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Fig. 1 Brother Tom Pajer (far right on the picture), is introducing the newly elected President and Board. In front from left: Lynda Filipello, Maryann Fiordelis, Allison Gerber, new Sokol President Jean Hruby, Bob Podhrasky, Kathy Barcal, Bev Domzalski, Ethna Flaherty. In back are: Howie Wise, Julie Meyer. Jolene Dalton and Roger Martanovic, also in back row, partially hidden.

Fig. 2 Convention in session.

Fig. 3 Representing Pacific District, first row from left: Darine Klega, Zdenka Svitek, Lillian Roter, Yvonne Masopust. In back are Milos Zivny, Jara Dusatko, Zelmira Zivny.

Fig. 4 Convention delegates met with the Sokol St. Louis members in their spacious modern Sokolovna.

Fig. 5 Sokol Walk. Climbing to the top of Mt. Tamalpais.

Fig. 6 Safely back to the Mt. Tamalpais parking lot.

Fig. 7-8 Walk for Health in Filoli Gardens. No hiking or climbing there, just a comfortable walk in a beautiful place.

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Our Board continues to work very hard in keeping our aging, non-profit organization vibrant.

We would appreciate your positive inputs about how you visualize the future of our organization in these changing and multicultural times of the American Society.
Your ideas are very important to us. Please send your comments via e-mail or postal mail.

Planed Activities for Year 2014

Date	Event	Place
June 14, Saturday *	Spring Picnic	Lake Chabot Park, Castro Valley
August 3-10	Family Camp	Dinkey Creek
September 5, Friday	Pacific District Meeting	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City
September 6, Saturday 11 A.M.- 5 P.M.	Sokol Anniversary Celebration	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City
October 1, Wednesday	Walk for Health	Butano State Park, Pescadero
November 5, Wednesday	Walk for Health	Sunol Regional Wilderness Area
December 6, Saturday	Annual Meeting	Not set yet
December 27, Saturday	Dinner, Dance, End of the Year 2014	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

*this is correct date for Spring Picnic

The 'Sunny Side up" Sokol dance. April 5, 2014

In the past, when we were returning home from a Sokol dance , we have never seen daylight. But this time, we had to squint our eyes because of going home under sunny skies. At the persistent urging of some, we tried to accommodate our members, who have problem driving at night, and planned this gathering for 11: 30 AM on April 5, 2014. The jury is still out, as we gained some and lost some attendees, compared to the evening schedules. Maybe a little nostalgia shall put things in perspective: In the January 1978 Sokol Bulletin I found a reprint of Brother Josef Bolza's article from December 15, 1909: "...Also our brothers in Oakland want to found their own Unit, because it is dangerous to cross the Bay in a boat at night to attend our Sokol Hall." Talking about difficult travel before the bridges were built. Just 40 of us walked by the waterfall, fake trees, a little creek with koi carps (we hope none of them ever ends up on our dinner plate) to the Marco Polo room of Crowne Plaza's hotel. The Board of Directors also listened to other voices, complaining about "too many programs and not enough dancing", so the cultural intermezzos were kept to the minimum. Mrs. Liana Derner/Braunova demonstrated her versatility in a number songs, sung in very different styles, from a throaty rendition of Edith Piaf's 'La Vie en Rose', a bell canto Italian 'Volare' to a lyrical Czech national song Ach, synku, synku... in a simple, pure voice. Finally we heard a hot, energetic Slovak folk song, rendered with a lot of passion in Liana's voice.



There is a number of excellent dancers among us and I am sure even they learned a new step or two, by watching the performance of the "OZ Performer Dance partner" duo, Dr. Jana Tomsky & Mr. OZ. Apparently, not everyone enjoys being shown how the professionals dance - I have heard some grumbling voices of a few eager dancers who would rather use the dance floor for themselves.

The Board of Directors is here for you, Sokol members & friends, always soliciting new ideas, improvements to our activities. Just remember that we are all different individuals and have varied interests. And there will always have to be choices made, pleasing some, upsetting others. So we ask you to have it in your hearts to tolerate when all is not to your liking and to support our organization even when one of your wishes had not been realized. For some, Sokol is the only place where they can speak our mothers' language. Even if you speak only English, you may enjoy the chance to get in touch with your friends and the culture of your ancestors.

Do not miss the celebration of the 110th Anniversary of Sokol San Francisco on September 6, 2014!

Zdenek Vernak.

