

March/březen  
2009

# Zprávy z Omahy

## Special Interest Articles:

- 2009 Omaha Czech Cultural Club Royalty
- 2009/2010 OCCC Board Election Slate
- St. Joseph's Day

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## Omaha Czech Cultural Club

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## News from Omaha

### Maria Gulovich: The National Uprising and USA

**DATE:** Mar 8, 2009  
**PLACE:** South Omaha Sokol  
**COST:** \$2.00 *12 & under free*  
**TIME:** 12:30 pm  
 luncheon followed by program

Millie Marne and Helen Pokorny have volunteered to prepare this month's meal. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts based on the first letter of their last name.

A – M: salads, vegetable dishes or casseroles  
 N – Z: breads or desserts.

Members are asked to check in at the membership table as they arrive, where they will be given a "dinner" chip for their meal.

Steve Wineteer, OCCC Vice President, will present Maria Gulovich, The National Uprising and USA

In 1944 there was an uprising in Banska Bystrica in what was then the Nazi "puppet state" of Slovakia. Maria Gulovich, a young Slovak schoolteacher, played a major role in that event and time. Steve's presentation will include comments directly from Maria Gulovich Liu who currently lives in California.

### Letter from the President

Festival, festival, festival...this month is all about the festival...and a few other things too.

Preparations are underway for this year's festivities.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call me or Trudi at 339-7551 to have your name added to the volunteer list.

If you have never volunteered before, let this be your first year, we have something for everyone. If you are unsure of how you can

help, let me know what you like to do and I will find you a place where you feel comfortable.

This event is our way of sharing our culture with others...and is more successful and fun for all if the work is shared by many, rather than few.

I have the pleasure to announce that our festival falls on the publication date of a new book to be released. The author of *WARRIOR OF GOD* *Jan Žižka and the Hussite Revolution*, Victor Verney, has agreed to be at our festival and available

for you to meet and talk with him. Information on his book can be found at [http://verney.us/section\\_s.php?section=inprogress](http://verney.us/section_s.php?section=inprogress).

And on to the other things I mentioned earlier.

We will be honored to issue scholarships at our March meeting.

Also, you can still put your name on the ballot for any of the board positions. Our slate is still missing a recording secretary.

I am honored to serve - Steve Stastny, President OCCC

**Committee News**



**SCHOLARSHIP:** If there is someone you would like to honor or to have remembered, a scholarship donation in their memory would be greatly appreciated.

Scholarships will be presented at our March meeting.

**BOUTIQUE :** The Boutique committee is looking for ideas for new crafts. We need additional members. Call Pat at 393-7469, if interested.

**BY-LAWS:** Several members have already volunteered to be on the by-laws committee to

help update the Club's by-laws. Call Pat Kutilek at 393-7469 to volunteer.

**FOOD:** Volunteer to plan the main dish at one of our monthly meetings. Talk to Millie Marne or Geri Hurlbutt to sign up for one of the remaining months.

**PROGRAMMING:** What interests you? It's time to think about programming for next year. Submit your ideas to Sonja Kapoun-Roof ([ahoj.sonja@gmail.com](mailto:ahoj.sonja@gmail.com)).

**FESTIVAL: Ways you can make our festival successful:**

- \*\*Work the bake sale booth**
- \*\*Sit at ticket booth**
- \*\*Serve food (up or downstairs)**
- \*\*Sign-up for to work the cakewalk booth**
- \*\*Help clean & set up hall**
- \*\*Bus the downstairs dinner tables**
- \*\*Sell dinner ticket**
- \*\*Solicit local businesses for donations**
- \*\*Bake kolace, cakes or other baked goods**

**Membership News**

Membership as of 2/23/09 is 220 members, including 184 adults and 36 children.

Welcome new & returning members Jan Sedlacek, Mildred Rusek, Terry Kapoun and Marjorie Nejdil.

Ag Svagera had heart surgery on Feb. 24. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Joe Cervenka is still recuperating from heart and lung problems in Lincoln. His address is Joe Cervenka Savannah Pines 3900 Pine Lake Road Lincoln, NE 68516

Joe wrote that there is no way of knowing when he will be ready to come home.

Member sighting in the Fraternal Herald in the February 15, 2009 edition...Doris Ettlin and her granddaughter, Jessy, and Lillian Komor. They were pictured with a food pantry collection at their November 18th meeting.

Members Allie Stastny & Anna Roof competed in the 2009 Winter Festival Ice Skate Competition...was the Beer Barrel Polka heard by the fans?

