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"WE'RE SORRY"

Due to circumstances beyond our control, this season's issue of *Nase Ceske Dedictvi* was greatly delayed. We would like to apologize for this and assure everyone that measures been taken to avoid this tardiness in the future. We greatly appreciate your understanding.

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From the President

How are we doing? The basic mission of our foundation is to preserve our Czech heritage and to perpetuate our culture and traditions. Have we been successful?

How do we best carry out our mission? Is it by supporting the Czech & Slovak Museum and Library so that the tangible items reflecting our history and culture can be displayed and shared with others? Is it by publishing and distributing several thousand books each year and reaching our membership through this quarterly newsletter? What about the Educational Kit we share with the local schools? The parades we participate in? The adult Conversational Czech Language Class? Maybe it's the youth projects such as our Prince & Princess and Homestay Programs? Wait, there's more! Are we preserving our Czech heritage by co-sponsoring the many festivals in the Czech Village? Then there are the Czech Heritage Singers...

With your continued support, the Czech Heritage Foundation strives to fulfill its mission. *How are we doing?* Have we been successful? Write to us and share your ideas. The Board of Directors values your input. Get involved!

John Rocarek
President

GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS ALL YEAR

Do you know someone, a friend or a relative, who isn't a member of Czech Heritage Foundation? Why not sign them up? All it takes is \$3.00 and the new member will receive this quarterly publication. *Náš Český Dědictví* is overflowing with information about current events, news items, biographical studies and histories. Write to us at P.O. Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406.

SUPER SEVEN

Recognition for a job well done can come in many forms. A pat on the back, a handshake, a sincere "thank you" are fine rewards. These things and more don't seem to be adequate repayment for the debt of gratitude owed to our recently retired Board Members.

Each one, I'm sure, would say that their reward is in the satisfaction of knowing that they were able to make a difference. Through the efforts of Nancy Barta, Erma Binko, Wesley Drahozal, Helen Kokesh, Elmer Netolicky, Evelyn Stejskal, and Darlene Trachta, the promotion and preservation of our Czech heritage has prospered.

I would still like to extend my sincerest appreciation for each one's hard work and sacrifice. Although retired from the Board of Directors each will continue to serve as volunteers within the Czech community. It's in the Blood!

Thanks again to the super seven.

John Rocarek

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letters to the editor

CAN YOU HELP US?

There is a desperate need for English speaking visitors to Czechoslovakia to offer some of their time as "teacher assistants". It's difficult to learn a new language from a book and from teachers who themselves are unsure of proper pronunciation. Students need to hear English as it is spoken in the United States and you can help by volunteering to spend time in conversation with them.

There is a school in Frydek-Mistek, Czechoslovakia that will provide you with room and board and \$100 per month if you could commit to help them for one year. However, any length of time, if only for a few weeks on a volunteer basis, would be greatly appreciated. In the latter case, a bed and breakfast place would be available nearby at a very reasonable cost. It's an exciting opportunity for an experience of a lifetime; one you won't get from an ordinary tour.

For more information please contact Anton Vanicek,

If you're planning a trip to Europe, this is a way to make it doubly rewarding, by being a part of the historic changes taking place there. We need you!

WE NEED PENPALS

Dear Friends,

My name is Tomáš Hendrych. I'm nineteen. I study at university. My hobbies: Rock music, reading, independent culture, aviation.

I pray for correspondence with an American boy or girl who like these hobbies. Thank you. Tomáš Hendrych,

My name's Daniela Klozová. I'm thirteen years old. I'm living in New Paka. This is a town in Czechoslovakia. I want to write to a new girl friend. Please, send me one address of my new friend. Thank you. My address is



letters to the editor

Dear Friends!

On Friday, September 18th, I came home and my husband gave me the white envelope. I was very curious, who is the unknown writer, so I opened the envelope. Mrs. Teri K. Thorpe wrote to me at Ostrava from Detroit that she saw in *Our Czech Heritage*, volume 16, my letter to the Editor.

And so we met and spent our first encounter in my small garden cottage at Michálkovice-Ostrava. But what's Teri doing in Ostrava? She came to educate our students at the Chemical Technician School in American English.

My husband is a teacher at the nearby Technical School and I am a teacher too, so we have common interests. Teri likes gardening, genealogy, computers and she likes her new Czech students — "my children" — as she usually says.

Mrs. Teri Thorpe is now in our country, where her Czech ancestors lived years ago—and so we wish her to have real "good luck" here.

