

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

President's Message

Carol Wohlleben,
President, Guild of NCSML



Fall 2011

Dear Guild Members,

Fall is quickly approaching and with all the plans in the works for the activities scheduled for the Museum, it is time to turn our attention once more to recognize the importance all of you contribute to the success of the NCSML.

Reviewing the Mission Statement in the Bylaws of the Museum Guild, "*The mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support, and to serve as an educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library*" finds us pointed directly to an upcoming busy season.

Here are these events:

August 25 Friends and Volunteer picnic – Sokol Park 5:00-8:00, please RSVP, 362-8500

September 6 Coe College Service Fair

September 10 Guild Meeting – St. Wenceslaus

September 23 BrewNost and Babi's Bakery

October Required volunteer training

December 3 Cookie Walk and Old Prague Christmas Market

With all these events in mind, again we need to focus on growing our membership. Please continue to invite friends and acquaintances to become members of our group. As we move towards occupying the Red Roof Building again, we understand how the need for more volunteers will grow each day. Bring a friend to the picnic and learn about the upcoming opportunities to contribute to the success of the museum as a major site to visit in Cedar Rapids. We welcome Mary Van Houten as a new member.

The Guild has become a sponsor for BrewNost this year and as part of that we will provide food for Babi's Bakery, a grand opportunity for guests to purchase our celebrated Czech/Slovak foods! And who better than our members to prepare, present and be present at the function. This will give us a great chance to market the Guild and hopefully, gain more members. Being a sponsor also provides us with tremendous advertising as our logo appears on much of the correspondence that occurs for BrewNost. There is a goal to increase the number of attendees to more than 850 this year! Diana Geoffrey and Diane Hayes are co-chairing our bakery with help from all of us! More information will be forthcoming!

Work is beginning on the addition of a page on the NCSML webpage. This, too, will assist us in keeping in touch with each other and allowing others to explore what the Guild does.

There was a great turnout for the Heritage Luncheon in July. So many traditions were shared by all those present. Thank you to all who organized and participated in this annual event. I look forward to next year already!

We are quite a 'society' of folks celebrating and promoting our heritage, regardless of what it is! That is what makes us Americans!

Heritage Event features great food, friends, memories

Held July 9 at Maria's Tea Room, the Heritage Buffet Luncheon entertained 45 guests who enjoyed great food, friendship, and the joy of sharing family memories. Two groups of guests included three generations, and several others two.

Goals for committee were the following:

- 1) to foster preservation of family heritage
- 2) to provide a social event for members/ guests in Czech Village
- 3) hopefully make some money for NCSML

Accomplished all goals, and the smiles in photos demonstrate the first two. The third was accomplished with \$206 netted for Guild treasury!

Maria's Tea Room, with member Nancy Schmuecker, donated Chicken Salad and the rest of the committee contributed to ticket sales and promotion, baking and food, hostessing, and staff work the day of the event. Thanks to committee members Nancy, Frank and Barb Edmunds, Karen Hospodarsky, Irene Konecny, Leni Stastny, Dorothy Voelkers, and Marie Webster.

-- Pat Martin, chair



**Kylie and Carolyn...
two generations of Holubars!**



**Ginny Mitchell and
Bev Kadlec...Pals!**



**Marj NejdI and Irene Hamous...friends
since childhood days in Sokol**



**Jan Stoffer "shows and tells"
an NCSML autograph book**



**Leni Stastny and cousins Nancy Owen
and Shirley Alexander**



Minutes of June Meeting of Guild of NCSML

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Betty Sheets, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Betty Sheets, Treasurer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 35 members with no guests attending. We had no new members.

