible.



My name is Peter Yurko. I am seventeen years old and a junior at Regis High School. I live in Marion with my parents, John and Ellen Yurko, and my eleven year old sister, Lauren. I also have a sister, Mary Beth, who attends Marquette University in Milwaukee.

In school, I am a member of the spiritual team, the liturgy committee, model United Nations, and of the student council. I have also taken part in basketball, football, golf, and I am captain of the tennis team. Outside of school, I work at T.G.I. Friday's.

My family and I attend Saint Joseph Church in Marion, where I am a member of the youth commission. I am also on the Cedar Rapids Youth Commission and the Archdiocesan Youth Commission.

I would like to sincerely thank the Czech Heritage Foundation for giving me this opportunity to visit the Czech Republic. I am looking forward to it.

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Hi, My name is Angela Zias, one of your 1997 ambassadors to the Czech Republic.

A little bit about myself. I live with my parents David and Cyndia Zias. I have a brother Brian 14. My great grandparents from my father's side were Susan and Michael Hulzdzak from Moravia.

I have a cat who recently became tame for the first time in its life, and several cichlids, which have spurred an interest in fishkeeping. I now attend Kennedy High School, where my favorite subjects are music and chemistry. I have been in band and orchestra for the past eight years, and play both oboe and flute. In the fall, I am part of the color guard. During my years at Kennedy I have been involved with Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon, and Eastern Iowa Science Fair, in which I was a finalist last year. This February I will be traveling to Ames for the Iowa State Science Bowl. I have participated in volleyball, softball and soccer with the Cougars, until spring comes and the snow finally melts from the field outside (Let the 'mudbowl' begin!). When school is over, I can usually be found outside (lately at least) shoveling snow from the driveway. When the weather permits, however, I love to ski and ice skate, and usually bring along my camera, because there will inevitably be some gorgeous scene that I wish I could capture and add to my nature photography collection.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a very sincere Thank You for this wonderful chance to explore my heritage. I hope that I will be able to live up to everybody's expectations, and share what I learned with both cultures. Thanks.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM TEXAS

The December issue of *Naše České Dědictví* announced that Houston, Texas was the location for a new Czech Cultural and Community Center (CCCC).

We received more news that there are plans for another new and additional facility. The Interim Board of the Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) plan a multi-million dollar facility to be built in LaGrange in Fayette County. Fayette County has the largest Czech population per capita and the most Czech communities in the state and is known as "Cradle of Czech Immigration."

Unlike the cultural center in Houston, this center will be located on a donated tract of land near the fair grounds. It will offer an interactive educational concept demonstrating the immigration and lifestyle of the Czechs who settled in rural Texas. Plans for this complex include a library, archives, exhibit hall, visitors center, outdoor amphitheater, and an open air living history

museum incorporating a Czech-Texan farmstead and village.

For information about TOCA, contact: Retta Chandler, 221 Wildwood Drive, DeSoto, Texas zip 75115 or phone (972) 223-9361.

CLEVELAND'S BOHEMIAN HALL

Bohemian National Hall



Home of Sokol
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The Bohemian National Hall, home of Sokol Greater Cleveland, will celebrate its hundredth birthday in 1997.

The hall was built by Czech immigrants, to serve as a social, cultural and educational center, for one of the largest Czech communities in the United States. The hall was an important place of refuge for immigrants. For all of its 100 year existence, the building has always been owned by Czech-Americans and their descendants.

The building, which was dedicated on Sept. 26, 1897, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building's architecture is an example of a transitional style between Romanesque Revival and Second Renaissance Revival.

During its long history the hall has been host to many activities including: Czech language school, dramas, concerts, gymnastics, meetings and social affairs.

Over the years our ethnicity and neighborhoods have changed. The hall continued to serve Czech-Americans, but with less importance.

In 1975, Sokol Greater Cleveland, purchased Bohemian National Hall and spent the next 20 years restoring the historic building with 35,000 hours of volunteer labor donated by the Sokol members.

Today it looks much like it did a century ago. Its present condition is a monument to the hard work, dedication and love required to restore and preserve this "jewel" in Cleveland.

Throughout 1997 events will take place to celebrate the hall's hundredth birthday. On Sunday April 20, APOLLO'S FIRE will give a concert performing Czech Baroque, Dvorak and Smetana music. A fashion show on Sunday, May 4, will include Czech costumes worn in the late 1880's to present. An open house Sept. 6 & 7 with a tour and Czech traditions and food. The culmination will take place Sept. 27, 1997 with a Grand Ball/dinner and dance.

For information call: Dorothy Cummings,

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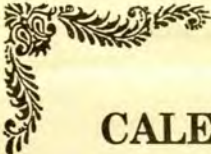
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Why not consider a gift membership for someone special? Your dues and generous donations help to fund several worthwhile endeavors such as Czech Prince and Princess sponsorship, financial support for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, adult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


We appreciate your continued support. With your help we can carry on with projects, activities, and goals to preserve our heritage and culture. **THANK YOU! Na shledanou!**

Please renew today! A Bargain at \$3.00 per year




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 11Czech Heritage Meeting
at Museum 7:30 p.m.
 - March 16St. Joseph's Dance 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Local P-3 Retirees Hall
 - March 18Kvapil Concert
Coe College 8:00 p.m.
 - March 19St. Joseph's Day
 - March 22St. Joseph's Day Parade
1:00 p.m. Czech Village
 - April 8.....Czech Heritage Board Meeting
at Museum 7:30 p.m.
 - May 17-18.....Houby Days, Czech Village
 - May 24-25.....Ethnic Fest, Hawkeye Downs
6th St. S.W., Cedar Rapids
 - May 26.....Memorial Service 11:30 a.m.
Czech National Cemetery
- 



OTHER ETHNIC EVENTS OF INTEREST

- April 20.....Concert, Bohemian Hall
Cleveland, Ohio
 - May 3.....Annual Czech Supper
Colonial Inn, Ft. Dodge, Iowa
 - May 4.....Czech Costume Style Show
Cleveland, Ohio
 - Sept. 6-7Open House, Bohemian Hall
Cleveland, Ohio
 - Sept. 27.....Banquet and Ball
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Dear Ladies & Sirs:

I am an 11 year old Czech boy and I heard about your museum and decided to ask you for a favor.

I would love to exchange letters with a boy from a U.S. Czech family. I have been learning English for a short time and that is why I was not able to write this letter in English, but that is also why I would like to find a pen pal — to learn more about your beautiful country.

I would really appreciate if you could send me an address with a Czech background or pass my letter to such a family.

Thank you very much, have a merry Christmas 1996 and happy new year 1997.

Ríša (Richard) Kaňok

(Translation by Marcela Mystikova)

HADANKA

Jest kulatý domeček
plný drobných koleček
slyšeti v něm klepy klep
jak v srdečku tepy tep
Bud' to na zdi visivá
bud' se v kapse nosiva

RIDDLE

It's a round house
Full of little cogs
You can hear a tick tock
Like a heart pitter patter
It will hang in a tower
or worn in a pocket

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July 6-July 20Treasures of Slovakia

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