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Pavel Šporcl – Not your Every Day Violin Virtuoso

On April 23, 2014,the Czech School of California in cooperation with American Sokol SF and BayCzech sponsored the concert "My Violin Legends" of Czech violinist Pavel Šporcl accompanied by pianist Petr Jiříkovský (http://www.jirikovsky.cz/).

In the Czech Republic and increasingly abroad, Šporcl enjoys the kind of name recognition that aspiring rock stars dream of. Having toured the world over and recorded roughly a dozen albums, 40-year-old Pavel Šporcl is the holder of various prizes and distinctions. For example, in 2002 he was awarded Supraphon's gold and platinum albums and was lauded by critics as „a talent that is born once in a century....." A natural talent, he became the *enfant terrible* of the classical music world when he first arrived on the scene, forgoing a tuxedo for a bandana and blue violin. However, once he starts playing, you settle into chair, close eyes and start listening his violin and it is hard to believe how fast the time flies when it is over. He played a selection from mostly Czech composers, including Ferdinand Laub, Jan Kubelik, Eugen Ysaye, Antonin Dvorak, Franz Drdla and his own composition, Bohemian Nostalgia. Sporcl's charming personality and comments on the music pieces developed pleasant intimate atmosphere during the concert that was followed by record signing and meeting with the artists. The great acoustics of the hall in the Oshman Family Jewish Center in Palo Alto and large attendance contributed to the success of the evening event.

Jaru Jancarik

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Walking for Health April 16. and May 7. 2014

"Sokol Walks for Health" are getting very popular and no wonder. We walked at beautiful places and had the opportunity to see some spectacular wonders of Mother Nature this year. I do not think we will ever forget the Ano Nuevo State Preserve and the beaches crowded with elephant seals.

There were two more Walks this spring. The April one took us to the Mt. Tamalpais and as you can see at the pictures on page 2, we were climbing like mountain goats there. Luckily enough, it was a short climb and all of us managed to reach the summit of Mt. Tamalpais East Peak quite quickly. From there, walking around the peak, just under the wooden structure, we could see the land and the ocean, the meadows still in their spring green, the Bay and the City and the smaller towns around. The light haze made the view more romantic but did not allow us to see as far as the Farralon Islands in the West. We enjoyed the view anyway and could recommend this walk to anybody, even the people who do not usually feel like climbing. There is a very comfortable and flat trail around the peak, offering the same views as we had from the top.

In May, there was no hiking or climbing during our Walk. We were visiting Filoli Gardens and it was a day of easy walking with beautiful plants all around. The history and the name of the place is also interesting. Do you know that the name stays for **FI**ght for a just cause; **LO**ve your fellow man; **LI**ve a good life, which was a credo or Mr. William B. Bourn, the founder of the estate. We certainly hope he lived according to the words, being an owner of one of the largest gold mine in California. What we know for sure is that William Bourn and his wife were educated people with a good taste, knowledge of architecture and nature and with financial power to build a magnificent country estate in California style. The formal garden, designed between the years of 1917 and 1921 was kept in the original style thank also to the second owners of the Filoli, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth. In 1975, Mrs. Roth donated the estate to the National Trust for Historic Preservation so future generations could enjoy its beauty. We certainly enjoyed it, feeling sometimes like we were in some old European garden, elaborated and wonderfully kept. We missed the season of tulips which are allegedly very colorful and pretty at Filoli. There was still more than enough to enjoy from the roses, just in their best, in all colors and scents, huge hydrangeas, lines of bluebells, tall foxgloves in white and pink, trees and views.

Last Walk of the spring 2014 was really worth it, as were the others before. Have a great summer, do not forget to walk, hike or jog and see you at the Butano Redwood State Park in October.

Zelmira Zivny

Tribute to Thomas G. Masaryk May 2, 2014

Each year Sokol San Francisco and CSA Fraternal Life's Golden Gate Lodge jointly sponsor a get together in San Francisco to pay tribute to the memory of Thomas G. Masaryk, first Czechoslovakia's president.



The statue of Thomas G Masaryk was originally sculpted in 1926 and exhibited in 1939 at the International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. 1939 was also the year that Germany invaded Czechoslovakia. So when the Exposition ended, rather than return the statue to Czechoslovakia, it was kept in storage by Sokol San Francisco. In 1960 it was given to the people of San Francisco to be displayed in Golden Gate Park.

On May 2, 2014 we gathered at the Presidio Café for lunch and then traveled to the Rose Garden in Golden Gate Park where we laid flowers at Masaryk's statue and sang some old Czech songs.
We invited others in the Czech community to join us. Some of the stories told were quite interesting.
As you can see from our group picture, Masaryk's statue is partially hidden in a grove of trees.