I have a personal inquiry. Can you write me if you spent your youth at the Czechoslovak School in England (G.B.) during the Second World War? Do you remember these names? Mrs. Klára Winterstein-Horská, Mrs. and Mr. Sajdák, Mrs. Zyková, Mrs. Nicholas Winton, Mr. Janouch? We would like to prepare an exhibition from these past days and I am collecting materials, books, snaps, letters, text-books, etc.. I am looking forward to your connections. Yours sincerely, Blanka Chrostková,

NEW CZECH PASSENGER LISTS AVAILABLE

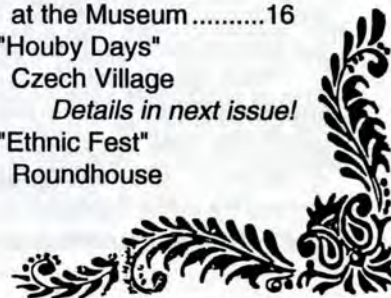
Never before published, *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volume IV*, is now available. After years of painstaking research, over 20,000 Czech immigrants who arrived in New York between 1847 and 1869 have been identified. This was done by reviewing and abstracting over two hundred and fifty (250) rolls of National Archives microfilm. This book includes an alphabetical listing of these Czech immigrants, giving their names, age, place of origin, date of arrival, name of ship, and destination. There is also a discussion on sources of immigrant ship data and pictures.

Copies of this book are available for \$17.95 postpaid from Leo Baca,



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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CZECH IT OUT...

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Cold weather plagues our meeting annually and this year was no exception. In spite of Mother Nature's attempt to dampen our spirits, we had a large turnout.

Officers and committees turned out report after report. Every year our agenda grows, every year we participate in new and exciting projects. There isn't a day that goes by when the Czech Heritage Foundation isn't "up to something."

We have seven new Board Members to introduce. Joining us are Elaine Brejcha, Karen Cichowski, David Faltis, Quinn Novak, Fran Novotny, Leonard Pfeifer, and Lynette Stejskal. All are to be congratulated on their new appointment, and deserve our appreciation for the time and effort they will each donate.

Lynette Stejskal, our guest speaker for the evening, brought to life how Czechoslovakia has changed since her first trip there in 1986 when she was one of our Homestay Ambassadors. She returned from her second and extended visit to Czechoslovakia last December, where she taught English and studied the Czech language.

Two Slovak businessmen, Vlado Petraš and Luboš Valašek, were guests of the foundation and addressed the audience, giving us an even deeper insight into life in Czechoslovakia from an economic standpoint. They are based in Iowa City, took some English language courses at the University of Iowa, and are touring the midwest in an effort to gain knowledge of business operations within a free market economy.

Following our Annual Meeting the Czech Fine Arts Foundation held their meeting, and reports outlining the year's activities at the Czech and Slovak Museum & Library were given. Major changes including the newly arranged office space and storage area, library categorizing effort, new exhibit areas; and several new community involvement projects were explained.

Over 6,900 individuals visited the Museum in 1991, 2,000 more than in 1990. Since 1978, over 62,800 people have registered as visitors, and this is only the beginning.

A brief report by the Building and Planning Committee outlining advancements in the new building project was given. The project is on schedule and 1992 promises to be a most exciting year.

CZECH SCHOOL CHILI SUPPER

Join us for piping hot chili, Czech breads, and pastries, when the Czech School Board of Cedar Rapids offers its Annual Chili Supper on Saturday, March 7th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at Kuba Hall, 1300 2nd St. S.E. The \$3.00 dinner tickets will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance at Sykora Bakery in Czech Village.

Donations of baked goods for the traditional bake sale held in conjunction with the supper will be greatly appreciated.

Czech School Board

BRIDGE OF LIONS NOMINATED FOR AWARD

In the July 1991 issue of *Civil Engineering* magazine, there appeared an article announcing the nominees for the 1991 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. The 16th Avenue Bridge was among the nominees. The following is the copy as it appeared in the magazine, together with a 4-1/4 by 3-1/2 colored picture of the bridge.

"The 16th Avenue Bridge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa has a prestressed, reinforced concrete girder superstructure hidden behind in disguise. Arch-soffit prestressed concrete fascia panels with concrete handrails hide the modern structural elements, giving the bridge a look similar to that of the 1910 bridge it replaced. The new bridge, designed by Shive-Hattery Engineers and Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids is topped by eight decorative concrete lions, a salute to the city's large Czech community. District 16 Director Ted Johnson nominated the project."

