

NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN CZECH-SLOVAK CULTURAL CLUB

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About our Club

The American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club (ACSCC) was founded in 1949. The clubhouse is located on 3.5 tropical acres adjoining Arch Creek, in North Miami, Florida. The purpose of ACSCC is to further the Czech and Slovak cultures, customs, traditions and food in South Florida. **Our restaurant** is open for dinner every Sunday from noon to 6:00 PM. Dinner entrees featured are roast duck (by reservation only) roast loin of pork, and several other fine Czech/Slovak favorites.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

BAR HOURS & A LA CARTE MENU

The bar is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 5pm to closing. An evening of special enjoyment awaits you! Bar food specials such as gulas, sekana and rizek are available for \$10.00. The bar also serves parky (hot dogs) The bar has 13 different beers from around the world. Most Friday evenings a Czech/Slovak film is shown.

CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED

INFORMATION

site: www.acscc.org

Webmaster-Bill Stupka

Officers

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Dave Mestecky and
Marie Svoboda,

1st Vice President,
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Mildred Urban.

Newsletter

Jana Blaha - Editor

**GENERAL MEETINGS
ARE HELD ON THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY

January 1 = New Years Day
January 6 = Three kings Day
January 18 = M. Luther King Day



January Birthstone: Garnet

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

January Flower: Carnation



Birthdays in January



JERRY BENTON
HANA BOED
WILL STRANSKY
MILAN SCHULTHEIS

MANUEL HAND
MILA T. SVOBODA
SIMIN CURTIS



The Best Award this month is given to Veronika Liskova, our club volunteer and helper in the bar. Veronika has been organizing many of the events in the club and we are all grateful. She put together the Easter Egg hunt for the children, a wonderful Halloween party, organized the popular Nohejbal games, the successful Mikulas party and a New Year's party in the bar. On top of all this, Veronika baked more than 12 babovky for the Holiday Fair. **THANK YOU VERONIKA FOR ALL YOU DO.**

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to the following ladies of the SVU (Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences) Blanka Kudej, Alena Homolac, Jana Zborilek, Evzenia Kubalikova, Lida Novotny and Stana Novak.

These kind ladies baked delicious Christmas cookies and donated their time and talent to help make the Holiday Fair a success. All proceeds from their cookies went to benefit our club.

EURO vs DOLLAR = \$1.44
Czech kroun = 26 for \$1.00

NBC SOUTH FLORIDA TODAY SHOW



Miss. Czech-Slovak Florida



ACSCC MEMBERS ON NBC SHOW

CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Canali and his wife Stacy on the birth of their 2nd beautiful daughter, Sienna who was born on Dec. 10, 2009. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Proud grandma is club officer Amelia Canali.

The club would like to thank Veronica Liskova for putting together the wonderful Mikulas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 6th. There were over 30 children in attendance and Veronica took care of all the details. We had a wonderful Mikulas, Angel and Devil. The children were all delighted to speak to Mikulas and each child received a bag of candy and little gifts.

The following members took part in the NBC television show events, Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at 11:30am promoting our Holiday Festival: Marie Svoboda, Jana Blaha Rodriguez, Martina Knoch and Veronica Liskova. We displayed cookies and ornaments and showed off our beautiful Czech kroje. The spot on television brought out many people for lunch the following Sunday.

The Holiday Fair on Sunday, Dec. 20th was a success and many people came and bought baked goods, ornaments and things from our rummage sale. We thank all those who took part and helped set up the club for this happy event.



MIKULAS CELEBRATION AT THE ACSCC, ALEXANDRA RODRIGUEZ ENJOYS THIS TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION.

The club would like to send special Holiday Greetings to some of our old time members who no longer or seldom are able to come to the club: Mrs. Gerry Adams of Woodbury, N. J. Mrs. Angela Abramson of Spring Hill, FL, Mrs. Mildred Urban of North Miami Beach, FL, Mrs. Cathy Fremut of Deep River, Ct. Mr. John Lesko of Hollywood, FL.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to wish all of our members and families a Happy New Year and a year of Good Health

Ever noticed initials that scrawled on or above Czech and Slovak doors and wondered what it was all about?

Schoolteachers doing a spot of freelancing on the way home or a note from a wife to a husband saying “don’t bother coming in if you’ve forgotten the milk again, buddy”. Nope, it’s just that **Kaspar, Melichar and Balthazar** are in town and they’ve been around town chalking their initials on houses for the New Year.

