MISS NATIONAL CSA
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Brothers and Sisters,
As you will see, throughout the pages of this month’s Journal, we have it chuck full of pictures and articles reporting on our recently completed Get-Together and Convention. I’d like to thank everybody who took the time out of their busy schedules to take part in our festivities of early August.

CSA put on another successful Get-Together in which we had our traditional volunteer project, along with our sightseeing tour... this year being a river cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. In addition, a handful of meals, along with hearing a wonderful speaker from “Honor Flight Chicago” just prior to the closing gavel of the GTG, were on the agenda. The highlight of the Get-Together portion of the weekend was the Saturday night event, in which Ivianna Martnish won our Miss Congeniality award, Jennifer Zeman won our Fraternalist of the Year award, Hunter Yurkovich was announced as the Kropik Scholarship award winner, and the honor of being Miss National CSA for 2018-2019 went to Sister Cassandra Stone. Congratulations to each and every contestant at our Miss CSA Contest and to all of our award winners.

As the Get-Together ended on Sunday, August 5, our 41st Quadrennial Convention began. First off, I’m honored to have been elected again as your President for the next four years. Thank you for your trust and support. I will continue to strive to prove worthy of that trust every day. This year’s election is also somewhat of a historic one, in that it was the last election of a CSA President from the Convention body. Among other things, our delegates approved a number of fairly substantial changes to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Once these changes become official, upon approval by the Illinois Department of Insurance, we’ll print them in the Journal. As the proposed changes were printed in the Journal two months ago, you know that most of the changes have to do with improving the Governance of our Society. One change being that in the future, the CSA Board of Directors will have authority to hire our President, as opposed to that position being elected by the delegates of the Convention. When the approved Bylaws are printed this fall, I encourage you to look them over.

A lot of work was put into both the Get-Together and the Convention. I want to give a special thanks to the GTG Committee Chair, Ken Dvorsky. Brother Dvorsky also served as the CSA Board liaison to the Convention. Additional thank-yous go out to some familiar names – Gary Stupka, Deborah Zeman, and Vera Wilt served as the Convention’s Chair, the Bylaw Committee Chair, and the Finance Committee Chair, respectively. With this year’s Bylaw updates, Sister Zeman, in particular, and her committee were kept busy for most of the summer months preparing for their role(s) on the committee. Their work didn’t go unnoticed.

And finally, I’d like to thank Adam Wilt for his 12 years of service on CSA’s Board and his whole life of continued service to CSA, for that matter. Adam is stepping off of the Board but shouldn’t be going very far, as he’s always involved in the local Czech organizations, including being a very active member in his CSA lodges. With Adam stepping off, Cary Mentzer will be joining the Board. On behalf of the Board, I know we’re all looking forward to the future and the continued renaissance of CSA.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Until next month,
Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President, CSA Fraternal Life
Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery
5255 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630
10 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Tours of the Tombstones guided by Albert Walavich

Sunday, September 23, 2018
Sokol Sunday Dinners
Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH
Served from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Pork steak, dumplings, and sauerkraut
RSVP with Olga Nemecek: 216-447-0264

Friday, September 28, 2018
Czech Centennial Gala
Union League Club of Chicago, 65 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL
Black Tie Affair, 6 p.m., Donation: $175

Saturday, September 29, 2018
Czech Centennial Night
Sokol Tabor Hall, 1602 Clarence Ave., Berwyn, IL
Music & more, 6 p.m., Donation: $19.18

Saturday, September 29, 2018
St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration
Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH
Contact 216-883-4760 for more information

Saturday, September 29, 2018
79th Moravian Day Welcoming Dance
Lithuanian World Center, 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL
www.unitedmoraviansocieties.com

Sunday, September 30, 2018
79th Moravian Day with Holy Mass;
Folkslore Program with Singers and Dancers
Lithuanian World Center, 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL
www.unitedmoraviansocieties.com

Saturday, October 20, 2018
Night at the Hospoda
Hosted by Moravian Cultural Society at Sokol Spirit
3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, Illinois
Doors open at 4 p.m., Music by DJ Speedster
Seasonal Czech dinners, Czech beers, wine and spirits, available for purchase. For more information, call 630-325-3873 (after 6 p.m.) or email moravianculturalsociety@yahoo.com

Saturday, October 20, 2018
Virginia Czech and Slovak Folk Life Festival
Prince George County Regional Heritage Center
6404 Courthouse Rd., Prince George, VA
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Food, dancing, games, exhibits, and music. Call 804-863-0212 or email: pghistory@aol.com
www.princegeorgehistoricalsociety.org

Saturday, October 27, 2018
Czech Fall Festival
American-Czech Educational Center
4690 Lansdowne Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116
Czech food, pastries, pivo, music, and more. See Facebook page for details.