Victor Machacek explained the former park superintendent, John McLaren, did not believe statues should be in the park. His solution was to plant shrubs and trees around each statue to hide them.

Peter Loubal then told us in 1937, when he was 4 ½, his mom dragged him to the street in Prague as the hearse of Thomas Masaryk went by. He noted, "That was when I first found out that adults cry too."

I enjoy coming to the Tribute to T G Masaryk because each year it gives me a chance to learn and appreciative a little more, my Czech heritage. I hope you can join us next year.

Walt Strach
SF Sokol member
CSA Lodge Golden Gate coordinator

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Historie Sokola San Francisco v mých vzpomínkách. část 2. continue from Vestnik Spring 2014

Zábavy se lidem zřejmě líbily, protože průměrná návstěva byla kolem 250 lidi. Byla dobrá muzika, vždycky hezky vyzdobený sál a jeviště, ale též, a možná hlavně, byly výborné večeře, které opět zdarma (jako muzikanti) připravovaly naše milé sokolky. Vždy při jejich schůzích (tenkráte jsme ještě byli rozděleni na muže a ženy) se rozhodly, co se bude podávat a kdo bude vařit.. Každou sobotu, když byla zábava, hned od rána tam 2-3 sokolky vařily.
Když se Jerry Marek přestěhoval kvůli práci do LA, activitu převzal Olda Gann, který byl též senzační a dal dohromady hodně krásných a zajímavých programů. Jako třeba "CESTA KOLEM SVĚTA in 2 Hrs".

Olda psal též naše Sokolské čtvrtletní BULLETINY.

Asi v roce 1966 se Jerry Marek přestěhoval do Stocktonu a samozřejme se hned zapojil do všech našich sokolských activit. Jedna z nich, na kterou rád vzpomínám, byl Jerryho navrh, jak oslavit Kájovy 50ti leté narozeniny. Karlovi Mikešovi jsme říkali s Jerrym Kájo. Řekl mi, že uděláme Kájovi (jak jsem již psal, byli jsme jako jedna rodina a ještě teď téměř po 20ti letech trávíme společně Svátky Vánoční, lyžujeme atd.) v Sokolovně privátní a hlavně "Surprise Birthday Party". Dali jsme si schůzku s Lídou, manželkou Karla, kde nám Jerry podrobně vysvětlil, jak si celou akci představuje.

Předně, musí to být opravdu pro Karla "surprise" - překvapení. Sokolovnu si budeme rentovat a pozvání musí být ústní, přes telefon a lidem vysvětlit, co my tři rodiny chystáme a poprosit je, aby se o tom s nikým nebavili. Ani se svými známými. Večeře a pití bude zdarma, sokolská taneční hudba a pěkný zábavní pořad o Karlovi, který Jerry napíše, budou recitovat Zdena, Jerry, Marta a já. Žádné dárky a jediné co jsme od nich chtěli a žádali, že musí býti v Sokolovně před šestou hodinou. V 6 večer se Sokolovna zavírá. S Lídou jsme se domluvili, že ona se postará o večeře a my s Jerrym o pití a program.

Jak dostat Karla do Sokolovny bylo jednoduché. Karlovi jsem řekl, že ho chceme s Martou pozvat na jeho narozeniny do jeho oblíbené restaurace v San Francisku a že mám pro nás reservaci na 6.30. Oni již bydleli v San Mateo a tak jsem mu řekl, aby přijeli k nám do SF v 6 hodin a že pojedeme jedním autem. Kdyz přijeli, řekl jsem mu, že se musím zastavit v Sokole, že mi právě volala naše sokolnice. Je teď sama doma, manžel odejel na nějakou schůzi a najednou všechna světla přestala svítit. Tak jsem jí slíbil, že se tam přijedu na to podívat. Když jsme přijeli k sokolovně, sokolnice byla venku a zametala, ale hlavně nám držela místo na parkování, jak jsme měli domluveno. Manželky jsme nechali v autě a Káju jsem požádal, aby šel se mnou, podívat se na ty pojistky, které byly přes celý sál, až u jeviště. Prošli jsme hlavním vchodem a chodbou. Všude ticho a tma. Otevřeli jsme dveře do sálu a jdeme k jevišti. Ještě jsme nebyli ani v polovině sálu, když se rozsvítila světla v sale, kde bylo asi 160 lidi a začali zpívat "Happy Birthday". Karlovi se podlomily nohy a musel se mě chytnout, aby neupadl. Ale hned se vzpamatoval a prvni jeho slova byla: "Ty vole!" No ale to už za námi byli naše manželky a šli jsme si sednout k velkému slavnostnímu stolu, kde už byli Markovi a všechny naše děti. Když jsme všichni výborně povečeřeli a i popili, přednesli jsme to, co pro Káju napsal Jerry Marek. A pak začala muzika. Celý večer se všem velmi líbil!

