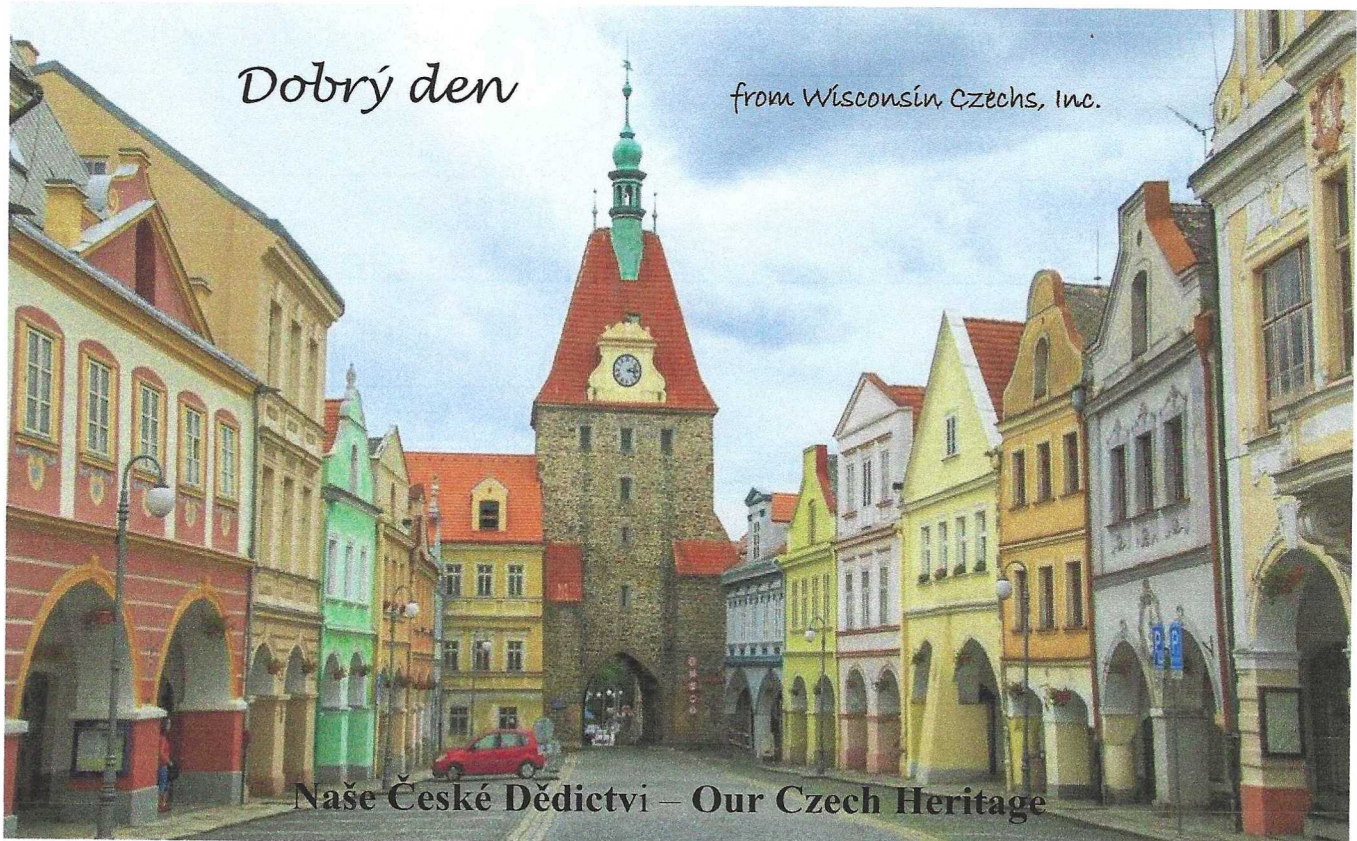




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**Naše České Dědictví – Our Czech Heritage**



# Naše České Dědictví (Our Czech Heritage) Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.

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*The Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. was organized to promote the cultural achievements of the Czech and Slovak people. This is achieved through the study and celebration of the art, music, literature, language and history of the lands.*

*Organized in 1978, the club is cultural and non political. Membership is open to all persons of Czech, Moravian or Slovak ancestry, and those interested in Czechoslovakian heritage.*

