

20 Yr Anniversary
Velvet Revolution

February/únor
2010

Zpravy z Omahy

News from Omaha

Next Meeting: Kolya – (we try again)

DATE: February 21
COST: \$2.00
TIME: 12:30pm
LOCATION: So Omaha Sokol, 20th & U Streets

Luncheon followed by program

Members are asked to bring dishes and desserts based on the first letter of their last name.

A – H: salads, vegetable dishes or casseroles.
I – P: breads or desserts
Q – Z: meats or casserole

November 17th, marks 20 years since the beginning of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia.

Our program, the movie Kolya (winner of the 1997 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film), continues the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution.

Special Interest Articles:

- Board Elections
- Festival Volunteers Needed
- Victor Verney – a thank you

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LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS...

To run for the Omaha Czech Cultural Club Board in the May election. Not ready to commit to a board position? Then become committee chairperson or member. There are opportunities for everyone...

Here are just a few of our board possibilities...Do you like numbers and math? Think treasurer! Do you like organizing? Think president!

And let's not forget committees... Do you like writing? Think newsletter! Are you interested in education? Think scholarship committee.

So many opportunities waiting for you...please consider sharing your time and experience with the club. It is all the great individuals we have in the club that make our experiences memorable and fun.

Contact Pat Kutilek for more information at dpkutilek@cox.net.

Committee News

BY-LAWS The committee is finalizing their by-law change recommendations to submit to the board at February's Board Meeting.

FESTIVAL Plenty of work to be done. Call Sonja Kapoun-Roof and let her know how you would like to help (402-968-2842).

We are in need of individuals to call and schedule members for

festival volunteer times.

Would you like to help bake kolache or send press releases? Would you like to distribute yard signs? Would you be able to scour the countryside for raffle prizes and donations?

NEWSLETTER We are still looking for an editor and/or contributor.



Treasurer's Report

By Michelle Schiefen

*Christmas Party - incomplete Revenue/Expense information

Current Year through Jan	Budget	Current Yr	Prior Yr
Administration	\$ (1,400.00)	\$ (525.17)	\$ (1,171.64)
Christmas Party*	\$ (400.00)	\$ (50.00)	\$ (278.17)
Festival	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,400.62)
Membership	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,065.00	\$ 2,140.53
Newsletter	\$ (800.00)	\$ (439.74)	\$ (645.35)
Programming	\$ (500.00)	\$ (327.36)	\$ (159.04)
Scholarship	\$ (500.00)	\$ 71.50	\$ (1,959.50)
Kitchen	\$ (200.00)	\$ (14.43)	\$ (460.75)
WorldFest	\$ 100.00	\$ 381.25	\$ 263.04
Ethnic Night	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.50	\$ 413.76
Royalty	\$ (200.00)	\$ -	\$ (427.73)
Crafts Boutique	\$ 200.00	\$ (12.70)	\$ (123.48)
Grand Total	\$ (1,700.00)	\$ 1,347.85	\$ (5,808.95)

Membership News

186 members as of 2009.
1/20/2010

February Birthdays

In the News
Raptor Recovery of NE team member, Kristie Horn, is pictured in the "Friends of Heron Haven" newsletter holding a small owl at the Heron Haven Wetland Fall Festival in September,

- 2 Richard Kutilek
- 15 Yvonne Fisher
- 17 Mary Janecek
- 17 Don Trouba
- 18 Joe Horbach
- 18 Millie Marne
- 25 Ann Duda
- 28 Warren Davee

OCCC Schedule

- February 21
Meeting, South Omaha Sokol
- March 14
Meeting, South Omaha Sokol
- April 11
Festival, South Omaha Sokol
- May 9
Meeting, South Omaha Sokol

Are we missing your birthday?

Contact Membership Chairperson, Nancy Daniel at 342-2515.



It started at the festival – a letter to Steve Stastny & OCCC



Steve,

Thanks. You know, this all really started with you last April. That was my first promotional event for "Warrior of God." Your invitation to take part in OCCC's festival last year is also the reason why I'll be presenting two papers at the upcoming symposium at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln on Czech and Slovak immigrants in the Great Plains. One will be about Emil Viklicky, the great jazz piano player with whom I become close friends; in fact, he recently hired me to work as his North American publicist! The other paper will be about Peter Chelcicky and his original influence on the Community of Brethren, now lost.

Of course, it was in Omaha that I met Prof. Mila Saskova-Pierce, the one responsible for inviting me to take part in the symposium. I'll be chairing one of the panels (quite an honor), [religion] the one where I'll be delivering my Chelcicky paper. Along with Dave Muhlena, whose presence with me last year at Wilber was a great boost, you are directly responsible for generating awareness and interest in my book. And that's why I'm appearing at NY and Chicago next month.

I was rather gratified to last April to meet some people with remembered the presentation I gave on Franz Kafka several years ago. I'm beginning to feel like an honorary member!

Thanks again.

Victor Verney

Donations

In Memory of Sophie Noordam

Omaha Czech Cultural Club \$10.00

In Memory of Agnes Svagera

Sandy and Randy Schnackenberg \$10.00 Don and Marie Trouba \$20.00

Joseph Svagera \$105.00 Steve and Trudi Stastny \$25.00

David and Cheryl Marne \$50.00

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Name: _____

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In memory ____ In honor ____ of _____

Please use my donation for: Scholarship Festival General Programming Royalty

Amount: _____

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Czech out these events!

02/21 OCCC Meeting, 12:30 pm, South Omaha Sokol, 21st & U Streets

03/14 OCCC Meeting, 12:30 pm, South Omaha Sokol, 21st & U Streets

04/07-10 Czech & Slovak Americans: International Perspectives from the Great
Plains (University of Nebraska – Lincoln)

04/11 OCCC Festival, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, South Omaha Sokol, 21st & U Sts

The Omaha Czech Cultural Club is on the web!

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Czech Vocabulary

muzikanti.....musicians

kytara.....guitar

trubka.....trumpet

helikon.....tuba

housle.....violin

bubínek.....drum

flétna.....flute

harfa.....harp

piano.....piano

klarinet.....clarinet

saxofon.....saxophone

harmonika.....accordian



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