Program: Stefanie Kohn, NCSML Curator gave us an overview of the most recent acquisitions to the museum collection. Along with a beautiful slide show, she spoke of the 72 separate donations for a total of 463 items that were given in 2010. We saw pictures of cut glass, kroj, doll furniture, CSPA artifacts, linens, iron molds from the 19th century and beautiful hand painted furniture that is still awaiting transport to Cedar Rapids, IA from the upper east coast.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the May 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar read a Thank You letter from Dolores Usher for continuing to send the Guilded Page. She said she misses her friends at the NCSML Guild, and wishes everyone well. She also read a letter from John Kuba now living in the Czech Republic. He thanked the Guild for continuing to send the Guilded Page to him as well as reminisced of his volunteer activities in support of the Czech activities in Cedar Rapids and how he misses participating. He sent his best regards to all of his friends in Cedar Rapids and will watch the progress of the Museum as it is moved and prepares to reopen. Carolyn then read the top 10 volunteers for the month of May. Another HUGE month of active volunteers from the NCSML Guild! Great job to all!

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets read that we have \$11,609.04 in the bank. She stated that The Taste of Czech/Slovak made \$3206.19 after all expenses were paid. No new bills were presented for approval.

Museum Board Representative: Mel Holubar thanked all who participated in the Houby Days Parade. He also reported that he attended the NCSML Board Meeting on 05/24/11. He said it was short, but sweet with financial information given, updates on the Museum move and construction of the new addition. He reminded that BrewNost will be held Sept 23, 2011, at Kernels Ball Park and there will be both indoor and outdoor areas. Gail Naughton will be in Washington D.C. on June 10th to make a presentation. Also, a proposal was received from Exbitz Lord with 2 different options for the new Permanent Exhibit within the Museum. The Permanent Exhibit Committee will make the final suggestions for the final exhibit. The new exhibit will open in the Spring of 2013, no matter how much further the building move is delayed.

Guild Business: Bob Stone presented the "Czech/Slovak Word of the Day" and Barb Edmunds reminded that the Heritage Luncheon is Saturday, July 9th at 1pm. Beth DeBoom gave a report on the success of the Taste of Czech/Slovak 2011. She thanked all of the volunteers and vendors that made it the success it was. She handed out questionnaires for suggestions for next years event. Donna Merkle gave an updated NCSML Guild Cookbook report. She said with the recent sales through the Museum and The Taste of Czech/Slovak, it is time to reorder. As was discussed in a previous meeting, it will cost approximately \$5000 to reprint 500 copies at about \$10.75 apiece. It will take 3-4 weeks to have printed, and shipping will be free. A motion was made by Donna Merkle to place the cookbook reorder and Marge Stone 2nd the motion. It passed with a 100% yes vote by the Guild membership. Frank Edmunds brought to the memberships attention the need to replace the flag poles that the Guild members use to carry flags in parades. He said they are dangerous and could break at any time due to their age. It was agreed that he and Suzie Long will contact local marching bands to see if there are any possibilities for donations of used competition quality poles and harnesses. If no donations can be found he will continue to search for a low cost alternative for replacements.

Committee Chair Reports: Jeanne Vogt reminded of numerous upcoming educational events, Jennifer Greve encouraged all members to keep thinking about inviting new members to join and Diana Geoffrey said that she is only in need of Hosts/Hostesses for the November 2011 meeting.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Bamboo plants, donated by Chris Curfman were won by Carolyn Holubar and Joe Kurka and a Czech inspired-hand painted apron, donated by Marge Nejdil was won by Barb Edmunds.

June Meeting Language Lesson

English: The rainbow is beautiful.

Czech: Duha je krásná.

Slovak: Dúha je krásna.

--Bob Stone

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long



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Introduction of Guest: Carolyn Holubar introduced her guest, her granddaughter Kylie Holubar. Welcome Kylie!