*Our ancestral home is made up of the Czech Republic including the provinces, Bohemia and Moravia. The Slovak Republic, to the east of The Czech Republic, is also a part of our heritage.*

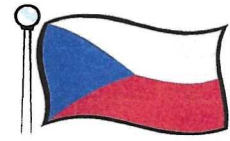
*The Wisconsin Czechs' activities include the promotion of the Czech heritage and culture through four meetings held each year, and attendance and participation in other ethnic festivals and events in the state.*

**The Wisconsin Czechs sponsor a scholarship program.**

*The scholarships are financed through the selling of cookbooks which include ethnic recipes. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying high school seniors who are a member or have a parent, or grandparent who is a member of the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. and has been a member for at least the past two years.*

*Meetings: Masopust, Scholarship, Pout and Christmas*

*The Wisconsin Czech Choraliers present Czech folk music to anyone requesting their program. The Choraliers sing in English and Czech languages. If you would like to hire them for an event, call: (920)432-1556.*



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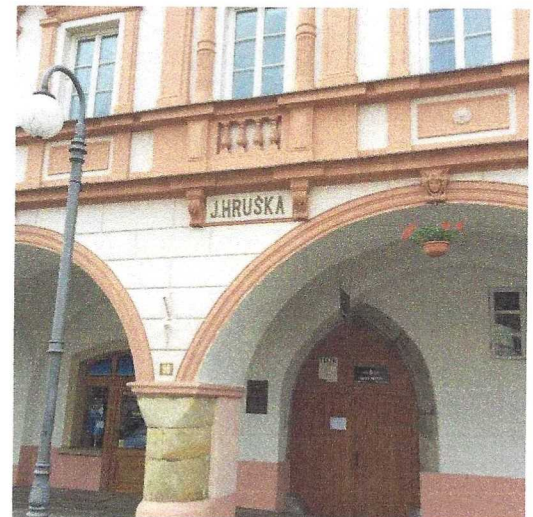
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The J. Hruska building in Domažlice. The plaque honoring Matt Konop is to the left of the door.

Picture by Ann Cook 8-10-16



## President's Message

It was very good to see the excellent turnout for our 2022 Masopust dinner and dance. We had over 80 people in attendance just for the dinner portion. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We hope to continue our Newsletter along somewhat the same lines as in the past. You will notice a couple of feature articles along which topics I would like to have continue in future newsletters. One is to feature an article about one of our members who have been instrumental in the development and continuation of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Another article features information on the village or communities from which the ancestors of our members came from. Along these lines I would like to have members of our organization submit articles to put in our Newsletter and share with our Membership. They could be about a Member of our organization or information on the locale from which their ancestors emigrated and what that area it is like today.

I encourage our members to participate in events related to the Two Rivers/Domažlice Sister City exchange. You can find a list of the events of the exchange on page 9. I look forward to hearing from those who took part in the trip to the Czech Republic and for them to submit an article on their experience.

I would like to encourage members who have daughters, granddaughters, or great granddaughters to have them take a look at becoming involved in the state queen pageant. To find out more information go to the following web sites <http://www.czech-slovak-festival.com> or <https://www.missczechslovakus.com> . They could also contact Susan or Stephanie Krubsack or Kathy Kochan. Their contact information is listed in the newsletter on page. Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. is a sponsor of the Wisconsin Czechs queen pageant.

In the past month I was able to attend an event celebrating an individual who participated in the liberation of portions of Czechoslovakia at the end of World War II. I also talked to an individual who has been involved in helping veterans travel to the Czech Republic to celebrate with the Czech people their liberation at the end of World War II. Both of these men expressed how much the Czech people appreciated what the Americans did for them at the end of World War II. They were impressed by the strength of this appreciation yet today; especially among the younger people.

For me this brought up the following question. Since we liberated this area of the Czech Republic, why were they left to be occupied by the Soviet Union? (See page 5)

Tom Cook, President, Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.

## It's Raffle Time

We will have a 50-50 raffle as part of our Scholarship Dinner Program. The winner of the Raffle will get to choose a music program as a recipient of 50% of the sales amount. Tickets are: 1 ticket \$2; 3 tickets \$5; 7 tickets \$10; 12 tickets \$15.