*Civil Engineering — Noel Maitland.
Submitted by Charles Krejci*

CZECH IT OUT...

POMOC!!! HELP!!!

We have immediate openings for volunteers and desperately need your help.

Elmer Netolicky, does a terrific job of handling the foundation's book sales. Elmer has enjoyed the task of filling our mail-order requests, but its time to find another to assume these duties. If anyone out there has ever aspired to run a small mail-order business out of their home, here's your chance. Elmer will train his replacement and has even agreed to share his secrets for making the job easier.

There is also a need for a salesbooth coordinator. When we participate in festivals and sell our publications we need someone to put up the booth and canopy, line up volunteers, and setup the operation. Time required on this task varies with each festival.

We cannot allow ourselves to rely on the same people year after year to do these tasks. We must all take our turn, helping where we are able, doing our fair share. If one of the above jobs interest you, give me a call. We'll see to it you get the training you'll need to get started, and help you along the way. John Rocarek, after 6:00 p.m.

DOUG KREJCI WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations goes to Doug Krejci who was awarded a James and Helen Hovorka Scholarship of \$1,000.00 for the 1991-1992 school year. Doug was a participant in the Homestay Program in Czechoslovakia in 1987. Currently, Doug is a senior at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake majoring in Mass Communications. The Hovorka Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student of Czechoslovak heritage.

TAMARA CHADIMA CROWNED CZECH PRINCESS

As part of the 18th annual Czech Village Festival, Tamara Chadima was crowned Czech Princess in September 1991. Contestants were judged on a written entry, an informal interview, extra-curricular activities, participation in events related to their Czech heritage, and personality. Tamara is a standout in all categories.

The new princess is a sophomore at Prairie High School. When not involved with her responsibilities as Czech Princess, Tamara keeps herself active as a cheerleader, a member of the Prairie marching band, the concert band, both the school choir and swing choir. She is also a senior in 4-H, a ballet enthusiast, and a performer with the Cedar Rapids Symphony. And if that is not enough, Tamara has learned to bake "rohliky," "housky," and "kolače" in her spare time.



Tamara's interest in her Czech heritage doesn't stop with her role as Czech Princess. Besides participating in other Czech Heritage events, on a more personal level, she has traced her family lineage back many generations in order to learn more about her ancestry. Her curiosity about her own heritage will continue to be important to Tamara as one day she hopes to follow in her brothers' footsteps and visit Czechoslovakia. When asked why she chose to enter the Czech Princess competition, Tamara replied, "I thought I would make a good representative." Judging by her many talents and keen interest, it is certain that Tamara will be an excellent representative of our community.

P.S. Regrettably a Czech Prince was not crowned this year. Keep your fingers crossed for next year.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM UPDATE

The Czech Heritage Foundation and Experiment in International Living Program is once again under way. This year we are pleased to have four enthusiastic students eager to spend one month in Czechoslovakia this summer.

The new ambassadors chosen to participate in the Homestay Program are: Dana Dvorsky of Linn-Mar High School, daughter of Joan Jacob and Denver Dvorsky; Jana Kopecky of Kennedy High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Kopecky; Stephany Machacek of Alburnette High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Machacek; and Sarah Novotny of Washington High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Novotny.

These four young women will be living with a host family for one month, in or near Prague. As local representatives, the ambassadors will share their experiences with their adoptive family and many new friends. Not only will they offer insight into life in America, but in particular, life in the Czech/American community. At the same time, our representatives will experience first hand daily life in Czechoslovakia, play witness to the rapid changes taking place, and come to experience the pleasures of travelling and making new friends. Judging by the experiences of previous Homestay ambassadors, dating back to 1984, these four young women are certain to have an unforgettable summer.

To help generate support for our participants, the St. Joseph's Day Dance, our annual fundraiser, is slated to take place on March 22nd. From 1 to 5pm, at Hofer's Danceland in Walford, the music of the Ivanho Dutch Men will be rousing up the crowd. Ticket printing costs for the event are being underwritten by Stejskal Florists. There will be a bake sale and door prizes. Certain to be lively and fun, the annual event is a chance to let your Czech heritage pride loose!

CAN YOU REMEMBER THESE PRICES?

This is a copy of an original
1912 sales ticket.