Program: Pat Martin introduced Elaine Samek and her father Bernie Drahozal who presented the history of the Czech School. We learned that the Czech School has been a part of the Cedar Rapids tradition for an incredible 142 years. It is the longest, continuous Czech education in the U.S. It runs for 5 weeks in the summer and is available for 6-14 year olds. They meet Monday through Friday for 3 hours a day. The children enjoy the classroom education as well as field trips to local Czech landmarks. For the past 10-12 years, the teachers have come to us from the Czech Republic and in the past 3 years, they have also offered an adult education class. It was fascinating

President: Carol Wohlleben thanked the Guild members for the sympathy card her family received at the loss of her son in law. She also said that the questionnaires for the Taste of Czech/Slovak event are being compiled and we have some great feedback for next years event.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the June 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar read the top 10 volunteers for the past month and thanked the Members for putting their volunteer hours in the book. There were an incredible 511 volunteer hours recorded for June 2011! Great job everyone!

Treasurer Report: Carol Wohlleben read that we have \$12,794.32 in the bank. No new bills were presented for approval. Donna Merkel stated that the cookbook invoice was also paid for approximately \$5300 and she has already received the first of 2 shipments of 250 cookbooks.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar said that he had heard from Rinderknecht's project leadership team that by adjusting the flow of work there is still a chance we can open the new Czech and Slovak Museum and Library on schedule in June 2012. The elevation of the museum was scheduled to start July 9th, 2011, but may not start until July 11th. Steel beams will be placed on the new foundation for the Museum to roll on with small rollers. The floor will have to be shored up from what will be the parking lot as the deck floor was not designed to support the far wall as the Museum rolls across the floor.

Ex-Officio: Pat Martin made a motion to nominate Marj NejdI for the Waypointe Tribute to Women of Achievement, and to set aside \$200 to facilitate the process. Barb Pulkrab 2nd the motion and the membership passed the motion with a 100% yes vote. If Marj is selected, she and a guest will attend a banquet on October 6th, 2011 where the winner will be announced.

Guild Business: Pat Martin reminded all that the Heritage Luncheon was July 9th and was sold out. Carol Wohlleben reviewed that BrewNost will be held Sept 23, 2011 at Kernels Stadium and the Guild has been asked to again supply the dessert bites for the event as well as wash the beer glasses. Carol said the glasses will be washed by commercial dish washers only, so it should be a much easier task this year. The Guild has also been asked to be a sponsor for the event as well as run the bakery. Being a sponsor would give the Guild tremendous publicity and marketing advantages that we have not had in the past and could be a real boost for our membership drive. The cost to sponsor the event would be \$3000, but we would keep all profits made from the bakery. A motion was made by Frank Edmunds to be an event sponsor and was 2nd by Donna Merkel. The motion was passed with a 100% yes vote from the Guild membership.

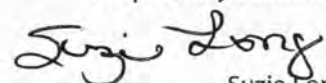
Committee Chair Reports: Jeanne Vogt mentioned numerous upcoming educational events to include the upcoming visit from the Budweiser Clydesdale Horse Team on July 20th at approximately 5:30pm on 16th Avenue. Jennifer Greve reminded the members that if there are any misspellings on their nametags that there is a sheet with the sign in book to note the corrections that need to be made and she will take care of it. Diana Geoffrey thanked the days host/hostesses, Lud and Loreen Svoboda and Fern Fackler and mentioned that she still needs host/hostesses for the November meeting. Pat Martin reminded that the next deadline for submission of entries for the Guilded Page is August 15th.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: A stoneware coffee mug, donated by The Museum Store was won by Frank Edmunds.

Education Question

Who was the second President of Czechoslovakia?
First AND last names, please. Answer on page 12.