**March Birthdays!**

- 1 Mary Skupa**
- 14 Bill Lang**
- 17 Pat Kutilek**
- 29 Delmar Weidner**
- 31 George Blazek**



Don't forget to mark your calendars with the remaining 2008/2009 meeting dates.

- **March 8♦**
- **April 19♦**
- **May 17♦**

Meeting Locations  
♦South Omaha Sokol Hall

*Do you have news about anyone in the club?  
If so, don't forget to send it to us...*

*Are we missing your birthday?*

Contact Membership Chairperson,  
**Nancy Daniel** at  
**342-2515**  
or  
[eddan1@cox.net](mailto:eddan1@cox.net)

## Blahopřání to our 2009 OCCC Royalty

Your OCCC royalty committee is proud to announce the following members of the 2009 OCCC royalty.

### 2009 OCCC Queen

Claire Frahm is the daughter of Brent & Valerie Frahm, granddaughter of the late Jack & Rose Marie Vankat, and Don & Kay Beth Frahm. She is currently attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where she is studying Elementary Education.

Claire has been taking dance classes since she was five years old and enjoys performing in choirs, dance recitals and community theatre productions. Claire has also choreographed for local show choirs and community theatre productions. She also performed in the Macy's Day Parade.

She plans to perform a dance routine as her talent at the 2010 Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen pageant.

Claire's Czech heritage is important to her and her family. "In today's modern world, I think it is vital that we acknowledge our history and people who brought us to where we are today. It is easy to forget where we came from with all the technology around us, but I hope to bring new interest in the rich Czech culture." Claire said.

Claire attends mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center on the UNL campus and is also involved in a bible study there.

### 2009 Princess

Natalie Frahm is also the daughter of Brent & Valerie Frahm, granddaughter of the late Jack & Rose Marie Vankat, and Don & Kay Beth Frahm and is a freshman at Beatrice High School.

Natalie is involved in many activities in and outside of school, but says academics are her top priority. She is a member of the Key Club, Speech Team, Band, Choir, and is a varsity cheerleader.

She has also taken part in a Catholic girls' camp for the past 8 years, was a gymnast for 7 years and received 2<sup>nd</sup> place All Around at the National Competition in 2003.

### 2009 Jr. Princess

Amanda Horbach is the daughter of Joe & Tracy Horbach, granddaughter of Geri & Lee Hurlbutt and Ron & Eddie Kapoun and attends Fairview Elementary School.

Amanda enjoys swimming, writing, drawing, dance and reading. She is active in the Omaha Czech Cultural Club, Monarch Swim and Girl Scouts.

She is also active at school on the Religious Education Student Council and hopes to be a Czech Queen one day.

### 2009 Prince

Brendan Vankat is the son of David and Melia Vankat, the grandson of the late Jack & Rose Marie Vankat and is currently home schooled.

Brendan enjoys playing baseball, reading, plays the piano and just started learning how to play the accordion. He impressed his accordion teacher with his natural ability to play.

Brendan is also active in community projects including helping at the Stephen Center and Assumption's festival and enjoys attending area Czech festivals.

We look forward to getting to know these outstanding young adults as they travel together as ambassadors for our club!

All royalty will be crowned at the festival on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

We would also like to thank all those who expressed an interest in being a part of the 2009 OCCC royalty and aren't listed here. You are also outstanding young adults, and we hope to hear from you in the future.

*Nancy Daniel and  
Sandy Schnackenberg  
2009 OCCC Royalty  
Committee*



## Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Kutilek, Secretary

South Omaha Sokol, Omaha, NE, Feb 15, 2009 at 12:30 PM

*Minutes taken by acting recording secretary, Trudi Stastny.*

Meeting called to order at 12:45 by President Steve Stastny.

- Moment of silence for the military and family and friends.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Review of the minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. No comments or changes - accepted as printed
- Nomination Committee for elections in May – Contact is Dorothy Patach if you would like to run for an office.
- Tables were called to eat - #'s 5,3,4,1, and 2 for the Sloppy Joes that were prepared by Emma Trouba and Barb Sladek with Aggie Horvatich assisting.
- Barb Sladek made a challenge that sometime in the future, the men of the club should prepare the meal.

While the members were going through the food line - the following topics were discussed:

- Volunteers for the Festival Sign-up sheets will be at next meeting
- Czech Language foundation Banquet on March 29th Tickets are 30.00 for adults and 18.00 for students. Please see Trudi Stastny for your ticket 402-339-7551
- Raffle for Flat Panel 19"TV were sold for the CLF Banquet (\$1.00 each). See Trudi Stastny for more tickets 402-339-7551.
- Posters for the Nebraska Festivals are here - please take them and post in your church and work places.
- Split the Pot was won by Don Trouba. \$15.00 went to Don and \$15.00 went to the Scholarship fund – Congratulation Don!