Submitted by Charles Krejci

A. Krejci	2/5/1912
To	VAVRA BROS., Dr. GROCERS
1 wash basin	.10
1 tea kettle	.65
1 pail	.60
1 dishpan	.65
2 shakers	.05
1 cuspidor	.25
1 doz. plates	1.00
1/2 doz. cups-saucers	.75
1/2 doz. bowls	.55
1 bracket lamp	.65
1/2 doz. bowls	.50
1 dish	.20
5 1 gal. jars	.40
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New From New Rivers Press

The Boundaries of Twilight:

Czecho-Slovak Writing from the New World

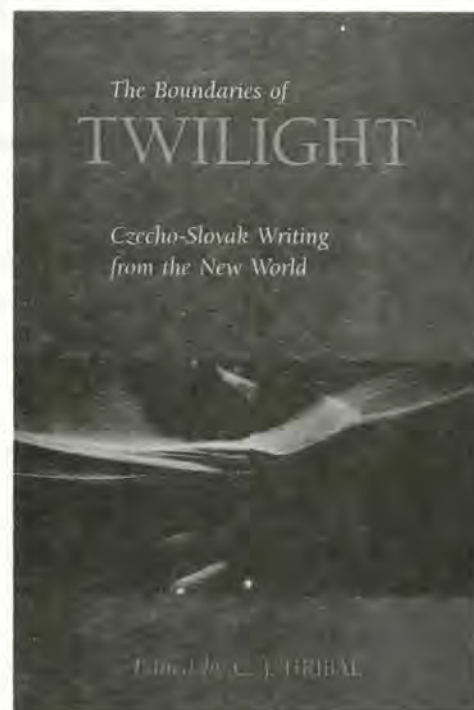
This extensive anthology, edited by C. J. Hribal, is number six in New Rivers' award-winning Many Minnesotas Project. As with the previous collections, poets, short story writers, translators, essayists, and memoirists come together to explore their common heritage. The writing is complemented with more than thirty images by Czech emigre photographers. The result is a stunning exploration of what it means to be Czecho-Slovakian in Prague, Paris, New York, St. Paul, Duluth, Omaha, and Los Angeles.

Writers included here are: Fr. Benedict Auer, Marie Bednar, Olivia Beens, Jaroslava Blazkova, Janet Bohac, Joseph Bruchac 111, Paul J. Casella, Jarda Cervenska, Hana Demetz, Tom Domek, Lorraine Duggin, Susan Firer, Carolyn Forche, MaryAnn Franta, Jirina Fuchsova, Barbara Goldberg, Patricia Hampl, Aedan Alexander Hanley, C. G. Hanzlicek, Mary Kolada Harris, Tom Hazuka, Zdena Hyblova Heller, Joyce deVries Kehoe, Erazim Kohak, Eva Konrad, Milan Kovacovic, J. L. Kubicek, Peter Kulka Spielberg, Terrance J. Lappin, Freya Manfred, Paul Martin, Al Masarik, Joanne Hvizdak Meehl, Bill Meissner, Charlotte Nekola, Deborah O'Harra, Laura Pappano, Iva Pekarkova, James Ragan, Ronald J. Rindo, Zdena Salivarova, Chris Semansky, Daniel Simko, Josef Skvorecký, Ludek Snapp, Jiri Sykora, Otto Ulc, and Bronislava Volkova. Photographers whose work appears are: George Erml, Jan Frank, Bohumil Krcil, and Jan Lukas.

368 pages (paper), \$14.95. ISBN 0-89823-121-3

Available at your local independent bookstore, or from New Rivers Press. Minnesota residents must add 6% sales tax. Please include \$2.00 for postage and handling. Bookstores should order from The Talman Company (1-800-537-8894).

New Rivers Press, 420 North 5th Street, Suite #910, Minneapolis MN 55401.



CALL ME WENDY

We would like to welcome Wendy Booker as the new Czech Village Coordinator.

The Booker family moved to Cedar Rapids from New Hampshire two years ago. Wendy, her husband, and their three boys ranging in age from three to thirteen, all love the midwest.

Although Wendy is not of Czech descent, she affirms the importance of preserving one's heritage. The new Village Coordinator has travelled extensively and appreciates the importance of sharing various cultural experiences with those in the local community. In her new position she will have ample opportunity to share with all the citizens of Cedar Rapids the continuing cultural significance of the Czechoslovak community.

