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From Wisconsin Czechs, Inc

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 sponsors 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 members or have a parents, or grandparents who are members of the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. and have been members 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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Send information for the November newsletter by **October 20, 2023**

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Cover Photo: August 18, 2018 Kroměříž, Moravia, Czech Republic – Traditional harvest festival of Zlin Region. Photo shows the procession with the harvest wreath and folk costumes.

President's Message

I hope that everyone has been having an enjoyable summer. With the coming of our Pout' dinner, it is a sign that summer is passing (to me it seems way to fast).

While we refer to it as Pout' (Pout literally celebration). It is Dožínky Pout' (harvest festival). Originally it was a Slavic festival to give thanks for a good harvest. With the introduction of Christianity it has evolved into an event where marches to churches occur to give thanks for a fruitful harvest. Some of the original symbolism (wreath braiding, the celebrations with food, parades) have been retained. During the communist era much of the celebrations died out as it was being used as a propaganda event. Since the fall of communism the event as started to be revived to its original form. Although these are more prevalent in the rural areas it has started to be spread into larger cities. Surprisingly in doing a search on the Dožínky Pout' in Czech communities in the U. S. as in the Czech and Slovakia areas.

At the present time, a committee is set up to revise our Procedural Manual. One of the items members are being asked to address is the vacancy of an officer or board member position. It is not stated in our Procedural manual or clearly in Robert's Rules of Order. We are asking the revision committee to clarify the procedure and bring it to the board and membership for approval.

The procedure for filling a vacant position also comes at a time when we will have an election for the Vice-president and a board member at our December meeting. If you would be interested in either position or would like to suggest a member, contact Betty Schleis.

Tom Cook, President Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.

Note: The minutes of the Scholarship meeting are not included in the newsletter because of their length. They will be available to be picked up at the Pout' meeting. They will be included as an add-on to the e-newsletter.

Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.		6/21/2023		
Treasurer's Report as of 12-21-2022				
Gail Johaneck and Karen Konop	Debit	Credit	Balance	
Checking #8863 on 2/15/23				\$2,044.57
Income - membership dues		\$ 780.00		
Masopust reservations		\$ 1,000.00		
Scholarship reservations		\$ 1,318.00		
Donations		\$ 64.50		
50/50 raffle		\$ 67.50		
Amazon Smile (May)		\$ 15.62		
stickers/pins		\$ 5.00		
Expenses - Scholarship checks	\$ 750.00			
J. Young - dance add	\$ 75.00			
Happy Hoppers - dance	\$ 175.00			
Rendezvous -Masopust dinner	\$ 810.00			
Janoski (audit stipend)	\$ 30.00			
CGSI sponsorship	\$ 500.00			
Envision Jan newsletter 291.19	\$ 568.38			
April Newsletter 277.19				
Suster's (scholarship dinner)	\$ 1,252.43			
Ann Caflisch (scholarship expenses)	\$ 37.80			
Manitowoc Lincoln HS 50/50 raffle	\$ 67.50			
Total Checking #8863				\$1,029.08
Savings # 1301 on 2/15/23				\$6,691.41
Income - cookbooks donations		\$ 375.50		
Interest		\$ 1,268.00		
Total Savings #1301		\$ 4.53		\$8,339.44
Savings #1465 on 2/15/23				\$4,044.52
Interest		\$ 2.52		
total savings 1465				\$4,046.52
Certificates of deposit #5778 on 2/22/23				\$5,495.76
interest - March - June		\$ 18.09		
subtotal CD 5778				\$5,513.85
#5781 on 2/22/23				\$5,558.19
Interest (March - June)		\$ 64.23		
Subtotal CD 5781				\$5,622.42
Total CD's				\$11,136.27
Grand Total				\$24,551.31

Is your membership current? Check the date after your name on the mailing label. The year your membership expires is listed there.