Respectfully Submitted,


Suzie Long

Hosts contribute to social atmosphere of meetings



Left: May hosts were Suzie Long, Jennifer Greve, Betty Gallagher



Right: June hosts were Chris Curfman, Kenny Fetter, Diana Geoffrey



July Hosts: Loreen and Lud Svoboda, and Fern Fackler



August Hosts: Joe Kurka, Dolores Blood, Shirley Alexander



~~~~~ Our Mission Statement ~~~~~

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## Taste of Czech & Slovak Fundraiser

### Acknowledges Generous Volunteers

**Volunteers** \*= Committee members

KENNY FETTER  
 JEANNE VOGT  
 ANNE KLOUBEC  
 ALICIA JACKSON  
 IRENE KONECNY  
 MEL HOLUBAR  
 EMIL KOVAL  
 MIKE O'BRIEN  
 JESSIE STASTNY  
 BETTE KRALL  
 LAVERN FISHER  
 DON PULKRAB  
 SUZIE LONG  
 DIANA GEOFFREY  
 MARIE WEBSTER\*  
 BETTY GALLAGHER  
 MARJ NEDJL  
 SHALLY GARIN\*  
 MILLY ORTNER  
 MARY ANN BARRY  
 LILLIAN KOPECKY  
 FRANK EDMUNDS  
 LUD SVOBODA  
 DOROTHY VOELKERS  
 MARJORIE PACE  
 CORNELL STUDENTS x 4  
 CAROL WOLLHEBEN\*  
 CYNDI O'BRIEN\*  
 BETH DEBOOM\*  
 MARY ANN KUCERA  
 JOE KURKA  
 BEVERLY KADLEC  
 EUGENE KADLEC  
 SUZANNE CHARIPAR  
 PAT MARTIN  
 LENI STASTNY  
 ANDREA SIEBENMANN  
 OLGA SEDENKA  
 FRAN JOHNSON  
 AUDRA MCENANY  
 SHIRLEY ALEXANDER  
 BARB EDMUNDS  
 CAROLYN HOLUBAR  
 BONNIE HOLUBAR  
 LOREEN SVOBODA  
 TAYLOR MILLER  
 KAREN HOSPODARSKY\*

GAIL NAUGHTON  
 JAN STOFFER  
 DOUGLAS SMITH  
 DAVE MUHLENA  
 FERN FACKLER  
 LINDSEY BUCHHIET  
 DIANA HAYES  
 VERA CONWAY  
 PENNY KULA  
 BETTY SHEETS\*

**Vendors**

Al's Blue Toad  
 Dostal Catering  
 Hotel at Kirkwood  
 HyVee/ Wilson Ave  
 John's Grocery  
 Julia-n-LeChef  
 K Distributing  
 Kaffein  
 Little Bohemia  
 Ob-Gyn Associates  
 Parlor City Pub  
 Red Baron  
 Red Frog  
 Sokol  
 St. Ludmila Parish  
 Sykora Bakery  
 Zins  
 Zoey's



Beth Chacey DeBoom, 'Taste' co-chair, sparkles leadership and enthusiasm!



Tom Hauer, from Julia-n-LeChef. We called him our "beer man!"



Millie Ortner...checks those "tickets" and monitors serving line!



Bonnie Holubar...hundreds of Czech Garnets were cut and arranged!!! Kolace and other baked favorites were also enjoyed by 330 guests.

More than 50 volunteers made the 11th Annual Taste a financial and social success for NCSML.

*Volunteers make SUCCESS happen!*

## NCSML Guild Treasurer's Report 2011

|                                       | 2010               | 2011               |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>              | <b>\$7,947.41</b>  | <b>\$12,143.80</b> |
| <i>Receipts</i>                       |                    |                    |
| Dues                                  | \$1,000.00         | \$980.00           |
| Cookbooks                             | \$3,964.56         | \$1,638.60         |
| Donations                             | \$40.00            | \$140.00           |
| Aprons                                | \$105.00           | \$60.00            |
| Taste of Czech/Slovak                 | \$3,885.05         | \$3,934.00         |
| Cookie Walk                           | \$2,054.95         | \$30.00            |
| Reception                             | \$363.00           |                    |
| Heritage Tea                          | \$91.00            | \$394.00           |
| Miscellaneous                         | \$50.00            |                    |
| Interest                              | \$13.72            | \$2.83             |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                 | <b>\$11,567.28</b> | <b>\$7,179.43</b>  |
| <i>Disbursements</i>                  |                    |                    |
| Newsletter (Printing)                 | \$509.83           | \$240.50           |
| Newsletter (Postage)                  | \$475.20           |                    |
| Printing                              | \$70.48            |                    |
| Cookbook Expense                      | \$-                | \$5,375.00         |
| Aprons Expense                        | \$208.80           |                    |