Potom jsme měli ještě jednu podobnou privátní party v Sokolovně. Tentokráte jsme to připravili Karlu Dvořákovi k jeho 50tým narozeninám. Opět to byla velká party s jídlem, hudbou a programem, který opět napsal Jerry a my jsme to přednesli.

Jestě na jednu úžasnou show, kterou Jerry vytvořil, je těžké zapomenout. Byl to Silvestr 1967 "VÝLET DO VESMÍRU". Ve hře byl ***large cast of astronauts***, (tam nám naši dorostenci hodně pomohli), ***space creatures*** (pro nás starší), ***robots and what have you.***

Nesmím zapomenout podotknout, kdo se též podílel na kvalitě všech oslav a her. Byl to Maňásek, který nám pomáhal zdobit Sokolovnu. Řekli jsme mu, co děláme a on nám vždy nakreslil hodně krásných a velkých obrazů a to ne jenom na jeviště, ale někdy i do sálu. Tentokrate, po celém sále byly hvězdy, planety, space ships atd.

Ovšem všechny tyto zábavy s programem, vyžadovaly zkoušky a udělat výzdobu. Zkoušky se konaly ve středu a výzdoba v pátek, až po cvičení v 10 hodin (volleyball se nehrál) Byli jsme tam obyčejne do 2-3 hod do rána. A v sobotu jsme měli v 10 hodin generálku a potom jěště někdy bylo potřeba dodělat výzdobu. Lehké to nebylo, ale dělali jsme to všichni rádi. Ovšem Jerry to měl o trochu horší, protože bydlel ve Stocktonu. Ve středu na zkoušky přijel rovnou z práce. V pátek večer přijel s celou rodinou (měl dvě děti) a jeden weekend zůstali do neděle u nás a další weekend u Mikešů v San Mateo.

V Sokolovně jsme prožili hodně krásných chvil. Ale ke konci roku 1967 a v roce 1968 lidé přestávali chodit do Sokola. Začali se bát. Když šli domů, lidé byli přepadáváni a okrádáni. Vím o dvou případach, které skončily v nemocnici. A tak jsme museli krásnou Sokolovnu prodat. Nemohl jsem pochopit, proč téměř 10 let byla pohoda a najednou tyto přepady, které začali dělat černoši.
Měl jsem v práci známého. On byl černoch. O naší Sokolovně věděl (bydlel blizko). Zeptal jsem se ho, co se stalo, proč najednou ta změna?

Jack mi to vysvětlil. Welfare v jižních státech, Georgia, Wirginia, atd. byl $10.00 - $12.00 měsíčně. V Kalifornii dostávali $55.00, ale musel být Kalifornským občanem 1 rok.

Toto se nelíbilo senátoru Kennedymu. V senátu dal návrh, aby Kalifornie zrušila ten 12ti měsíční pobyt. Samozřejmě, senát mu to odhlasoval. Jack mi řekl, že podle US constitution senát nemá právo diktovat různým statům, jak rychle jezdit po dálnici, jak vysoké mají být naše státní taxy a vůbec měnit naše regulace. No ale nikdo se proti tomu neodvolal. Samozřejme, jak se toto dozvěděli "welfare recipients" v jižních státech, nastala velká emigrace do Kalifornie a bohužel charakter a mentalita těchto přistěhovalců byla velmi odlišná od našich černochů, kteří sem přišli během druhé světové války, jako např. jeho rodiče.

Ovšem tito sem prišli ne za lepším "welfare", ale za tvrdou prací, které zde bylo dost (stavět lodi a pod.), ale prý hlavně kvůli svým dětem, pro které chtěli lepší budoucnost, a jak mi Jack sdělil, že to jako chlapec lehké neměl. Než si mohl jít zahrát, musel udělat všechny školní úkoly.

A tak, že jsme museli prodat Sokolovnu, že po celém San Francisku máme nyní domy se zamřížovanými okny a železnýma bránama před domovníma dveřma, za to vše můžeme děkovati slavnému senátorovi Kennedymu a jeho senátorským kamarádům.

Načmáral jsem toho dost, tak raději budu končit, za překlepy se omlouvám a na své kamarády rád vzpomínám!!