Vítejte

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

Elizabeth Kuhn – Hilbert, WI

Susan Powell – South Kingston, RI

Děkují mnohokrát

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

In Memory of:

Nancy Becker by Susan Powell to Scholarship

Mary Ann Blahnik by Elizabeth Kuhn

Other donations:

Valerie Simek to Pageant

Gwen Feit to Scholarship

Wisconsin Czech, Inc. Events

August 27, 2023 Pout' General Meeting – Mass at 10 AM
St. Lawrence – Stangleville, WI – Dinner – Dinner at Eddie
Whipps – Poland, WI

September 9, 2023 International Community Festival –
Kroc Center – Green Bay, WI

September 11, 2023 Wisconsin Czechs Board Meeting –
Cup O' Joy 525 N. Taylor St. Green Bay, WI

October 20, 2023 Newsletter articles and information due

December 9 & 16, 2023 – Czech Christmas at the Brown
County Historical House – 1008 S. Monroe Ave. Green
Bay, WI

State and national Czech Events

August 4-6, 2023 – 62nd Wilbur Czech Festival –
Wilbur, NE

October 17-21, 2023 – CGSI Conference –
Pewaukee, WI

If you would prefer to receive the e-mail version of the
newsletter submit the following information to: WI
Czechs; Gail Johaneck, Treasurer; 1008 Nicolet Ave.;
Green Bay, WI 54304 or e-mail the information to:

wisconsinczechs@aol.com

Name _____

e-Mail address: _____

Cookbooks

Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. sells cookbooks at meetings, festivals, events & by mail throughout the U.S. The sales of these cookbooks support four annual scholarships that are awarded to high school seniors.

Vařte snámi: Cook with Us (1984 red) & *Dobré Chutání: Good Eating* (1996-white)

The books are companion books; there is no recipe duplication. About 1,100 recipes which are ethnically Czechoslovakian, are available in both books. Each has an alphabetical index. Represented are the Czech Republic & Slovakia.



These cookbooks may be purchased at the following locations:

- * Algoma Motors, Algoma, WI
- * Book Nook, Manitowoc, WI
- * The Czech Connection / jvogel@tm.net
- * Kugel's Cheese Mart, Lena, WI
- * NCSM&L, Cedar Rapids, IA
- * Olde World Pastries, Little Suamico, WI
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To purchase cookbooks by mail, check our website:
www.wiczechs.com or contact Sally Teresinski at (920)582-7836
or by email: sallyteresinski@outlook.com
Each book costs \$20.00. \$3.50 is charged for P&H.

An Educational Opportunity

The Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas and the Schulenburg Public Library present Česká Beseda on Friday nights beginning at 8pm central time. The free online program covers Czech history from the Great Migration 450 to the Velvet Revolution. And during the months of November and December Czech Christmas Carols are presented. To join the program, send an email to polasek29@gmail.com and you will receive an invitation from RingCentral to join the program. Do not wait till Friday to request an invitation. Send your request before Friday.

A new President

Petr Pavel, a former Czech army chief and high level NATO official, started his five-year term as Czech President in March.

Scholarship News

July 2, 2023 by Betty Schleis



2023 Scholarship Winners:

(Left to right):

Ryley Robinson, Audrey
Rabitz, Cadence Kuhn,
Joshua Anhalt

Scholarships for college. The Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. awarded four scholarships of \$750 each for the year 2023. The dinner meeting was held on Sunday May 7, 2023 at Susters Arcade, Denmark, WI. The following are the Scholarship winners:

Joahua Anhalt is the son of Rebecca and Chad Anhalt. Great Grandfather was Harry Kupsh. Joshua graduated from Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Saukville. He plans to study accounting and finance at U. W. Whitewater.

Cadence Kuhn is the daughter of Elizabeth and Matthew Kuhn. Her Grandparent is Joel Blahnik. Cadence graduated from Hilbert High School. She plans to study pathology at U. W. Eau Claire.

Audrey Rabitz is the daughter of Nichole and Charles Rabitz. Her Grandmother is Mary Ann Rabitz. Audrey graduated from Manitowoc Lincoln High School. She plans to study Physical Therapy at St. Cloud State University.