| Houby Days Expense                    | \$171.02           |                    |
| Taste of C/S Expenses                 | \$535.41           | \$768.04           |
| Cookie Walk Expenses                  | \$119.20           | \$96.59            |
| Heritage Tea Expenses                 |                    | \$188.00           |
| BrewNost Sponsorship Programs         | \$75.00            | \$3,000.00         |
| Reception                             | \$330.95           |                    |
| NCSML                                 | \$4,500.00         | \$5,000.00         |
| St. Wenceslaus Donation               | \$100.00           |                    |
| Rental                                | \$225.00           | \$150.00           |
| Miscellaneous                         | \$50.00            | \$50.00            |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>            | <b>\$7,370.89</b>  | <b>\$14,868.13</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                 | <b>\$12,143.80</b> | <b>\$4,455.10</b>  |
| <i>Recap</i>                          |                    |                    |
| <b>2011 Taste of C&amp;S Expenses</b> |                    | <b>\$527.81</b>    |
| <b>2011 Taste of C&amp;S Income</b>   |                    | <b>\$3,734.00</b>  |
| <b>Taste of Czech Grossed</b>         |                    | <b>\$3,206.19</b>  |
| <b>2011 Heritage Tea Expense</b>      |                    | <b>\$188.00</b>    |
| <b>2011 Heritage Tea Income</b>       |                    | <b>\$394.00</b>    |
| <b>2011 Heritage Tea Grossed</b>      |                    | <b>\$206.00</b>    |
| <b>116 Paid Members</b>               |                    |                    |

### Records compiled by Carolyn Holubar

#### Top Ten Volunteers for May

1. Shirley Alexander 41
2. Suzanne Charipar 34
3. Carolyn Holubar 34
4. Mel Holubar 29.5
5. Dorothy Voelkers 27.75
6. Pat Martin 25
7. Jackie Allen 24.5
8. Donna Merkle 19.75
9. Karen Hospodarsky 17.5
10. Marj NejdI 17

**Total Hours: 412:25**

#### Top Ten Volunteers for June

1. Jim Barger 41
2. Jackie Allen 29
3. Marj NejdI 28
4. Donna Merkle 27.25
5. Mel Holubar 25.5
6. Pat Martin 24
7. Mary Ellen Krotz 24
8. Carolyn Holubar 21.5
9. Jeanne Vogt 18.5
10. Shirley Alexander 18

**Total Hours: 511.5**

#### Top Ten Volunteers for July

1. John Syzmanek 56
2. Jakob Garman 40
3. Ann Kloubec 33.75
4. Pat Martin 32
5. Carolyn Holubar 29
6. Jackie Allen 26.5
7. Sara Reisdorph 25
8. Mary Ellen Krotz 23.5
9. Shirley Alexander 21.5
10. Mel Holubar 21

36 Guild members volunteered

**Total Hours: 499.5**

**!! Enter your hours in  
Volunteer Notebook !!**

## Meeting programs review Czech-Slovak heritage news, update Guild members on cultural information

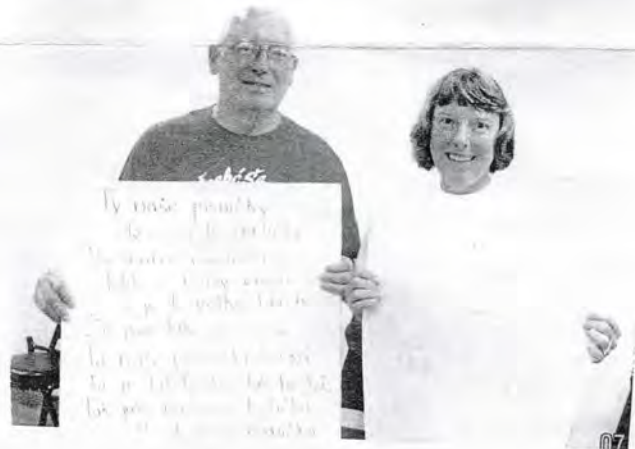


### Slovak Painted Furniture



**June** meeting's program featured Stefanie Kohn, Museum Curator, with a presentation illustrated with color slides of treasures from the NCSML collection. Stefanie displayed slides of everything from iron molds to Slovak costumes.

Stefanie is gearing for organizing several galleries of treasures, which will be enjoyed in the new National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library. Her presentation was spectacular!



The **July** Guild meeting program focused on Česká Škola, or Czech School! Presenter was Czech School Board President Elaine Samek, assisted by her father, Bernie Drahozal, Treasurer.

This summer session was the school's 142nd, and it is undoubtedly the oldest longest running such school in the United States. The five-week session included some 30 students, and was held five days a week, with instruction provided by three teachers and several volunteers.

Czech School for Adults was in session for five weeks, one night a week. There were 36 students, and the enrollment had to be capped at that number because so many were interested.

Elaine outlined the rich history of the school, and Elaine and Bernie led the group in the singing of Czech songs. Guild members on Czech School Board include Marge Pace, Millie Ortner, and Marie Webster