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Láďa Zrzavý

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Sokol 110 Years Anniversary Celebration September 6, Saturday11A.M.-5P.M. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

Save this date in your calendar. Come and join us in celebrating this event.

Our festival will include a National Costume live exhibition, with detail explanation and description of costumes locations. Performances from the children of the Czech School of California, Czech and Slovak song sing-a-long, dancing with Joe Domitrowich's Capricio dance band and more along with a delicious buffet lunch.

To REMEMBER and SPONSOR

The 110th Anniversary celebration is coming! We will meet on Saturday September 6, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Right now, we are in the middle of work on special issue of our Vestnik with a lot of interesting materials and the program of the celebration Festival. The Vestnik will also include personal memories and some advertisements. This is a great opportunity to bring out the memories of your family members, to remind us all that they are not forgotten.
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The Board of Sokol San Francisco would like to thank to the Veruska Goupille family for the generously housing our most recent artists and guest. We are very grateful!
Thank you, Veruska !

Jara Dusatko

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Deadline for contributions FALL September 30 with a publication date October 31

AMERICAN SOKOL CORNER

"Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving.
They make mistakes, but they don't quit." – Conrad Hilton

The XX th General Convention of the American Sokol
St. Louis, Missouri – April 24-27, 2014

In an attempt to make the process more effective, the American Sokol Executive Board has agreed to modify the format of this year`s Convention. During last year, the Board was sending instructions how to prepare the plans and recommendations to all District Presidents, Unit Presidents and Unit Financial Secretaries. Each Unit was entitled to one (1) delegate for first one hundred members, and one (1) vote for each ten (10) members.

Together, there were 104 delegates from 6 districts and 32 units. **Pacific District** was represented by 5 delegates, and both units –**Los Angeles** (90 Sokol members), and **San Francisco** (60 Sokol members) - by 1 delegate each.

The program was fast paced and intense, the rules were strict and specific, but all was accomplished in a lively, friendly atmosphere. During several breakout sessions delegates were encouraged to share and discuss experiences from their units.

Key Points:

- Newly Elected 2014-2018 National Executive Board has been installed.
- The next American Sokol Slet (Sport Festival) will be hosted by the Western District in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2017.
- XXIst General Convention of the American Sokol will be hosted by the Northeastern District in Cleveland, OH in 2018.
- A budget for the next four years was approved.
- Several changes in bylaws were approved. Some changes will affect the positions on the Executive Board and the Board of Governors.
- A presentation by a professional not-for-profit fund raising expert provided many new ideas and "keys" to successful fundraising.

Three Simple Rules in Life:

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you never STEP FORWARD, you'll always be in the same place.

Jara Dusatko
President of Sokol San Francisco

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Letter from the new American Sokol President

Jean Hruby

Dear Delegates of the XX Convention:

It has been nearly a week since the start of our convention. I would have reached out to you sooner but, out of respect for the former administration, and recognizing a need for all of us to catch our collective breath,

I thought it best to wait a few days. However, it is now time to begin the next chapter of American Sokol.

I wanted you to receive my first correspondence to our members so that I could thank you again for your vote of confidence in me and in the Board Members that you have elected. At our Installation of Officers meeting I was overwhelmed with emotion and didn't properly articulate my humble gratitude to all of you for giving me this opportunity to lead us into the future. Present in the room were my former childhood instructors and those who have mentored me throughout my Sokol life. Standing before them I became speechless. I was also simply overwhelmed with the idea that I was standing before you as your President. A lifetime of Sokol thoughts and memories seem to flood through my mind. Nearly a week later, I am still overwhelmed and so honored. Thinking about all that has happened, I remembered that when I worked in the National Office for more than 13 years, I would walk into the office and be greeted by the statues of Tyrs and the memorabilia of many Sokols past. Many days I wondered how I could make a difference. Some days I could swear that Tyrs was greeting me and encouraging me as if to say "keep it going Jean, it's up to you." Now, having been given the opportunity to make a difference, I draw on the strength and wisdom of our forefathers and our current members alike as we move into the future together. I say "together" because I cannot do this job alone. I am counting on all of us coming together as one and creating a sustainable future that we, and our forefather's, can be proud of.

As soon as I returned from the convention I began working on your behalf. I reached out to my friends across the country and across the world to inform them of the honor you have bestowed upon me and of the great things we hope to accomplish. In return I have gotten countless messages of encouragement and support. American Sokol is on the world's radar like never before.