They’re not just some gang of mischievous teenagers on the loose for the holidays, though. They’re the Three Kings who visited Bethlehem with gold, frankincense and myrrh a little over 2000 years ago. You might know them better as the **Three Wise Men** or the **Magi**, and if you’ve been travelling Europe for while, you’ve certainly passed a painting or two in their honour. Botticelli, Breughel, Rubens and Velázquez have all had a shot, and the Uffizi gallery in Florence holds two of the most notable works; by Leonardo da Vinci and Albrecht Durer.

The **6th of January** is the Three Kings’ Day, and as the 12th and final day of Christmas it’s also the day that many households, towns and cities choose to pull down their Christmas decorations and pack them away for another year.

Are the chalked K+M+B’s a form of low-tech tagging by the Three Kings then? A kind of ancient “K +M+B were here”? Well, partly. The three letters are their initials and do show that they’ve been to visit, but the inscription also stands for **Christus mansionem benedicat** (Christ bless this house), and is intended to wish health and luck on the occupants for the coming year, which is why the chalk is left up even when Three Kings’ day is over. On the day of the Three Kings (three sages, wise men from the East, Kaspar, Melichar, Baltazar), (January 6th), young boys, disguised as the three biblical kings, go carol-singing, they wish well to everybody and they write K + M + B (Christus mansionem benedicat – Christ, bless this home) by a consecrated chalk above the doors of houses or apartments. This is the last day of the yuletide.

WINTER SPORTS IN CZECH REPUBLIC & SLOVAKIA

Several localities were chosen for organizing prestigious sports events (the World Cup of ski jumping in Harrachov, Zlatá lyže in Nové Město na Moravě, the World Cup of slalom in Špindlerův Mlýn). Skiing and snowboarding schools provide their services, as well as ski rentals, in every skiing center. When speaking about mountains and the fun that can be had in the mountains, we should also mention the dangers and risks one might face. The Czech Republic maintains a professional Mountain Rescue Service, which ranks among the best services of its kind worldwide. The rescuers ensure safety and provide first aid. In any case, every tourist in the mountains should behave properly, observe instructions and respect advice given by the Mountain Rescue Service, and not expose him/herself to dangers that are present in the mountains. Never go for hikes or cross-country skiing tours alone; do not ski off of marked ski slopes, and respect the current tourist marks. Make sure to get a current weather forecast and have enough water, food with sufficient energy content and spare warm clothes.

exhibitions commemorate Luxembourg dynasty



The Czech Republic will celebrate an important anniversary in 2010. Namely, the end of next year will mark 700 years from the accession of the Luxembourg dynasty to the Czech throne. In Prague and Ostrava, two exhibitions are already being planned that people definitely ought not to miss.

Welcome new members:

Pavel and Kimberly Karasek of Parkland, FL. Pavel was our Mikulas at the Mikulas celebration and he did a superb job speaking to the children.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2010

Election of Officers for 2010 will be conducted during the General Membership Meeting to be held on **Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM** at ACSCC. To vote you must be a member of the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in good standing. New members can vote only after they have been a member for more than 1 month (31 days) or more. Members must be present at the club the day of the election in order to receive a ballot and to vote. There will be no absentee ballots or proxy voting allowed. Early voting will be allowed from noon to 3:00 PM, the day of the election only. The candidates for the 2010 election are as follows:

For President (Vote for one.)
Dave Mestecky or Amelia Canali

For 1st Vice-President
Arthur Karlick (unopposed)

For 2nd Vice-President
Dr. Drew Bowyer (unopposed)

For Secretary
Gail Bowyer (unopposed)

For Treasurer
Zdena Spanek (unopposed)

**PLEASE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, NEWS
AND OTHER RELATED CLUB ACTIVITIES.
WWW.ACSCC.ORG**

Calendar

January 10- Club elections

January 24 - Program entitled: "let's start the new year with laughter " - anecdotes from Prague (very funny)

January 31 - ACSCC anniversary celebration

February 14- Program entitled: " Three poems - three stories - three questions "

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS
AND GUESTS to come and celebrate the:**

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICAN CZECH-SLOVAK
CULTURAL CLUB**

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010
Time: 1:00pm
Where: 13325 Arch Creek Road, North Miami, FL

We will have delicious food, music, dancing and a raffle
Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends.




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