*Monica and Carrie Brown present on their travels this past summer in the Czech Republic. They brought many beautiful souvenirs that they collected during their travels for us to see and had a wonderful slide and video presentation which was very entertaining.*

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

### Did You Know?

*According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the prehistoric settlement of Dolní Věstonice in Southern Moravia is the oldest town in the world. It dates back to 27,000 BC, the Ice Age.*

### Treasurer's Report

**By  
Michelle Schiefen**

*March/April report will be posted in April newsletter.*

### Omaha Czech Cultural Club

Elections May 17

**The proposed ballot for the 2009-2010 Omaha Czech Cultural Club Board is:**

President – Sonja Kapoun-Roof

President Elect – Steve Ourecky

Vice President – Steve Wineteer

Secretary – Pat Kutilek

Recording Secretary – Open

Treasurer – Michelle Schiefen

Delegate to the NE Czechs – Trudi Stastny

Alt Delegate to NE Czechs – Ed Daniel

Members at Large – Geri Hurlbutt and George Svagera Jr.

St. Joseph's Day (Den Svatého Josefa), March 19

MyCzechRepublic.com

The Czech St. Joseph's Day is a more subdued version of the Irish St. Patrick's Day and is celebrated around the same time in March every year.

Josef is historically one of the most common Czech first male names. It used to be extremely

popular in the past. For example, the village of Josefovice used to have at least one Josef living in every one of its houses. The name is not on the top of name popularity charts anymore, having given way to names like Filip, Tomáš, Adam, Jan or

Lukáš. Around 266,000 Czech men are still named Josef though, and that makes it the fourth most used Czech male name in general. It is no wonder that the Josef name day is still celebrated across the nation and mentioned on the news every year.

From the National Czech Slovak Museum and Library Special Update of January 19, 2009:

The Museum opened an interim location at the Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids in October. Over 2,200 people have viewed the exhibition "Pack Your Bags: Journey to America" and attended events and programs there. The Museum Store opened there also. They plan to be open through at least June of 2009. The Museum has stabilized flood-damaged library items and artifacts. "Completing the conservation and inventory of library and

artifact collections could take several years." They are not able to accept donations of library materials and artifacts at this time.

"The flood of 2009 resulted in over \$8 million in damages to five museum-owned buildings, permanent and temporary exhibitions, collections, infrastructure, technology, office and storage furniture and store inventory. This number also includes the cost of such things as lost revenue, immediate

disaster clean up, environmental testing and temporary operations. The three sources of earned revenue were wiped out: admissions, facility rentals, and retail sales. Since June 13, over 1,630 gifts totaling more than \$930,000 have been received to help with flood recovery. The largest gift of \$405,380 was from the Czech Republic, which is earmarked to help with the permanent exhibition on the flood and the Czechs of Cedar Rapids, including the Kosek building purchase and renovation."

Donation Recognition

\$10 Scholarship Donation...In Memory of Betty Braniff by Omaha Czech Cultural Club

Omaha Czech Cultural Club Donations

Festival Fund \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Queen Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In memory \_\_\_\_\_ In honor \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order out to the Omaha Czech Cultural Club and mail it to the OCCC at PO Box 24367, Omaha, NE 68124-0367. The OCCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Steve:

I still fondly remember my opportunity to have lunch with the Czech Cultural Club.

As you may remember, my family and I are going as missionaries to the Southern Bohemia region of the Czech Republic ([www.sharethecrown.com](http://www.sharethecrown.com)),

I have a number of speaking engagements in the Omaha area Wednesday 18-March through Sunday 22-March. It looks like your monthly meeting will have already taken place.

Even so, I have a presentation called the Spiritual History of the Czech Republic.

Adam Parmenter

Adam's updated speaking schedule can be found at [www.sharethecrown.com](http://www.sharethecrown.com).

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**Zprávy z omahy**

**Czech out these events!**

**Mark your calendars now**

3/08 OCCC Meeting – Steve Wineteer, Sokol Hall, 21st & U Sts

3/29 Czech Language Foundation Banquet, UNL

4/19 OCCC Festival, Sokol Hall, 21st & U Sts

5/17 OCCC Meeting – TBD, Sokol Hall, 21st & U Sts

**Czech Vocabulary**

Good Luck – hodně štěstí

good enough – dost dobrý

good time – správný čas

good-bye – na shledanou

good word – doporučení

(dobré slovo)

good egg – báječný člověk

Good Friday – Velký pátek

good and evil – dobro a zlo

good buy – dobrá koupě

Good-bye for now. – Zatím na

shledanou.



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