Wendy recently spoke of the upcoming events in the Village, "Plans for the St. Joseph's Day Parade and the Spring Festival are underway. The St. Joseph's Day Parade on the Avenue will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m. (Czech Heritage Foundation plans to enter its award winning float). Houby Days are scheduled for May 16th and 17th."

"For now," Wendy adds, "I have a lot to learn. I'm open to suggestions and new ideas."

The new Czech Village Coordinator invites your input, and may be reached by writing: Wendy Booker, Czech Village Coordinator, 59 16th Ave. S.W. Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

KOMENSKÝ (COMENIUS) 400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Jan Amos Komenský, also known as Comenius, was born 400 years ago in southeastern Moravia on the 28th of March, 1592. The great scientist, philosopher and educator is known as the "teacher of nations" because he established modern educational systems in several European countries.

An international scientific conference, entitled "Comenius Heritage and Education of Man for the 21st Century," including an international exhibition of school aids, is scheduled at the Palace of Culture in Prague, March 23-27th, 1992.

If you are planning a trip to Czechoslovakia, visit at least one of the Komenský museums. One museum is located at Přerov where Komenský attended the school of the Unity of Czech Brethren and later served as its rector. Another museum in southeastern Moravia is at Uherský Brod where Komenský spent his childhood and began his education. The third museum is at the Wallenstein palace in Prague.



As a part of a modern educational system, Komenský advocated advanced education for women, and physical education. One of his maxims was "a sound mind in a sound body," a motto adopted by the Sokol Gymnastic Organization about 200 years after his death. Bob Stone, historian for the Komenský Society in Cedar Rapids, is available to speak to local groups about the life and work of Jan Amos Komenský. To arrange speaking engagements call

— Bob Stone

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

After an unplanned hospitalization in Prague, Czechoslovakia last year, H. Douglas Lemons of Lakewood, California, made a promise to himself — a promise to himself and to those concerned that he would do all that he could to right a terrible wrong.

Regarding his hospital stay, Mr. Lemons tells us in his own words, "They did their best for me with the limited equipment they have, apologized for their inability to do more, and advised me to immediately return to the U.S.A. for proper treatment in an American hospital... That Prague Hospital is the same one which has been used for hundreds of years, and now, in its rundown condition, it is a national disgrace! If it were in America, it would have been destroyed years and years ago! After talking with the doctors and some architects, I promised them that upon my return to America, I would do everything within my power to organize American support to provide the necessary funds to construct a new hospital in Prague."

It is wrong that our Czechoslovak friends and relatives should be subjected to these conditions. Most of us take our excellent level of medical care in the United States for granted.

Thank you Mr. Lemons for "making a difference" in the lives of thousands of Czechoslovaks who will one day benefit from your thoughtfulness. A thank you also goes out to Czech Heritage Foundation member, Don DeFore. Mr. DeFore is serving an important role on the finance committee for the new medical facility in Prague, and brought this situation to our attention. For more information on how you can help, write to: H. Douglas Lemons,

CZECH HERITAGE FLOAT

“Seasons Greetings from Czechoslovakia”

The Czech Heritage Foundation proudly displayed its colors in the annual Downtown Christmas Parade, delighting on-lookers with another of Leonard Pfeifer’s creations. The theme of this year’s parade was Christmas around the world, and the Czech Heritage’s float, “Seasons Greetings from Czechoslovakia” won first honors in three categories. Participating against other non-profit groups, Czech Heritage took the trophy for best float. It was also awarded the People’s Choice Award and Best Costume honors.



Leonard and helpers preparing the float.

The ornately decorated depiction of the Footbridge of the Lions leading into Czechoslovakia, castles and cottages, was the idea of Leonard. His extensive experience and creative flair produced an entry that stood

out among the more than 70 floats participating in this year’s festivities. Starting in September, Pfeifer worked until late November getting the float ready. This was his eighth annual Christmas Parade. Unfortunately, due to very cold winter weather, turnout was slightly lower than expected, with only 70 participating despite 90 entrants.

Leonard Pfeifer and his family began designing floats with a Czech theme after his son travelled to Czechoslovakia in the Summer of 1989. As part of the Czech Heritage Foundation’s Homestay Program, Leonard’s son, Tim, spent one month with a host family. Leonard’s support began as his way of thanking the Czech Heritage Foundation for his son’s experiences in the Homestay Program. His cooperation has continued, this year designing and building one of the most celebrated floats yet.