## Vítejte

Welcome to the following people who have recently become members of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.:

Katy Moens – Green Bay, Wisconsin

Isis Plesnikova – Plover, Wisconsin

Brenda Koprowski – Two Rivers, Wisconsin

## Děkují mnohokrát

Thank you very much to the following people who made donations to the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.

Dr. David Dufek, Darlene Wallner, Larry Zipp, Janet Swiston, Linus Voves, John Maresh in memory of Helen Maresh, Charles Tomey in memory of Evelyn Steeber, and Keith Miller in memory of Charles and Lueina Miller



**Secretary's Report  
Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.  
Masopust  
Sunday, February 27, 2022  
Gatherings 43, Denmark WI**



The morning started out with a social hour and the purchasing of raffle tickets for the vast number of donations made by our members.

The dinner started out with a dinner prayer given by Ruth Prochazka. The dinner began with broasted chicken, roast pork, sauerkraut, dumplings and ended with knee caps.

President Tom Cook started the membership meeting at 12:50 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A number of guests were introduced. We had the honor of having the Deputy Consul General Ondřej Pometlo and his family present for today's festivities.

Recognition was given to Ann Caflisch and Betty Schleis for chairing today's event and Sally Teresinski for creating the programs.

Brenda Koprowski spoke about the upcoming Two Rivers/Domažlice delegation that will be visiting here on May 28, 2022 through June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the city will be celebrating everything Czech in downtown Two Rivers, WI. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event you may contact Brenda.

Ondřej Pometlo introduced himself along with his wife and three sons. He gave a brief description of his duties in Chicago, IL

The approval of the secretary's report from the December was made by Jim Young and second by Ruth Prochazka. The motion so moved.

The treasurer's report was also approved with a motion made by Betty Schleis and second by Ann Cook.

Karen Konop gave a membership update. At the time of today's dinner there are 275 active memberships. Thirteen members were removed from the active list for not being current on their membership dues. She also indicated that 85 people are in attendance for today's dinner.

Betty Schleis reported that the four scholarship winners have met their obligations and their \$750 checks were sent to them in January. A thank you note was received from Carson Hacker thanking the membership for the money. As of today, six 2022 scholarship applications have been sent out. The due date for submittal is Monday on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The scholarship dinner is set for Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at Schuster's in Denmark, WI.

Historian Sally Teresinski indicated she received an email from a friend of hers from the Ukraine. If anyone would like

to read it she has it with her. The WI Czech historical scrapbooks (1978-2018) will be placed in the archives, Cofrin Library, UW-Green Bay this year. Continued deposits of minutes and other document are deposited through 2021. The cookbooks are still for sale. The red cookbook supply will be reprinted as our stock is low. The board has approved the purchase of these books. If anyone has found any errors in the current red cookbook, please contact Sally for corrections.

The Wisconsin Czechs, Slovak, Ethnic Festival Queen Pageant will be held in Phillips, WI on Friday June 17 and 18, 2022. If any qualified person would like to enter the pageant she may contact Susan Krubsack, Stephanie Krubsack, or Kathy Kochan. Junior girls are also included. These girls are not judged, but the young girls are paired up with a big sisters. There is also a royal court for girls who are between the ages of 12 and 16.

Questionnaires were handed out to members to respond to the future of our newsletter. The major concern is what direction should the newsletter be shared. The February newsletter was the last one that Kathy Kochan put together. If anyone is interested in taking over this position please contact Tom Cook. Another position that is open is the cookbook manager ship. Contact Sally Teresinski or Tom Cook for further information. Tom also reported that there has been no real activity in the Amazon Smile reimbursement.

**Upcoming WI Czechs Events:**

- March 7, 2022 Board Meeting
- May 1, 2022 Scholarship Banquet-
- Suster's Arcade, Denmark WI
- August 28, 2022 Pout-Eddie Whipps, Poland, WI

There was a motion to adjourn by Susan Krubsack and second by Mary Ann Rabitz.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm, followed by the raffle drawing. Music by the Sugar Bush Boys completed the rest of the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol A Sisel  
Secretary



Ondřej Pometlo, Deputy Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago and his family attended the 2022 Masopust meeting of the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. He explained his duties and told of opportunities for organizations supporting Czech culture in the U.S.