I have already been in phone meetings with some of my Board members taking care of business and preparing for the transfer of responsibilities from the past administration to the present administration. We have many tasks ahead of us but we are working diligently already. I have decided that, in the spirit of transparency that I promised to cultivate, all of you delegates will be included in mass e-mailings reporting on Sokol business so that you can keep your Units informed. Because you were elected delegates, your Units trust you and so I entrust to you the responsibility of carrying the message from the National Office to your members. Of course, all members are welcome to call or stop by the National Office to speak to me or speak to any Board Member. We are committed to being available by phone, email, or in person if a member would like to meet with us. I have listed my personal phone number below and I am available to any member who wishes to speak with me. As soon as I have my Sokol email address, I will make that available to the members as well

I speak for myself and your new Board when I say we are looking forward to the next 4 years and to the opportunity to work with each of you and serve the very best interests of all Sokol members.
Thank you for giving your time to serve at the Convention and thank you for your dedication to Sokol.
We, the Board, are so excited, hopeful, and encouraged and I am confident that our energy will resonate to all.

Nazdar!
Jean Hruby
American Sokol President
708-420-7589

INFORMATION CORNER

The letter from San Francisco Public Library

Dear Czech Friends and Friends of Czech Culture,
The San Francisco Public Library has a collection of books in Czech, titles published before war, after war and contemporary Czech authors. Even thought, the collection consists of mostly fiction we do have a good selection of biographies and books about Czech history as well. The collection is accessible at the Main branch of San Francisco Library or books can be requested to be delivered to any library branch in San Francisco. The book collection in SF Public Library represents to some extend the diverse population of the city and I am very pleased that Czech language and culture are also represented. We would like to expand our collection and make the books in Czech available to wider audience. I would like to reach out **to you and ask you to donate books in Czech you no longer need to the library.** You can email me directly at jana.debrauwere@sfpl.org with any questions.
Come to visit our Czech collection on the third floor of the Main San Francisco Public Library located at 100 Larkin St or come to visit me at the Richmond Branch at 351 9th Avenue.

Thank you,
Jana De Brauwere

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Language camp in CZ

Dear Sirs, dear Madams,
I am writing to You with an offer especially for Czechs living in the U.S. I am an owner of educational agency in Prague and I would like to offer to Czech emigrants, especially to their children sightseeing and educational trip to the Czech Republic. This would be one, two month stay in the Czech Republic with learning the Czech language, culture, history, nature and other beauties of the Czech Republic. The specific offer with schedule of whole trip I would send to You in 10 days.
Participation is open to children and adults who are interested in visiting their horne country or country of birth country oftheir parents. Of course it is open to U.S. nonimmigrant citizens to. If You are interested in this offer, please forward my offer to Your members and friends. If You would be interested in such a trip it would be held in the period of July-August 2014.

Thank You very much for information about potential takers. Jan Zima, jan-zima@seznam.cz

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Czech Radio marks 91 years of regular radio broadcasting.

Czech Radio is marking 91 years since the start of regular radio broadcasting in the country. The country's first radio operator Radiojurnal went on air on May 18th, 1923, broadcasting from a military tent in Prague's Kbely district. At first the long-wave broadcasts lasted for just one hour a day and consisted of a brief lead-in and a concert. The country's broadcasting pioneers were journalist Miloš Čtrnáctý, businessman Eduard Svoboda, and Ladislav Šourek, director of Radioslavia – a company that distributed radio receivers. In December 1924 Radiojournal moved from the tent in Kbely to a building on today's Vinohradská Street 12 in the centre of Prague. ***Czechoslovakia was the second European country after the UK*** to have regular radio broadcasting.

CZECH CORNER

PRAŽSKÉ JARO 2014

PRAŽSKÉ JARO 2014 - 69. ročník nejvýznamnějšího festivalu klasické hudby v České republice s bohatou mezinárodní účastí - letos uvede 51 koncertů v 17 koncertních sálech Prahy a přivítá na 130 orchestrů, komorních ansámblů a sólistů. Součástí je řada speciálních projektů k "Roku české hudby".

Informace o program a **nákup vstupenek on-line**
http://www.festival.cz/cz/program

Koná se v termínu:
od : 12. 5. 2014 **do :** 3. 6. 2014

Vstupenky dále v pokladně Pražského jara v Rudolfinu a **v prodejních místech Pražského jara** http://www.festival.cz/cz/vstupenky po celé České republice

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American man who killed relatives in Czech Republic arrested upon escape to the U.S.