## Guild Invests \$3000 as BrewNost Sponsor, will host Babi's Bakery during event!



**August** Guild Program:  
Kecia Boysen, NCSML Annual  
Fund Manager, told members  
all about the September 23  
BrewNost fundraiser!



**PIVO ENTHUSIASTS AND FOODIES**  
Join us at our new, spacious venue at the concourse  
and pavilion of Veterans Memorial Stadium

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Guild is a BrewNost Sponsor, with a \$3000 investment.  
Babi's Bakery will be our contribution arena. We are so  
pleased to help in this manner. We will be needing  
BAKERS and DONORS. You may get a personal request  
for help. **Monetary contributions may be mailed to our  
Treasurer, Betty Sheets,**  
Carol Wohleben, NCSML Guild president  
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## NEITHER RAIN NOR WINDS DETER GUILD HOUBY DAYS 'PARADERS'



Jennifer Greve and Suzie Long... "Smilin' in the Rain"



Two Mary Anns... Barry and  
Kucera... in their kroje prior  
to parade time.

Emil Koval prepped our float  
entry with Mel Holubar.





## Cookbooks reprinted, 500 ready for sales!

By Donna Merkle, Cookbook chair

The cookbooks are here! Our recent reprinting of our fabulous cookbook is now complete. Five hundred copies of this unique cookbook are stacked in my basement, waiting for any and every opportunity to be presented for sale. So far this year we have sold books to the Museum Store, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and to one individual by mail; and we sold some at Clarkson, Nebraska and at the Taste of Czech and Slovak.

They will be available at BrewNost on September 23, and at Babi's Kitchen on October 8. If you know of any other possibilities for sales, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Here are some statistics I have compiled since becoming chairman of the cookbook committee: From 2007 to 2011, we have printed over 2,600 copies and sold 2,026. We have sold 1,365 to the Museum Store, and 661 on our own. So far this year, we have sold 133, of which 120 have gone to the Museum Store.

We have helped the Museum Store generate a profit of over \$17,000 including \$1600 so far this year. And for ourselves by selling the cookbooks on our own, we have earned over \$15,000 over the past four years, plus almost \$300 so far this year.

~~If you come across an old box of our cookbooks while you are cleaning out your basement or garage, and you don't want to admit that you forgot you even had any, you can leave them on my doorstep in the middle of the night and no one will know your little secret. We can always sell the ones that are in good condition, and use any damaged ones at demonstrations like Babi's Kitchen.~~

I would like to thank my committee: Shirley Alexander, Cyndi O'Brien, Andrea Siebenmann, Marilyn Tucker, and Carol Wohlleben. If I missed someone, you have been too quiet!

**Děkuji a dobrou chut' !**

### Membership Membership Membership Membership Membership

*Thoughts from Cyndi O'Brien, NCSML Guild Vice President*

As we look to the future of the Guild, the only way we will be a functional organization is to increase our **active** membership. Let's be honest. We are not getting younger, and our events are getting bigger and more successful because we are good at what we do! We need to pass our knowledge and integrity on to others in our community. Our Czech/Slovak culture is one of the cornerstones of Cedar Rapids, and we need to be more visible than our red-roofed building.

We are going to have a beautiful building with wonderful amenities, and we have put in a lot of time and effort to make this happen. However, without an **active** membership our Guild is going to have to cut back on activities and I, myself, would hate to see this happen.

