



A social and cultural club for those who appreciate Czech and Slovak culture and traditions

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Annual Club Meeting - Come Join the Fun Sunday, March 26

Sunday, March 26, 2017 2-4:30 p.m.

2:00 Social

2:30 Meal and entertainment (Slavic dancers)

3:30 Business meeting

4:30 p.m. Cleanup

Will and Grail Agency

1810 Cherry Street #100
Kansas City, MO 64108

Potluck:

A-F salad/vegetable

G-L appetizer/dessert

M-Z meat/main course

The club will provide soft drinks, plates, and other utensils.

Please mark the date for our club's annual meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2017. The meeting will take place beginning at 2 p.m. at the [Will and Grail Agency in Kansas City, MO.](#)



It's a potluck, and we ask that members and guests bring food based on the guidelines mentioned to the left.

The business part of the meeting will include the current financial status of the club, upcoming programs and activities, and election of officers.

Entertainment will be provided during the meal. For the election of officers, you can mail your ballot to [Stan Salva at 4026 N. River Blvd. Sugar Creek, MO 64050-1031](#) or bring it to the meeting.

Please RSVP to Stan Salva if you are planning to attend the meeting. Stan can be contacted at stansalva10@gmail.com or by calling 816-805-5585.

Officer Candidates for 2017

Candidates listed below are the recommendations of the nominating committee. Other nominations are appropriate and can be submitted with your ballot. Please bring your ballots to the annual meeting or mail them to Stan Salva at 4026 N. River Blvd. Sugar Creek, MO 64050-1031. Ballots must be mailed by March 19, 2017 if not brought to the meeting.

President..... Stan Salva
Immediate past president Terry Smitka
1st Vice President (Membership)..... Open
2nd Vice President (Social/Programs) Hana Buric
3rd Vice President (EEC Commissioner) Nina Hajda
3rd Vice President (EEC Commissioner) Mike Kalny
Recording Secretary Sharon Short

Assistant Secretary Ross Marine
Treasurer Jana Magnuson
Historian Open
Board Emeritus Joyce Cox
Board Emeritus Linda Vlasak
Board Emeritus Gene Simon

Check box for entire above slate, or enter write-ins for specific office exceptions:

Your signature and date _____



Calendar of Events 2017

Major events for rest of 2017 are listed below. Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website (<http://csclubkc.wordpress.com>) or Facebook page for latest information.

Date	Event	Location	Time
March 26, 2017	Annual Meeting	Will and Grail Agency	2:00 p.m.
April 8, 2017	Diplomatic Ball	Kansas City Downtown Marriott, Count Basie Ballroom, 200 W 12th Street	6:00 p.m.
April 1, 2017	Northland Ethnic Festival	Park Hill South High School, 4500 River Park Dr., Parkville, MO	11:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.
June 9-10, 2017	Sugar Creek Slavic Festival, Missouri Queen Contest	Onka Hall, 11520 Putnam St, Sugar Creek, MO 64054	See www.slavicfest.com/ , www.missczechslovakmo.org
July	Lidice Exhibit	Buttonwood ARTspace, KC, MO	More info to come
July 28-29, 2017	Kansas Czech Festival, Kansas Queen Contest	Wilson, KS	Visit: www.wilsonkansas.com
August 4-6, 2017	National Czech-Slovak Festival	Wilber, Nebraska	See nebraskaczechsofwilber.com
August 18-20, 2017	Kansas City Ethnic Festival	Swope Park, Kansas City, MO	See eeckc.org
Fall 2017	Club Picnic	Parkville, MO	TBD
December 3, 2017	St. Mikulas Celebration	TBD	TBD

2017 Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Competition Summary

For 2017, The Board of Directors of the Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Organization will be selecting the Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Queen through an extensive on-line competition.

The board of directors would like to extend an invitation to all of the young women in Missouri, between the ages of 16 and 25 and of Czech and Slovak descent, to participate in this very rewarding experience.

The competition will be composed of these major elements:

1. A completed application form submitted by e-mail.
2. The posting of a video on YouTube containing an example of your talent.
3. A 30-minute personal interview conducted on Skype with the board of directors.

The winner of the competition will be crowned on June 10 at the Sugar Creek Missouri Slavic Festival. Our queen will represent the State of Missouri at the Miss Czech-Slovak National competition in Wilber, Nebraska in August of 2018 to compete for over \$10,000 in awards and prizes.

Application deadline: April 3, 2017.

For More Information: Call 913-940-4267

Download an Application at: www.missczechslovakmo.org



Emily Manning
Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri
2016-2017

Emily is working hard at preparing for the National Pageant in Wilber NE on August 5th & 6th.

There are 4 areas of competition. #1. Personal Interview, #2 On-Stage Interview, #3 Talent Performance & #4 Kroj (native costume) Presentation. Below you see Emily working on the apron portion of her Kroj.