Kevin Dahlgren reportedly stabbed his aunt, uncle and cousins at their home in Brno, Czech Republic, and tried to burn three of the four bodies on Tuesday or Wednesday, authorities said. The FBI arrested him Thursday at Washington Dulles International Airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Published: Friday, May 24, 2013, 12:41 PM, Read more: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/american-man-killed-relatives-czech-republic-arrested-article-1.1353777#ixzz32T6zBxdx

AFTER A YEAR, you can sign a petition to: Department of Justice/ State Department.

PETITION:
https://www.change.org/petitions/department-of-justice-extradite-kevin-dahlgren-to-the-czech-republic

Department of Justice: extradite Kevin Dahlgren to the Czech Republic
Kevin Dahlgren is a US citizen who is suspected of the brutal murder of a family of four Czech citizens. He fled to the United States before he could even be questioned by the Czech police. He should be returned to the Czech Republic to face charges, rather than **released** in the United States.

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Metanolová aféra

Krajský soud ve Zlíně poslal do vězení aktéry takzvané zlínské větve metanolové aféry. Za obecné ohrožení si Rudolf Fian a Tomáš Křepela vyslechli verdikt doživotního vězení. Jiří Vacula, který pomohl případ objasnit, dostal 15 let vězení a Martinu Jiroutovi soud vyměřil 16 let. Rozsudek není pravomocný.

Po otravách prokazatelně zemřelo 48 lidí, z toho devět loni. Poškozených je asi 140 (včetně zemřelých), mnozí z těch, kteří otravu přežili, jsou těžce zdravotně postižení, někteří oslepli. Pančovaný alkohol z ČR prokazatelně zabíjel i v Polsku, kde zemřeli tři lidé. Otravy metanolem se objevily i v posledních měsících, jejich spojení s kauzou ale není dosud potvrzeno.

Plzeňští archeologové objevili dosud neznámé irácké město

Velký objev se povedl archeologům Západočeské univerzity (ZČU) v Plzni. Pozůstatky velkého města z předislámského a raně islámského období, které údajně nelze spojit s žádnou lokalitou známou z písemných pramenů, objevili při průzkumech v arbílské provincii v iráckém Kurdistánu. Češi se podílejí na záchraně iráckého archeologického dědictví od roku 2006. Uvedla mluvčí ZČU Kamila Kvapilová.
»Zaniklé město jsme si vytipovali na satelitních snímcích v málo probádané oblasti, kde před námi působil dosud jediný archeolog, sir Max Mallowan, manžel Agathy Christie, a to před 60 lety. Předběžný průzkum lokality předčil veškerá naše očekávání,« vysvětilKarel Nováček, vedoucí české archeologické mise v severním Iráku, který pracuje na katedře archeologie plzeňské filozofické fakulty.

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Objevení hrobky šéflékaře vynesla české egyptology do žebříčku objevů roku 2013

14. ledna 2014 14:53
Čeští egyptologové se prosadili v žebříčku odborného magazínu Heritage Daily. Ten do desítky nejvýznamnějších archeologických objevů uplynulého roku zařadil objev více než čtyři tisíce let staré hrobky kněze a vrchního lékaře Horního a Dolního Egypta. Českému objevu přisoudil webový magazín Heritage Daily šesté místo. První příčku obsadil hojně medializovaný objev pozůstatků anglického krále Richarda III

Více je na Heritage Daily:
http://www.heritagedaily.com/2013/12/top-10-archaeological-discoveries-for-2013/100570
Ředitel Českého egyptologického ústavu FF UK a vedoucí výzkumného projektu v Abúsíru Miroslav Bárta přiznal, že ho zpráva příjemně překvapila a v žádném případě ji nečekal.
"Aniž bych chtěl význam takovýchto žebříčků přeceňovat, přece jen je to jakési uznání kvality práce a vysokého pracovního nasazení všech členů Českého egyptologického ústavu," uvedl šéf egyptologů pro web magazínu Univerzity Karlovy iForum.: http://egyptologie.ff.cuni.cz/?req=id:218

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Za pomoci českých výtahů se stavěl nejvyšší mrakodrap světa Burdž Chalífa.