We must look forward, not backward, and we have to bring the past into the future by utilizing a website, facebook, blogs, and so forth!!! Many of us frown on these technologies as I do, at time, but without them we will be left behind and viewed as a bunch of old people who meet for coffee once a month. As many of us know, there is another group of individuals who volunteer for the museum. We need to find a way to band together with others and make our efforts more effective. I believe this is imperative for future success with NCSML volunteers.

Let's put our heads together and find a way to more fully activate this organization!

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Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 38 members and 1 guest attending. We had one new member join.

**NCSML Guild Mission Statement:** Was read by Cyndi O'Brien.

**Introduction of Guest:** Carol Wohlleben introduced her guest, also our newest member, Mary VanHouten. Welcome Mary!!

**Program:** Carol Wohlleben introduced Kecia Boyson, who gave an overview of the upcoming BrewNost event. She thanked the Guild for its sponsorship of this years event as well as producing the very first Babi's Bakery. She showed this years featured glass and a flyer that is being distributed with all of the contributing sponsors. The Guild logo will be prominently displayed on all publications for the event. Some event highlights: More high end beers will be available as well as much more variety. There will be foods from numerous local restaurants, a silent auction, an accordion band and raffle for a trip to Prague. International Flavor will be the goal! Co Chairs for the Guild activities will be Diana Geoffrey and Diane Hayes.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben said she is getting much closer to the Guild having a tab on the current NCSML web site.

**Vice President:** Cyndi O'Brien said she found blue and red bakery boxes that we can use for Babi's Bakery.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long read the Minutes from the July 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar said she had sent a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday card to Bonnie Stepanek and read the Top 10 Volunteer list for July. 36 Guild members volunteered in July for an incredible 499.75 hours!

**Treasurer Report:** Betty Sheets read that we had \$7435.10 in the bank, but she also wrote a check to the NCSML for our \$3000 sponsorship of BrewNost. No new bills were presented.

**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar stated that the Red Roof museum building was officially on its new foundation on July 31, 2011! Shirley Alexander led the Guild members in a 3 Cheers salute for this monumental achievement. Mel then stated that the NCSML has received a "6 figure" gift to go to the endowment fund from the Naxera family! What a wonderful gift! He also said that Gail Naughton received 2 different phone calls from Senator Grassley's office with news that the NCSML had been awarded 2 different, \$175,000 grants! One is from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and is to be used to retain Rosie Johnston for further work on the Oral History project. The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation also gave a \$5000 grant to be put towards the same cause. The second \$175,000 grant is from the National Endowment for the Humanities and will be used to continue to collect and preserve artifacts and library materials related to the history and culture of Czechs, Slovaks, and Americans of Czech and Slovak decent. The NCSML is the only professional institution in the U.S. that is actively doing this.

**Education Director:** Jan Stoffer stated that the NCSML will be hosting a Friends and Volunteers picnic on Aug 25, 2011. It will be held at Sokol Park from 5-8pm and invitations will be mailed shortly. Please RSVP for yourself and a friend if you know someone that might be interested in volunteer work for the Museum. There will also be a motor coach trip to a Czech Holiday Fair in Chicago, IL. This will be Nov 11-12<sup>th</sup>. More information available on the NCSML website.