2017 Miss Czech Slovak Missouri
Application Packets are Now Available
Application Deadline is April 3rd
Call 913-940-4267 for Information



St. Mikuláš 2016

Our club held its traditional St. Mikulš event on Sunday, December 4, 2016, at the Sylvester Powell Community Center in Mission, KS. This year's event was attended by approximately 100 members and guests, including 36 children. Our own Mike Kalny shared the story and spirit of St. Mikuláš with the many children in attendance.

We were pleased to have Anna O'Renck, Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri 2015 and Miss Czech-Slovak United States 1st Runner-Up 2016, attend the event. She sang with and had a special message for all the children.



Treasurer's Report 2017

Jana Magnuson, Treasurer

The closing 2016 balance for the Czech and Slovak Club was \$13,402.34, which was \$1087 more than the January 2016 beginning balance. We received 36% of our income from dues, 35% from the Ethnic Festival, 16% from the Slavic Fest, 9% from other sales and 4% from grants and donations. The major expenses were the Svatý Mikuláš party, scholarships, the Consul General's visit as well as festival fees and supplies.

Do You Buy From Amazon? Amazon Smile allows non-profit organizations like the Czech and Slovak Club to benefit whenever members make ordinary purchases through their website. Their program will donate to the club \$0.05 on every dollar you spend on items you were going to purchase anyway and it doesn't cost you a thing! Please consider helping our club by clicking on <http://smile.amazon.com> and selecting the Czech and Slovak Club of Greater KC as your preferred charity.

Please also remember that our club holds a membership in the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This membership gives us a number of free passes to the museum which are available on a first come, first served basis for those who are current on their club dues. Send requests to the club president.

EEC 2017 Diplomatic Ball

Saturday April 8, 2017

The KC Ethnic Enrichment Commission 2017 Diplomatic Ball will be April 8, 2017 at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott. Mayor Sly James, of Kansas City, MO will preside. Commissioners, from over 60 countries, will be in their ethnic dress. It is a sight to behold. There will be a grand entrance of dignitaries and commissioners.

The theme this year is Friendship of Asia and the hosting countries are Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of China and Vietnam. Food from those countries and entertainment will be provided. Professionals will perform a Vietnamese Lion Dance, along with other performances by hosting countries. Music and dancing will finish off the evening. Entertainment provided by Platinum Express.

This is an exceptional opportunity to mingle with other cultures and celebrate our diverse ethnic backgrounds. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information, contact Nina at Nina_Hajda@hotmail.com.



Official visit of Slovak Consul

Her Excellency Jana Trnovcova visited the Greater Kansas Metro area November 9-11, 2016. During her time in Kansas City she visited and toured the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri, and placed a memorial wreath with the assistance of the Van Horn High School ROTC Cadet Corps at the gravesite of President Harry S. Truman and met with Mr. Kurt Graham, Director of the Library. She toured The National WWI Museum and Memorial and met with Dr. Matt Naylor, President/CEO. She toured the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Center for International Academic Programs, Olson Performing Arts Center, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, and the Buttonwood Art Space.

As part of her visit she attended and participated in the 16th Annual International Film Festival (www.kansasfilm.com) at the Ranchmart Theaters in Overland Park, Kansas the evening of November 10th to view the Slovak produced film "The Kandidat" which was the most watched film in Slovak theaters

in 2013 and the winner of major European film awards. There was a great turnout by Czech & Slovak Club members and the public to view the film.

On Friday evening November 11th a reception was hosted in her honor at Will & Grail Space in the Crossroad's Art District. There was a great turnout of club members, special guests, governmental, civic, business, academic and international leaders and friends to meet the Consul General.

Consul General Trnovcova was pleased with her visit and wants to express her appreciation for a well-organized and beneficial visit and more importantly a "great big thank you" to the Czech and Slovak Community in region and the "Heart of America Welcome" she received.

Finally during her visit the Consul General spoke about the honor and distinction of the Slovak Republic holding "The Presidency of the Council of the European Union (July 1, - December 31, 2016).





EEC Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

The KC Ethnic Enrichment Commission offers a John Thomas & Carol C. Duncan Scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of John Thomas and Carol C. Duncan, two of the founders of the Ethnic Enrichment Commission. The Duncans have always been very involved in their neighborhood, their ethnic community, and the Ethnic Enrichment Commission. As such, the requirements reflect a high level of involvement on the part of the applicant. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending college in the fall of 2017, must be recommended by a commissioner, and must be the only candidate from his or her country for this scholarship year. In addition to completing the application cover sheet, the applicant must compose an essay, enclose a letter from the applicant's country's commissioner, and include a transcript. Obtain the application and guidelines at <http://eeckc.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-Scholarship-Application.pdf>. Submit all paperwork together no later than **March 15, 2017**.

More information will be posted on the Czech & Slovak Club's Facebook page. You may also contact Nina at Nina_Hajda@hotmail.com.