Tamara Chadima and award winning Czech Heritage Foundation float

FIRST CLASS

Have you heard the news? Congratulations are in order. The Czech Fine Arts Foundation was recently named winner of the Addy Award. The Advertising Federation of Cedar Rapids, in conjunction with the national American Advertising Federation each year recognizes outstanding advertising media, and the Czech community comes up as the winner once again!

On January 31st, the Czech Fine Arts Foundation was named the 1992 Addy Award winner for Best Print Material for Public Service.



Overall there were over four hundred entrants in over seventy different categories.

The full-color informational brochure responsible for earning the award has also been instrumental in enticing people to visit the Czech and Slovak Museum & Library. Several individuals and firms worked on the project, too many to name here, but special thanks go to The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation for the generous grant allowing for production of this first class brochure.

*In the Czech Village
Cedar Rapids, Iowa*



On February 1st, under warm sunny skies, the Czech Heritage Foundation won first prize in the 1992 Winterfest Snow Sculpting contest for its elaborate recreation of Hluboká Castle. An ambitious project, the team reproduced the front facade and clock tower of one of Czechoslovakia's best known castles. Located in South Bohemia, Hluboká is one of the most ornate and dramatic of the hundreds of castles that dot the Czechoslovak landscape.

The finished project, complete with detailed brick work, painted windows, and a watery mote was awarded top honors in the Business/Organization category.

The team was made up of Czech Heritage Foundation members John Rocarek and Lynette Stejskal, Carrie Hammond, F. John Herbert of The Drawing Legion, and Pavel Melcak, a visiting student from Palacky University, Olomouc, now studying at Mt. Mercy College.

Working only with pictures, and some of Pavel's childhood memories, the group dug in with mittened hands making the best use of a grab-bag of tools. Pails, shovels, plastic cups, and snow scoops were the instruments of the day, but proved to be more than adequate in creating the winning entry.

Credit must be given to the artistic talents of team leader Carrie Hammond, a prize winning pumpkin carver, whose sharp eye and steady hand cut expertly through the frozen snow. And F. John Herbert, though more accustomed to the traditional mediums of artistic creation (writing and theater production), rose to the challenge, despite this being his first snow project since the age of ten.

Team member Lynette Stejskal who has just returned from a one year stay in Olomouc, knows first hand the beauty of many of Czechoslovakia's landmarks. In building Hluboká, local residents, as well, had a chance to share in that beauty and find out more about Czechoslovakia, past and present.

Once again, the Czech Heritage Foundation has left its mark on the Cedar Rapids community on what proved to be a wonderful day of playing in the snow.

— Russell P. Cohen



You gotta start somewhere!



Three and half hours later —



*Cold but proud . . .
Pavel, Lynette, Carrie, John,
F. John*



FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Iowa Hall, Kirkwood Community College

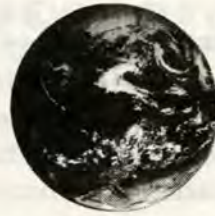
Reception with International Food and Drink
Entertainment by String Quartet
COME, make new friends with people from
Iowa's officially designated "Sister States."

Evening Schedule:

- 6:00 p.m... Reception opens with Ethnic Food / Drink from Seven countries
- 6:30 p.m. Introduction of Honored Guests
Greetings: Susan Carroll,
Vice-President, Kirkwood Community College, and
Glenn Ytzen, President, Iowa Sister States, Inc.
- 7:30 p.m. Greetings: Governor Terry Branstad (Invited)
Music,
- Display Tables and International Cuisine
Yucatan, Mexico Taiwan
Lime Soup Vegetable Rangoon
- Yamanashi, Japan Stavropol, Russia
Vegetable Tempura Beef Stroganoff
- Terengganu, Malaysia Hebei, P.R.C..
Chicken Sate EggRolls Sweet/Sour
- Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
Bratwurst and Sauerkraut with
German Dark Bread

Attendance by Reservation: Cost \$15.00
See Registration Form or Call: Kim 398 5503 to
reserve a place for you and your friends.