Ryley Robinson is the son of Jackie and Martin Robinson. Her Grandfather is Jeff Rabas. Ryley graduated from Algoma High School. He plans to study Physical Therapy at U. W. Green Bay.

The Scholarship Committee members are Rose Quinlan, Diane Steinberger, Mary Vogel, Judy Yanda and Betty Schleis – Chairperson. We are grateful that there was adequate funding for four scholarships this year. We hope the members are generous in the organizations fund raisers that we can continue to award four scholarships. We thank you for your generosity for your donations to the scholarship program.

Betty Schleis – Scholarship Chairperson

We say Goodbye

Nancy Ann Becker, July 9, 1946 – March 6, 2023, was a member of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. 2003 – 2023. Artistic and creative she loved sewing quilts for all her grandchildren, and other items that she used as gifts. Active in her community, she was an Avon district manager, and a member of Junior Women's League. She loved to read.

Marvin Kliment, September 9, 1932 – March 30, 2023, was a member of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc, from its inception in 1978 until his death. He was a loyal, contributing member to the organization, passionate about his Czech heritage and his service to his country. In 1952, Marvin, specializing in Artillery, served in the U.S. Army. He served nine months in Korea. He was a life-long member of IAM Local 516, AMVETS Post 99, American Legion Post 88 and VFW Otto Oas Post 659. Marvin was proud to have been chosen for an Honor Flight in September 2016.

Harry Kupsh, January 17, 1928 – May 22, 2023, along with his wife, Dolores [8/18/20], he enjoyed and contributed to the Wisconsin Czechs, Inc., beginning in 1996. Besides farming, Harry worked at Hamann Construction, Brillion Iron Works and the Reedsville Co-op. He served as Treasurer for the Town of Franklin. He participated in the Whitelaw-Branch Senior Citizens group. His greatest joy was his family.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CZECH LANGUAGE?

MATCH THE MONTHS AND DAYS

January	březen	Monday	štedrá
February	květen	Tuesday	neděle
March	září	Wednesday	pátek
April	prosinec	Thursday	pondělí
May	listopad	Friday	čtvrtek
June	leden	Saturday	úterý
July	duben	Sunday	sobota
August	červen		
September	červenec		
October	únor		
November	srpen		
December	říjen		

Pageant News By Kathy Kochan



The pageant for the Miss Czech/Slovak Wisconsin State Queen was held in Phillips WI on Saturday June 17 during the Phillips Czech/Slovak Festival. Trinity Pesko of Phillips, WI was crowned the new Miss Czech/Slovak WI Queen for 2023/2024.

Trinity is a Theatre Major at Milikin University in Decatur, IL. For her talent, Trinity performed a vocal solo in Czech to a Dvorak song. Her Kroje, which was handmade by Trinity and her mother, incorporated designs that were meaningful to her family heritage. Trinity will compete in Wilber Nebraska at the 2024 USA Pageant.

Our Wisconsin 2022-2023 Miss Czech/Slovak Queen, Melanie Miller is not able to compete in the National Pageant this year due to scheduling conflicts, so our reigning 2022-2023 Miss Czech/Slovak WI State Princess, Amanda Kadlecek, will compete for the National title at the US Pageant held in Wilber this August 4-6.

If you have any events that you would like Trinity or Amanda to attend, or any of our former WI State Queens,

please contact their facebook page: Miss Czech-Slovak WI Pageant. Our Wisconsin Queens also serve as ambassadors for our Czech heritage of Wisconsin and would love to attend any event that keeps that Czech/Slovak heritage alive.



