



**Mr. & Mrs. Dumpling's Report about the  
The Nebraska Czechs of York**

meeting on February 19, 2009 at the Union Bank.

**Some Words of Wisdom from our Chapter President:** JoAnn Kuester

Sure wish more of you could have attended the meeting. It was a blast with Elmer and Brad there. That Elmer can sure play the tuba and Brad can really play the accordion.

We didn't have any designs turned in for a button for our festival. If you are creative please come with a design at next months meeting. We will vote on them in April.

The Czech Language Foundation (CLF) will be March 29 at 6 pm at the Student Union on the UNL campus. If you would like to go let me know. Tickets are \$30. It will be a dinner buffet. There will be a silent auction and a raffle for a 19" LCD color television. They will be honoring two special guests. Several Czech-Slovak guests have been invited and there will be a guest speaker.

Next month Missy Vavra will be crowned as our queen and I hope many of you will attend to support her.

Talk to your friends and tell them they don't have to be Czech to join us. Maybe we can get a couple of more members in March like we did in February. JoAnn

**Minutes of the Meeting, from our Secretary, Pat Carpenter:**

Accordion practice was at 6 p.m. with Elmer Nemecek and Bradley Husak leading the group. Jean Lamp and Pam Hromadka were the hostesses for the evening. There were 21 members and guests present. We were pleased that our honorary lifetime member past York and State Queen Shandra Korbelik was in attendance and joined the accordion jam. There were nine members that brought along their button accordions to join in the fun of playing traditional Czech Polka and waltzes. The language lesson was led by Jean Lamp and Elmer Nemecek.

Marlene Behm of Grand Island and Clayton Jares of St. Paul are new members of our club.

President JoAnn Kuester called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Laurie Burns gave the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held on the York News Times ad to inform people that they don't need to be Czech to join the York Czechs. It was decided to just run it one time. Depending on the cost, it may be put in the Wilber Slovnosti newspaper.

The group voted unanimously to have Missy Vavra as our 2009 York Czech Queen. Queen Coordinator Bernice Mettenbrink updated the group on the procedures that will be followed when the new York Queen Missy Vavra will be crowned. The magnetic signs, gift (the book, Tales of the Czechs) for the queen, and the Queens tiara have been ordered. Past Queen Megan Rathke will be crowning our new Queen. Kate Burke from the York News Times will be taking pictures for the paper.

Bill Drury reported on the last State meeting. The next meeting will be at the Wilber Museum on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Queen Orientation at the Seward Valentinos. The State Pageant will be June 20<sup>th</sup> in Clarkson.

Due to finding a time that would fit with Sue Underwood and the Yorkshire Playhouse, it was decided to wait on the educational event until 2010.

The York Chamber of Commerce will again have the Peep Show on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Chances R. Some ideas were to make a Peep Kolace or a Polka Peeps group. It was decided by the group to pay the \$10 entry fee for any member that is willing to make an entry to represent our club.

The Yorkfest Dumpling cook off will be held free of charge at the York College Mackey Center.

On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> there will a dumpling demonstration at the Middle School from 7 to 8:30 p.m. by Karen Hying, her mom and Pam Hromadka.

The next meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> will be the crowning of Queen Missy Vavra. Hostesses for the evening will be Doris Bowman, Lorelei Edwards and Pat Carpenter. Members may bring design ideas for the 2009 festival button.

**March Birthdays:**

Helen Senff March 2  
Steve Hannon March 19  
Bob Brazda March 25  
Mary Jo Karnopp March 26  
Arman Lamp March 27

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