### Cookbooks

Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. sells cookbooks at meetings, festivals, events and by mail throughout the United States. The sales of these cookbooks go toward four annual scholarships that are awarded to high school seniors who complete application and have a sponsor(s) who is a member of Wisconsin Czechs.

*Vařte snámi: Cook with Us* (1983- red)

*Dobré Chutání: Good Eating* (1996-white)

These two cookbooks, are indexed and are companion books; about 1,100 recipes are available within the two books. They may be purchased at the following locations:

- \* **Algoma Motors, Algoma, WI**
- \* **Book Nook, Manitowoc, WI**
- \* **Kugel's Cheese Mart, Lena, WI**
- \* **NCSM&L, Cedar Rapids, IA**
- \* **Olde World Pastries, Little Suamico, WI**

To purchase cookbooks by mail, check our website:

[www.wiczechs.com](http://www.wiczechs.com) or

contact Sally Teresinski at (920)582-7836 or by email:

[desal@ntd.net](mailto:desal@ntd.net).

Cost is \$20.00 each. For purchases thru the USPS, \$3.50 is charged for shipping.

### Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Scholarship

Sunday, May 1st, 2022 is the date set for the May Scholarship banquet which will be held at Suster's, 117 N Wall St. Denmark, Wisconsin. At the banquet, the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. will award scholarships certificates of \$750 each to four 2022 graduating seniors. These students will graduate this spring from either a public or private high school. A member of the scholarship committee will introduce this year's award recipients. The four recipients will then read their essays regarding their Czech/Slovak heritage.

The scholarship committee members are: Mary Ann Blahnik, Rose Quinlan, Mary Ann Rabitz, Diane Steinberger, and Betty Schleis. The four award winners will be recognized in the July newsletter. More information about the Scholarship Banquet can be found on last page of this newsletter.

Betty Schleis, Scholarship Chairperson

### Wisconsin Czechs Inc. Events

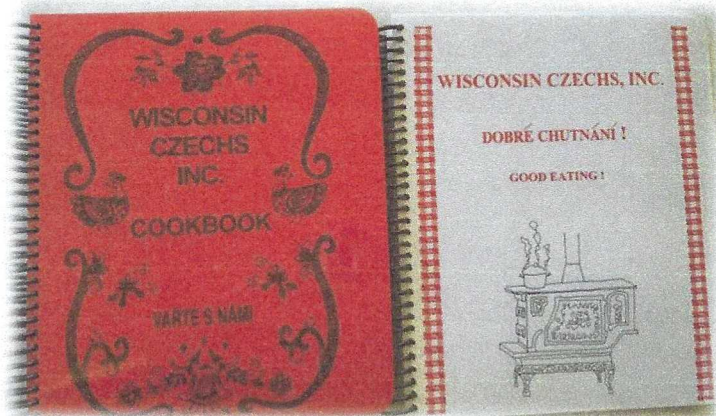
May 1, 2022 Scholarship Meeting

June 13, 2022 2PM Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Board meeting at Sally Teresinski's home

July 11, 2022 Articles for the newsletter due

August 28, 2022 Pout Banquet and meeting, Eddie Whipps, Poland, WI Betty Schleis, Chairperson

Friday September, 16, 3-8 PM Croc Center, Green Bay, WI – Cultural Festival – Choraliers will also perform





## Honoring our Members

This is the first article in a series that I hope to continue featuring our members that were instrumental in the formation and development of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. This article features Sally Teresinski our current historian and cookbook chairperson.

Sally's Grandfather, Adam Selner, at 28 years old left Dražinov, Bohemia in 1880 for Kewaunee County. Here he had two farms and later moved to Oconto County. While Sally did not know her Grandfather his Czech values of hard work, honesty loyalty to family and country, a good sense of humor and fun were passed on to his descendants.