Front Row L to R: Wyatt, Sophia Lenz, Abigail Adomaitis, Alexis Denzine and Clair Lenz
Back Row L to R: Amanda Angelo, Amanda Kadlecek, Monica Pechous (Miss Czech-Slovak US ambassador) Trinity Pesko, Melanie Miller and Keileigh Doll

Wisconsin Czechs, Inc. Pout' banquet/meeting

DATE: Sunday August 27, 2023

WHERE: Eddie Whipps Hall
Eddie Whipps's Hall, 5073 State Highway Hwy. 29
Poland, WI

TIME: 10:00am: Mass at St. Lawrence Church, County Rd AB, Stangleville, WI;
Music by the Czech Choraliers
11:00 am Social hour
12 pm: Dinner
12:30 – 1:30 Membership Meeting and Partial Raffle Drawing – Door Prizes and Raffle Items Welcome
1:30 – 4:30 Dance – Musical Brass– Feel Free to dress in your Kroj
3:00 - Conclusion of Raffle Drawing

MENU: Family style baked and broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, vegetables, coleslaw, three bean salad, pasta salad, rolls, coffee, milk and desserts

COST: Dinner and dance with tip included:
Adults: \$25.00 Dance only \$10.00
Children: (to 9 yrs. old): \$10.5



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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 is \$12.00 per person.

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: _____

Return this portion



Reservation for Pout Banquet

Please return by: **Friday, August 18, 2023**

Name: _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Guests: _____

adults attending _____ @ \$25.00 ea = \$ _____

children to 8 yrs old) _____ @ \$10.00 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 Johanek – Treasurer
1008 Nicolet Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54304



**2023 Scholarship Banquet
Susters Arcade
Denmark WI
May 7, 2023**

The annual Scholarship Banquet began with the dinner prayer given by Ruth Prochazka at 12 o'clock noon. After a great dinner of broasted chicken and sides, the Scholarship meeting began at 12:36 pm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance directed by President Tom Cook.

President Cook greeted all of the members, scholarship recipients and their families. He asked for any other guests to be acknowledged but there was no response from the membership. Tom continued with extending his thanks to Ann Cafilisch for being the chairperson for today's event. Gratitude was expressed to Sally Teresinski for the programs, Gail Johaneck and Karen Konop for their duties of reservation collection and name tag creations, and to the staff at Susters for preparing a great meal. Lastly, the introduction of Betty Schleis as Scholarship Committee Chairperson, along with committee members of Rose Quinlan, Diane Steinberger, Mary Vogel and Judy Yanda.

The meeting continued with the acceptance of the secretary's report from the last organizational meeting. Jeff Rabas made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jack Schleis, the motion so moved.

The treasurer's report was given by Gail Johaneck. She reported no changes. Karen Konop gave her membership report. She indicated that she keeps a ledger with member's names on from previous years. If anyone is interested in reviewing this list they may. Our current membership stands at 245.

The 2023 Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant is on June 16-17, 2023. The organization is still looking for any candidates who may be interested in entering. The application is due by May 31, 2023. If further information is desired, they may go to the pageant website. If anyone with younger girls ages 7-12 is interested, there is an opportunity for girls to be little sisters. This is a great opportunity to explore the pageant.

The Wisconsin Czech website is working on making improvements. Ann Cramer requested if members have any photos of events they'd like posted on the site, they should send them to her. In the future the membership may have access to this website. It may include communication among members, access to past newsletters and other possibilities. Ann also indicated if there is anyone who is interested in helping her with further developments of the web site to please contact her.

Sally Teresinski greeted and congratulated today's scholarship winners. She indicated that along with the awards, winners will receive complimentary one-year memberships in the WI Czechs. Sally reported that our current inventory of cookbooks is 53 white and 61 red. The proceeds of these cookbooks go directly into the scholarship fund. The cookbooks began in 1983 which is when the scholarship fund was implemented, and in 1984 the first cookbooks were sold. A list of our current vendors is listed in the newsletter. Joy Krejcarek and Jeff Rabas, two of our vendors, are present today. Sally indicated our newsletter has basic guidelines for publication. Everything that is published relates to our heritage. Lastly, Sally made another request for someone to become a co-chair with her for handling the cookbooks.

President Cook gave information about the Friendship Table Monument Dedication on Sunday, August 6, 2023 in Central Park East in Two Rivers, WI. Tom placed flyers on the table with all of the information for this event. This sculptor is to honor the deep cultural connection between the cities of Two Rivers and Domažlice.