Pavel Policar, jeden z ředitelů pardubické rodinné firmy PEGA Hoist, s.r.o., který vystudoval kromě Karlovy univerzity i Imperial College – University of London, prestižní londýnskou školu, je kromě jiného také horolezec, což je ideální předpoklad pro funkci, jíž poslední čtyři roky zastával.
Firmu PEGA založil v roce 1994 zkušený odborník Ing. Rudolf Vaněček. Firma s počtem přibližně jednoho sta zaměstnanců a třistamilionovým ročním obratem se specializuje na výrobu stavebních, tedy hřebenových a pastorkových výtahů. Na naše řešení se „mrkli" nezávislí odborníci z ČVUT a Škody Plzeň s výsledkem „máte to OK". Navržená koncepce vertikální dopravy na této stavbě se ukázala jako elegantnější, modernější, rychlejší a úspornější než konkurenční švédská nabídka, nebyla však podepřena referencemi v praxi.
Konsorcium si najalo dubajské nezávislé posouzení a to také prokázalo její správnost. Návrh rovněž podpořil další člen konsorcia, již zmíněná firma Arabtec. Přesto jsme chvílemi hráli doslova vabank. Když jsme odcházeli ze závěrečného jednání z místnosti a balili si dokumenty a prezentaci, zdálo se, že rozhodování je stále prodlužováno a směřuje v náš neprospěch. Doslova ode dveří nás zástupci konsorcia zavolali zpět, předložili kontrakt a nechali nás (s výší pokuty 150 000 USD denně v případě eventuálního zdržení stavby) výtahy vyrobit, dodat a instalovat.
http://www.casopisstavebnictvi.cz/jak-se-za-pomoci-ceskych-vytahu-stavel-nejvyssi-mrakodrap-sveta_N3081

LAUGHING CORNER

Ancient Greek Coins

One day during our travels, I found myself listening to a historical story in the large amphitheater in EPHESUS. It was once a Greek pilgrims holy city full of temples built in the pre-Christian era to gods like Apollo, Aphrodite, Pallas Athena and the like. Now it is part of Turkey.

The Turkish guide was mentioning that in this ground were found buried ancient copper coins, some 2½ thousand years old. By the way he warned, „the vendors on the outside area where they are permitted will try to sell such sets as the authentic originals — perhaps for something like $120.00. Actually their sets are only copies. The originals are in the museum!"

„What is the value ot such copies?" I inquired since I collected coins and therefore I was interested to know. The guide moved his shoulder in a sign of disdain, „ perhaps $5.00", he said. He was a professor of history as we learned later, and anything but originals seemed to him uninteresting.

As soon as we left the restricted historical sides of ancient Ephesus, we were swamped by hundreds of vendors eager to sell their souvenirs. One such very young vendor, perhaps 16 years old, stretched his hand in front of my face with a handful of coins and very enthusiastically and convincingly proclaimed: „Lady, here is the opportunity of vour life: GENUINE ANCIENT GREEK COINS for only $125.00 Do not miss such a terrific opportunity to purchase a real historical treasure! Buy it!"

I smiled sweetly, while holding the coins in my hand, I offered with the voice of an expert, „Five dollars". The young man's face showed all the bitter disappointment possible. He grabbed the coins and stared into the ground. For a second I expected him to run away or hurl some insult into my face. But when he opened his eyes I heard him say with a pleading voice, "$7.50? When I recovered from my surprise, I retorted $5.25. He offered with softness in his voice $7.25?" We settled finally on $6.40. I eagerly grabbed my five coins souvenirs. They looked very ancient by all means. There were covered with a light green patina. The rounded edges suggested a millennium of usage. Later on, we learned that the local Turks achieve such a worn out appearance of newly minted coins by smuggling them into camels' daily diets. Traveling through their digestive system, the coins come out looking ancient, patina included.

I searched eagerly for my husband to show off my new purchase. It was impossible to find him among the hundreds of smilling people around. The departure time of our cruise ship was close anyhow. Therefore I hurried to the ship waiting in the sea nearby.I was very eager to share my joy of the purchase with someone. As soon as I noticed some acquaintances on our ship I proclaimed victoriously „May I show you the replicas of ancient coins, such a those found in the amphitheater of Ephesus 2½ thousand years ago? Some stupid could have paid $120.00 for it. But I succeeded in purchasing them forS6.40!"

My proclamation awakened great interest among the ship passengers nearby. My coins were handied, studied, evaluated, and admired throughout the crowd. One young man seemed extraordinarily interested. He kept investigating each coin with inquisitiveness for every detail.

Just as we all felt the movement of the ship leaving for the next port of the voyage the young man proclaimed, „Yes, I am one of the 'stupid' ones!"
'How much did you pay for your set of coins?" asked several people around in unison. „One hundred and thirty dolars in Canadian money!"

By Georgina Teyrovsky

Vážený pane Gruntorád, děkujeme za poslání vašeho letáku, s pozdravem Milan Dušík