As a young person Sally enjoyed the excitement and celebrations of her heritage. She fondly remembers "Bohemian Days" celebrated in Spruce, Wisconsin where Czech families came from throughout the area to celebrate their Bohemian heritage. It was common to hear the Bohemian language being spoken by those who attended. This led to her later desire to learn the Czech language through study in the U.S. and the Czech Republic. In 2006 she applied for and was accepted into Dobruška Czech Language classes program, arranged by the Czech Embassy and by Charles University Study Center. During five summers she enrolled in the Czech language course, a summer cooperative study that Thadious Polasek of Schulenburg, Texas coordinated with the Czech Republic through Charles University. Sally's best visit to Czechoslovakia was in 1991. The Iron Curtain had come down and people behind it were anxious to learn the English language. This led to her joining a group of teachers from Wisconsin, New York, and New Jersey assigned to the Czechoslovakian Technical University in Prague to help the faculty learn English. Sally was the only one with a Czech background and it was helpful to get to the class to relax. Her best experience ever!!!

Sally and her husband, Dean, joined Wisconsin Czechs in its early stages drawn by the opportunity to continue to celebrate her heritage. She became involved when an order of 500 of the first cookbook, *Vařte s námi*, to support the scholarship program in 1984, arrived. Along with members Carol Oshefsky and Dorthy Blimel, she set up the distribution program for the cookbooks. Many visits were made to festivals to sell books and promote Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.

Over the years Sally has held numerous offices and positions with Wisconsin Czechs. She served two terms as Secretary, 1988-1991 and again in 2018-2019. Unfortunately this term was shortened when Sally was diagnosed Gillian Barre Syndrome. She also had served on the Board from 2010-2011 and again in 2016. She served as president in 2012 – 2013. In 2001 Sally was assigned Historian of Wisconsin Czechs. In this role she has been instrumental in the transfer of materials to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin Archives located at U.W. Green Bay's Cofrin Library. She edited the Newsletter for 12 years, 6 of those with as co-editor with František Pavlica. With Roxanne Kovars, Sally wrote the second cookbook *Dobré Chutnání! Good Eating!*. It is Sally's hope that we and others will continue to learn, celebrate, appreciate and remember our ancestry and heritage.

We thank you Sally for all your effort and dedication to Wisconsin Czechs Inc.

Ann Cook and Sally Teresinski provided material for this article.



Sally Teresinski visits with Ondřej Pometlo, Deputy Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago and his wife Martina Pometlová during the 2022 Masopust meeting



## Treasurer's Report

as of 2/16/2022

<b>Checking #8863</b>	
Balance	\$2168.77
<b>Income 9/16/21-12/15/21</b>	
Membership Dues	+ 1000.00
Masopust Reservations	+ 658.00
Donations	+ 9.00
Transfer from Savings (Scholarships)	+ 3000.00
<b>Expenses 9/27/21-12/15/21</b>	
Transfer from Savings (Scholarships)	-3000.00
Envision – Feb. Newsletter	- 583.11
2021 Scholarships (4 x \$750.	- 3000.00
G. Kronfrost (Xmas decorations)	- 65.15
G. JohaneK (2021 Postage and supplies)	- 88.19
K. Kochan (Nov./Feb. stipend)	- 200.00
Balance - Checking #8863	<b>\$2999.32</b>



<b>Savings #1301</b>	
Balance 12/15/21	7,969.79
Cookbooks 12/16/21 – 2/16/22	+ 573.00
Donations	+ 241.00
Interest 12/31/21	+ 4.87
Transfer funds to Checking #8863	- 3000.00
Total Savings #1301	<b>5788.66</b>

<b>Savings #1465</b>	
Balance 12/15/21	4,031.38
12/31/21 Interest	+ 2.54
Total Savings #1465	<b>4,033.92</b>

### Certificates of Deposit as of 2/22/22

#5778 Balance – 12/15/21	5,431.88
4 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interest 2021	+ 9.23
Sub-total CD #5778	5441.11
#5781 Balance 12/15/21	5,459.13
4 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interest 2021	+ 9.28
Sub-total CD #5778	5468.41



Total Certificates **\$10,909.52**

**Grand Total \$23731.42**

### Thank you to the following members who made donations to the Masopust Raffle:

Sally Teresinski, Tom and Ann Cook, Gail JohaneK, Carol Vangrowski, John and Mary Ann Rabitz, Diane Steinberger, Kathy Kochan Kris Omereck, Mary Vogel, Caroline Hlenak, Marion Van DreeL, Ruth Prochazka, and Ondrej Pometlo. Also to anyone else who donated an item but didn't sign the donation sheet

The following people made donations to Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.:  
Helen Maresh, Dr. David Dufek, Dalene Wallner, Larry Zipp, Janet Swiston, Linus Voves, Charlen Tomey in memory of Evelyn Steebor, and Ruth Miller in memory of Keith Miller.