The upcoming Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Conference will have the Wisconsin Czechs in the conference book. Ann Cramer reported that this is a great connection if you are looking for information about your ancestors. If you know the village of your ancestor and a birth date, you may be able to find more information about a specific family member. Society may teach you how to do this. It is a great experience to find out about family history. They do this at the conference every year. Ann Cramer is a member of Sokol Milwaukee which is 150 years old. They have four meetings a year about genealogy. Tuesday, May 16th they have a meeting on zoom. If you are interested in the zoom meeting you may contact Ann Cramer or if you are interested in the next meeting of Milwaukee Sokol, you may contact her as well.

Jim Young gave a presentation of the success of the Masopust with the Happy Hoppers. He reported that both clubs made a profit of \$165.00.

Tom Cook reported that the newsletter format will remain the same for the electronic version. He indicated that he sent out nine electronic versions and 230 printed versions. He reported that ten organizations got the printed copy. Eight pages of the newsletter are more economic than twelve. The printer can automatically fold eight pages, where twelve pages have to be folded by hand. Please let Tom know if you would like your newsletter sent to you electronically. When you receive the electronic version, it will have a different view than the paper copy.

We did not qualify for the last payout from Amazon Smile. This program has been discontinued. There may be an opportunity to for some funds using PayPal; more information to follow.

The following dates for **upcoming WI Czech events** are as follows:

July 17, 2023: WI Czechs Board meeting, either at the Brown County Library or the Cup of Joy restaurant.

July 21, 2023: All articles for the next newsletter are due.

August 27, 2023: The Pout' Banquet and meeting will be held at Eddie Whipps, Poland, WI. Betty Schleis will chair this event.

September 9, 2023: Cultural Festival at the Kroc Center, Green Bay, WI the WI Czech Choraliers will perform.

December 9 and 16, 2023: Christmas display at the Brown County Historical House. We need ideas for a Czech decorated Christmas tree.

The following dates are for other Czech events:

June 17-18, 2023 Czech/Slovak Ethnic Festival Queen Pageant in Phillips, WI.

The drawing of the 50/50 raffle was done by Ann Cafilisch. Leonard Wavrunek was the winner of \$150.00. Viola Dančaková and Mateo Zamazal who are foreign exchange students at Notre Dame Academy for the past year spoke to us. There was a difference between the two when it came to the American cuisine tastes. They will be returning to their homes at the end of the school year.

Before the introduction of the scholarship winners, Ann Cafilisch stood up and indicated that we are in need of new candidates for the board at the end of this calendar year. It is very important that we get new candidates to fill positions.

Betty Schleis introduced the four winners of the 2023 WI Czechs Scholarship. Winner read their essays. The four students are as follows:

Joshua Anhalt, a student at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, will be attending UW Whitewater majoring in Accounting/Financial Investment.

Cadence Kuhn, a student at Hilbert High School, will be attending UW Eau Claire majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Audrey Rabitz, a student at Manitowoc Lincoln High School, will be attending St Cloud State University majoring in Biomed/Physical Therapy.

Ryley Robinson, a student at Algoma High School, will be attending UW Green Bay majoring in Biology/Exercise Science.

We wish these four students success in their future careers and goals.

A motion was made by Jeff Rabas to adjourn today's meeting. Jim Young seconded the motion. The motion moved at the closing time of 1:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A Sisel

WI Czechs Secretary.



Introduction of the Fiala Family, Silvie, children Rosa and Robert and Sculptor Václav Fiala by Patrick Dewane following his presentation of "The Accidental Hero" August 5, 2023.

Jack and Betty Schleis with a plaque of St. Lawrence presented to them as Representatives of St. Lawrence Church, Stangleville by sculptor Václav Fiala. This followed with Music in the Park performances by the Wisconsin Czech Choraliers and the Two Rivers City Band as part of the Sister Cities program with Domažlice, Czech Republic. The program recognized the creation of the Friendship Table by Václav Fiala being placed in Central Park East in Two Rivers, WI