**Ex-Officio:** Carol Wohlleben gave a report on the Heritage Luncheon that was held July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There were 45 guests in attendance and several 3 generation groups. The Luncheon made a \$206 profit and was tremendous fun for all that attended.

**Guild Business:** Cyndi O'Brien stated that the nomination for Marj NejdI for The Waypoint-Tribute to Women of Achievement was completed and that if anyone would like to attend, they are trying to get confirmed reservations enough to fill one or more tables. The event will be held on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bob Stone gave us our Czech/Slovak word of the day lesson and Carol Wohlleben said that work has begun on the Old Prague Christmas Market and Cookie Walk event. There will be a motorized shuttle this year between the events and they will strive for much more signage, leading people to the cookie walk. Donna Merkle said all cookbooks have now been delivered and are being stored at her house. She will keep a close inventory of their whereabouts.

**Committee Chair Reports:** Jeanne Vogt ran through numerous upcoming educational events, Chris Curfman spoke about the visit from the Budweiser Clydesdale Team and Diana Geoffrey thanked the days host/hostesses, Dolores Blood, Joe Kurka and Shirley Alexander. There are still opportunities available to Host in November 2011, January, February and March 2012

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Lemon/basil cookies, donated by new member Mary VanHouten were won by Irene Konecny and home made dill pickles donated by Betty Sheets were won by Jan Stoffer. A Czech inspired apron, donated by Marj NejdI was won by Diane Hayes.

### August Meeting Language Lesson

|                  |                         |                          |  |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| English          | Czech                   | Slovak                   |  |
| Christmas Eve:   | Štědrý Večer            | Štedrý Večer             |  |
| Christmas Day:   | První Svátek<br>Vánoční | Prvý Sviatok<br>Vianočný |  |
| December 26:     | Druhý Svátek Vánoční    | Druhý Sviatok Vianočný   |  |
| Merry Christmas: | Veselé Vánoce           | Veselé Vianoce           |  |

Respectfully Submitted,

*Suzie Long*

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--Bob Stone

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## Next Membership Meeting

\*\*Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m.

\*\*second Saturday

St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall

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Program: Jim Jacobmeyer;

Czech Fall Fest and

National Accordion Symposium

CHRIS GALLAGHER

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## Upcoming Events, Perks for Guild Members from NCSML Museum Store

Fall 2011 12

### Member and Volunteer Night

November 17, 2011  
Kosek Museum Store  
4 PM to 7PM

Take an extra 20% off all merchandise\*  
Refreshments will be served.

Iarj NejdI will be personalizing ornaments that evening.  
(\*Books not included in extra 20%)

### Holiday Preview Sale

November 18<sup>th</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup>

Purchase 3 ornaments and get your 4<sup>th</sup> FREE\*  
Members get their 10% discount

(1<sup>st</sup> time we have given discount on ornament promotion  
\*Equal or less value

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### Education Answer

Edvard Benes was elected President by the Czech and Slovak Parliament in 1935, following the resignation of Tomas G. Masaryk due to ill health. President Benes resigned after he was forced to accept the Munich Pact on Oct. 1, 1938. He fled to England where he led the Czechoslovak government in exile until the end of World War II. Then, Benes promptly returned to Czechoslovakia and was reinstated as President.

### Book Signing

November 19, 2011

Author Linda Wostrel will be here to discuss and sign her new book  
"Oak View Park"

Pinnacle of a Czech Legacy

This book is about the Pospeshil and Vostrels of Shueyville  
Time to be announced