**Thank you for supporting our Scholarship, pageant, and general programs.**

## How was Czechoslovakia's fate decided at the end of World War II

Much of the way Eastern Europe was set up after World War II came from the Fourth Moscow Conference held from October 9-19, 1944 between Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin. Franklin Roosevelt was not a participant because of his re-election campaign. This conference set spheres of influence by percentage. Because Britain was trying to protect their access to the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Suez Canal, they wanted to limit the Soviet Union becoming involved in this area. Thus the agreement was that Britain would have the greatest influence in this area. They would have the most influence in Greece while the Soviet Union would have the most influence in Romania, Yugoslavia and Hungary. This basis for the division of Eastern Europe was later applied to Poland and Czechoslovakia. The borders of Poland were moved further west to give the Soviet Union portions of Eastern Poland and Poland's Western border moved further in to former German territory.

A later conference at Yalta, (February 4-17, 1945) while focused more on getting the Soviet Union to participate in the war with Japan, made critical and most important decisions regarding the future of Eastern Europe. It allowed the Soviet Union to remain in influence in Poland and Czechoslovakia as well as the countries decided by the Fourth Moscow Conference decided by Churchill and Stalin. The only concession by Stalin was a promise that elections would be allowed in these countries to determine their leadership. However, the elections of 1948 in Czechoslovakia; only communist candidates were allowed.

The next conference, Potsdam (July 17 –August 2, 1945) provided the decision of how to divide post war Germany. It meant that the U.S. had to withdraw from areas of Southern Germany and Czechoslovakia that it had liberated to Western Germany.

The study of the conferences that led to the end of World War II is very interesting and worthwhile reading. The decisions made there still affect us today. So is the study of the attempts of Eastern European countries to gain their freedom from Soviet Control. However a topic for another time.

# Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Scholarship banquet/meeting

Date: **Sunday May 1, 2022**

Where: **Susters Arcade**  
 Susters Arcade  
 117 N. Wall Street  
 Denmark, WI

Time: 11:00am: Social  
 12pm: Dinner  
 12:30 – 1:30 Membership Meeting/50-50 Raffle Drawing

Menu: Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Coleslaw, Kraut, Cranberries, Rolls, Pickles, Assorted Desserts

Cost: Dinner with tip included:  
  
 Adults: \$19.50  
 Children: (5 to 8 yrs old): \$9.00  
 Children (4 and under) \$5.00



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## Membership Renewal and Gift Form

I / We wish to renew our membership in the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.  
 Please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my /our membership dues for \_\_\_\_ years through the yr. 20\_\_\_\_.  
 Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family in the same household.

### Gifts

I/We would like to contribute a donation to the following fund:  
 Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pageant Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to make a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reservation for Scholarship Banquet

Please return by: **Friday, April 22, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

# adults attending \_\_\_\_ @ \$19.50 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# children (3-8 yrs old) \_\_\_\_ @ \$9.00 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# children (4 and under) \_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 ea\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount sent in: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation fees are Non Refundable**

Write checks payable to Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.  
 Return Paid Reservations and/or Memberships to:

**WI Czechs**  
**Gail Johaneck – Treasurer**  
**1008 Nicolet Ave.**  
**Green Bay, WI 54304**



## Glimpses of our Czech homeland

Ann and I were fortunate enough to visit the villages Úsilov and Vílov, from which her relatives came from on our visit to the Czech Republic. We were able to meet her relatives and actually visit the homes her ancestors had lived in.

These two villages are located southeast of Domažlice and are near the site of a former 12<sup>th</sup> century border castle. The first mention of Vílov (originally called Jilov) was in 1231. Vílov is a small settlement of only 37 permanent inhabitants today. Because there are a number of these small communities in the area they have joined together to form a village, Černíkov, for administrative purposes. The settlements of Vílov, Černíkov (pop. 141), Rudoltice (pop. 44), Slavíkovice (pop. 89) elect a 6 person council every 4 years. From this council a mayor is selected that manages along with the council the affairs of these communities. The administration is done by a full time accountant with their office in Černíkov.