International Dress Is Appropriate



GLOBAL CEDAR RAPIDS! CONFERENCE

Held In Conjunction With

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*International Spring Festival and
Reception*

March 6 and 7, 1992

Iowa Hall and Ballantyne Auditorium
Kirkwood Community College

**International Keynote Speakers
Dialogue with Global Leaders and
Foreign Policy Specialists
Awards Presentations to
"Citizens Making A Difference in
World Affairs"**

Global Cedar Rapids Town Meeting Conference

Saturday, March 7, 1992 REGISTRATION \$5.00
Ballantyne Auditorium Student Registration \$2.50
Kirkwood Community College LUNCHEON \$5.00

- 8:00- 8:30 Registration
- 8:30- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:00- 9:30 Keynote Address
Ambassador Rita Klimova
- 9:30-10:00 Dialogue with Ambassador Klimova
- 10:00-10:30 Break Browse Displays/Tables
- 10:30-11:45 Small Group Topic Session
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00- 2:15 Small Group Topic Session
- 2:15- 2:45 Break Browse Displays/Tables
- 2:45- 4:30 CONFERENCE ADDRESS
GLOBAL CEDAR RAPIDS
AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Conference Adjourns
- 4:30

TOPICS AND MODERATORS

1. U.S..... Agenda for the 90's; Domestic Needs, Global Priorities. *Dr. Jeremy Sorokin, Pol. Sci., University of Iowa.*
 2. Latin America's New Course; Bridge to Closer U.S. Ties. *Dr. Bill Heywood, Historian, Dean Emeritus of Cornell College.*
 3. Planet Earth; Dying Species, Disappearing Habitats. *Dr., Paul Christensen, Biology Professor, Cornell College.*
 4. Breakup of the Soviet Union; U.S. Dilemmas. *Dr. Margaret Haupt, Pol. Sci., Coe College.*
 5. Iowa's Role in the Emerging Democracies of Eastern Europe: Bulgaria. *Bob Anderson, Executive Director, Iowa Peace Institute.*
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 7. The Effects of Economic Policies on the Tropical Rainforest of Central America. *Dr. Gordon Urquhart, Prof. of Economics, Cornell College*
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Václav Havel,
President of
Czechoslovakia, is
also a playwright,

poet and essayist. He was one of the principal framers of the Declaration of Human Rights statement for Czechoslovakia. He was arrested and imprisoned for four and a half years because of his views. In 1989 he was elected President. His courageous stand on human rights has brought him full circle from prisoner to president, a citizen activist.

Czechoslovak President Václav Havel is the 1992 Global Cedar Rapids Int'l Award recipient, chosen for his outstanding example as a citizen of the global community who is making a difference in world affairs.

The President extends his regrets for being unable to accept the award in person. Accepting the award on his behalf, by his personal request, is the Honorable Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States, Rita Klímová.

During her stay in Cedar Rapids, the Ambassador will have an opportunity to visit the Czech and Slovak Museum & Library and meet with leaders in our Czechoslovak community. Our foundation is proud to have the opportunity to help sponsor Ambassador Klímová's visit and eagerly await her arrival.

On Saturday morning, March 7th at 8:45, prior to Ambassador Klímová's opening keynote address at 9:00, the Czech Heritage Singers and Czech School Children will sing favorites from our ancestral homeland.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear Ambassador Klímová speak in Cedar Rapids.



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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!**

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Lately the newsletter has contained more information than usual regarding current events in Czechoslovakia. Since the inception of our organization up to November of 1989, we were unable to report factual information relating to life in the "old country." For years we have had members living in Czechoslovakia receiving our newsletter and the mere mention of politics, religion, **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**, were taboo. The fear that we may bring bad luck to the door of one of our foundation members kept us from reporting on current issues. There was a lot of catching up to do!

Don't worry! Current events are very important to us all, as we are interested in our friends' and relatives' wellbeing overseas, but in the upcoming issues of *Naše České Dědictví* we will include *more* family histories, *more* photographs from the past, and *more* early immigrant reminiscences.

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Czech Egg Decorating

Demonstrations in the art of decorating Easter eggs will be presented at the Czech and Slovak Museum & Library, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 11th and Saturday, April 18th. Youngsters will have the hands-on experience of making a pomlázka (willow whip) and learn of its significance in Czechoslovak Easter traditions. Pieces of a "lamb cake" (a type of pound cake baked in a lamb-shaped mold) will be available for tasting. On display will be eggs decorated in the seven distinct styles created by Czechoslovak folk artists, as well as some recent innovations created by local artists of Czech descent. Museum visitors will also be given the opportunity of learning about some springtime customs that celebrated the passing of winter.

Admission is \$2.50 (ages 14 and up) and \$1.00 (ages 8-13). The Museum is located at 10 - 16th Avenue S.W., in the Czech Village, at the west end of the "Bridge of Lions". For further information call (319) 362-8500.