Northland Ethnic Festival

Saturday, April 1, 2017

The Northland Ethnic Festival is a community celebration to increase awareness and appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity. The festival features booths and displays, music, dance, food, children's crafts and family history help. The Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Commission and 30 plus countries will participate. This free event is fun for children and adults alike. The Czech & Slovak Club has applied for a table at this festival. Drop by to say "hello" or better yet, volunteer for an hour or two! Volunteers will stamp passports for children and talk about Czech and Slovak heritages.

The Northland Festival is held at Park Hill South High School, 4500 River Park Dr., Parkville, MO. Free parking and free admission for all. It will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 11 AM to 3:30 PM. Since it is an indoor event, weather is not an issue.

More information and requests for volunteers will be sent in club emails. Any questions, contact Nina Eva Hajda at Nina_Hajda@hotmail.com.

Membership Update

We had several new members join the club at the St. Mikuláš celebration in December--welcome to our new members! Thank you to the 64 families who have already signed up for their 2017 membership. Your membership dues allow the club to host several events throughout the year including our Annual Meeting, Festivals, a picnic, and St. Mikuláš (see calendar of events). If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2017, please make your check payable to Czech & Slovak Club of Greater Kansas City (\$20 for single, \$25 for a family). Payments can be mailed to Jana M Magnuson, 7912 NE 56th ST, Kansas City, MO 64119.

Patti Henderson, VP of Membership

Slovak Consul Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Honorary Consuls of the Slovak Republic in the U.S. was held Friday December 9th at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C. Topics covered were: The EU Beyond the Beltway; Slovak Republic Foreign Policy Priorities with the new US Administration; Cultural and Public Diplomacy; Consular Affairs; Trade, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Priorities. A Slovak Professionals Networking event was held on Saturday December 10th at the Embassy which focused on the areas of education, science and research and entrepreneurship endeavors currently evolving in the Slovak Republic. A number of young start-up and tech savvy professionals in the Washington DC area in addition to the Honorary Consuls, Embassy and New York Consulate officers attended the event with presentations being made by entrepreneurs/research/academic leaders in the Slovak Republic. The event was moderated by H.E. Peter Kmec, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the U.S. and Jana Trnovcova, Consul general of Slovakia in New York. In the photo is Ross Marine and other honorary consuls. Slovak Ambassador Kmec is in the center and Consul General Trnovcova and third from the right, top row is former United States Ambassador to Slovakia, Theodore Sedwick along with invited guests.





Coming July 2017 to Buttonwood ARTspace

An Exhibition Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Lidice Tragedy



Bronze monument of Lidice children by Marie Uchytlová

The exhibition tells the story of the circumstances resulting in the destruction of Lidice, a village in Central Bohemia approximately 27km northwest of Prague. The tragedy occurred on June 10, 1942.

That day, Nazi leaders ordered the complete destruction of Lidice, in reprisal for the assassination of Reich Protector Reinhard Heydrich in the late spring of 1942. Every adult male and fifty-two women were killed. All surviving women and children were then deported to concentration camps, or if found suitable to be "Germanized," sent to the greater Reich.

The Nazi's then proudly proclaimed that the village of Lidice, its residents, and its very name, were now forever blotted from memory. The Lidice tragedy became a symbol of the suffering of the innocent civilian population, not only in the Czech Republic (then Czechoslovakia) but throughout the world. For more information about the exhibit, visit: <http://www.lidice-memorial.cz/en/exhibitions-and-events/on-tour/lidice-tragedy/>.

Buttonwood ARTspace has generously agreed to host the exhibit in July 2017. Buttonwood is located at 3013 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64108 (www.ButtonwoodArtSpace.com). An opening night reception and presentation about the Lidice tragedy are being planned for early to mid-July. Check our club's website and your email for an announcement of the exact exhibit dates and reception details.

Twelfth Consular Tour of Slovakia



Slovak Honorary Consul in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and his Slovak born wife, Albina have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia from July 29 through August 11, 2017 which includes history-rich cities of Bratislava, Sastin, Skalica, Trencin, Bojnice, Rajecke Teplice, Cicmany, High Tatras, Zdiar, Stara Lubovna, Kosice, Bardejov and Presov. As you travel through the various regions of Slovakia arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives or family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some highlights of the tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a tour of Dobsinka ice cave, a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting between Slovakia and Poland, spa treatments and a welcome reception with the Mayor of Presov.

That no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included a tour of Vienna and Poland. While in Poland, you will visit the famous shrine of Czestochowa, Zakopane and Krakow, including tours of Auschwitz and Wieliczka salt mine.

The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, air-conditioned bus, a professional guide and more. At \$3,798 this is the lowest price of any deluxe tour to Slovakia. For a detailed daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or (412) 956-6000

Chicago Consul General to Visit Kansas City

Borek Lizec, Consul General (CG) of the Czech Republic in Chicago is planning to visit Kansas City in mid-May. The exact dates of his visit will be confirmed in the next 2-3 weeks. A two-day agenda is being planned to include: a visit to the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, meetings with Kansas State University and the KC Economic Development office. Additionally, CG Lizec is very interested in meeting members and guest of our Czech and Slovak Club. Look for additional information via email and on our club's website and/or Facebook page.