Since this is an agricultural area most employment is at Podhoran Černíkov which was a former agricultural cooperative established in 1989. In addition to agricultural products it also manufactures pallets.

Children from these settlements attend kindergarten in Úsilov. Primary school is attended in Koloveč, Kdyně, or Klatavy.

Úsilov (pop. 147) has its own administrative offices and operates as a separate village. Major institutions in Úsilov are a library, nursery school, Fire Brigade Úsilov, and Sokol Úsilov.

Events celebrated during the year begin with Shrovetide (Masopust) celebrated in Černíkov. Easter celebration for children starts on Maundy (Holy) Thursday when the bells stop ringing because they "flew to Rome". They don't ring again until White (Holy) Saturday. The children then receive eggs and sweets. A local association called "Merry Friends" organize a fishing race connected to the sale of fish from local ponds. Another event in the area is Rallye Sumava, one of the competitions of the Czech Rally Championship, which starts and ends in Klatavy. On Saturdays before May 1<sup>st</sup> firefighters from Slavíkovice hold firefighting competitions. A historical event that takes place the evening before May 1<sup>st</sup> when the community gathers around the May Pole (a tree with a wreath at the top). Today people gather light a fire, roast sausages, and drink beer or wine. In the past young people from other villages tried to capture "May" by cutting it down. Children's Day "Hooray for Holidays is organized by firefighters and an amateur theater from Černíkov. The members of the amateur association show a play almost every year before the Černíkov pilgrimage November 1<sup>st</sup>. Local people and children perform a living Bethlehem prior to Christmas. An event that ends the year for the region is a Christmas concert in the church in Slavíkovice.

Another nearby village is Libkov (population 109) established in 1379. From this village Board Member Gale Kronforst's ancestors emigrated to the U.S. in 1873 to settle in the Mishicot area. The Libkov area continues today as an agricultural area. While the Kronforst name is no longer found in the village at one time at least five homes in the village were occupied by Kronforst families. As with many small villages in the U.S. the local volunteer fire department is an important part of the activities in community events. In another village, Zahorčice, the Kronforst family had operated a grist mill for over



200 years. To find out more about these villages visit their web sites. If you have been to them recently you may even recognize some of the individuals in the pictures. You will also find out much more about them including their contact information from their web sites.

The web sites for these villages are:

Úsilov - <http://www.usilov.cz/>

Libkov - <http://www.libkov.cz/>

Zahorčice - <http://www.obeczahorcice.cz/>

Thank you to Kateřina Tomášková, Pam and Gale Kronforst, and Ann Cook who provided information for this article.

**Two Rivers/Domažlice exchange Events:**

First week of May- Delegation from Two Rivers will travel to the Czech Republic to take part in the May 5, Liberation Day event

May 28 – June 4, 2022 – delegation of Music students and adults from Domažlice will travel to Two Rivers

Wednesday June 1, 2022 – An area wide celebration of the Two Rivers/Domažlice Sister City Exchange. The celebration of Czech Music in Central Park and the Community House in Two Rivers

Two Rivers will welcome an official Domažlice delegation:

Zdeněk Novák (Mayor)

Miroslav Vokáč (Chairman of Sister City Committee)

Miroslav Mach (Member of Sister City Committee and former mayor)

Roman Kalous (Member of Sister City Committee)

Jana Štenglová (Director of High School), Member of Sister City Committee)

Jaroslava Vecková (English teacher at High School, Official interpreter of delegation, Member of Sister City Committee)

Kamil Jindřich (Member Sister City Committee, Music Leader of Student Group)

*News Letter – Facebook – Website Survey*

In order to deliver the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. News Letter as cost effectively as possible; we are looking into various ways of delivering it and information about Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. to you. Please answer the following questions as they apply to you if you have not already filled out a survey at our meeting.

I go on the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Facebook page:

Often  On occasion  
 Rarely  Not at all

I visit the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. web page:

Often  On occasion  
 Rarely  Not at all

I would prefer to receive my Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Newsletter by:

By mail  As an E-mail  
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A well-known sight in Domažlice, Czech Republic is the Lower Gate. In earlier times called the Prague Gate. It is part of the original fortification of Domažlice. It was built in the 13 Century in the Early Gothic Style and has stayed for centuries without restoration.