Saturday, November 24, 2018
Christmas around the World
Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago
11 a.m. The Czech tree will be on display until January 6.
Program included with general admission to the museum.
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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The Fraternal Department has just recovered from the aftermath known as “July and August”. For months, we plan every last detail of the Miss National CSA Contest. You would think that when a Get-Together is held locally, preparation would be less stressful than usual… but that’s far from the truth. The nightmares of UPS losing the crown and sashes (which are usually mailed to the hotel during “destination” Get-Togethers) were replaced by actual, countless trips from the Home Office to Countryside and back again (rinse, repeat). I think all of our vehicles are ready for a vacation.

Before you know it, the weekend has come and gone, and I will say that the 82nd Annual Get-Together was a success. The staff at the Holiday Inn/William Tell Hotel were friendly and accommodating. Our members enjoyed a weekend of great food, fraternity, and fellowship. A “thank you” goes to Director Ken Dvorsky, Sis. Helenka Gaydusek, and the members of District Council No. 12, who provided guests with chlebíčky, Czech pivo, desserts, and Šunky mascot pins.

For the first time in a while, we had a Miss National CSA Contest that consisted of girls who had not participated before. It was a treat getting to know these four intelligent young women. A big congratulations goes out to Sis. Cassandra Stone for taking home the title of Miss National CSA for 2018-2019! Cassandra, I look forward to working with you this year. Of course, I can’t forget to congratulate Sis. Ivianna Martnishn, our Miss Congeniality. Getting to know both you and your mother was truly a delight. The families of all of our contestants have done such a fantastic job raising these individuals.

Congratulations to Sis. Jennifer Zeman from Lodge Washington No. 30, a worthy recipient of our new Fraternalist of the Year! You can read more about Jennifer on page 15. It was great seeing you and talking to you at the Get-Together. A big thanks goes to the Papuga family for once again offering the Charles T. Kropik Scholarship. This scholarship was awarded to Sis. Hunter Yurkovich of Lodge Groveton No. 4, who gave an impressive application to us, detailing her active involvement in CSA from birth. You can read about her accomplishments on page 9.

On Sunday morning, we listened to a heartwarming presentation from Mary Pettinato, CEO and Co-Founder of Honor Flight Chicago. As a way to say “thank you” to Chicagoland’s WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans who made countless sacrifices for our country, Honor Flight Chicago gifts them with an all-expenses paid paid trip to Washington, D.C. to admire their statues and memorials. Following Ms. Pettinato’s presentation and a tasty brunch, the 41st Quadrennial Convention began. Business was conducted in a swift and smooth fashion; our gratitude and appreciation goes out to our Delegates, Officers, Directors, Actuary, Convention Chairman, and all others involved.

We must give a big thank you to former Director Adam Wilt for his TWELVE years of leadership at CSA (though, as a member since birth, it’s been a bit longer than that). Your fresh ideas and innovative programs were appreciated. Succeeding your departure, we have another long-time member who is eager to take on the role – Bro. Cary Mentzer. The Fraternal Department looks forward to working with you.

Well, that’s all I have for now. See you next month!

Fraternally,
Amanda S. Lovell
Fraternal Director
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Get-To-Know some of next year’s Get-Together Committee –
CSA Members Joe and Betty Konecny of Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137.
They recently won 1st place in their class (1953-1967) at the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Charity Car Show that was held at the Cedar Hills Community Church on June 9. This event was open to all makes and models of both cars and trucks. All proceeds benefit Clothe-A-Child, Miracles in Motion Therapeutic Equestrian Center, the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, and the Catherine McAuley Center. Congrats, Joe and Betty! They also attended this year’s Get-Together.

We’re already looking forward to the 83rd Annual Get-Together in Cedar Rapids.

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The final meeting of the Board of Directors for the term of 2014 - 2018 was held prior to the XLI Quadrennial Convention. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the retiring Board member, Adam Wilt, representing Region E. Brother Wilt always provided a fresh perspective to the discussions and his input was appreciated and will be missed.

This was an abbreviated meeting since it was held in conjunction with the Get-Together and Convention. We did meet with the vendors who were there for the Bylaws and Finance Committees.

Chad Hoes with Parkway Advisors, our investment advisor, reported on the increase of our assets to $140,000,000. The NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) will be changing their rating for securities from six categories to a 20-tier system, which gives more detail to the amount of risk for our capital. The officers along with Parkway Advisors are keeping a close watch on this and, at this time, the majority of our securities are NAIC 1 and NAIC 2.

Our actuary, Joe Steimla, detailed various options for increasing our surplus. Since our new life policies are now approved by almost all the states where we do business, he thought we should work with our agents to increase annuity sales. There has been a good response to the 4.25% interest we are offering with a guaranteed 1% rate on new business. Our RBC (Risk Based Capitol) is now 345. Six years ago, we were just above 200, so our growth has been consistent and with the continual increase of our surplus we are looking to raise the RBC to over 400 by this time next year.

Jim Richardson, with our auditors RSM, reiterated what our representative Joe Lee told the Board at the May meeting. He spoke highly of the efficiencies of the officers. There were no disagreements with the management over the application of signification accounting practices, and no material weaknesses were identified during the audit of the statutory financial statements.

I would like to thank the Board for all their efforts in updating the CSA Bylaws, along with the help of Todd Martin of the AFA, to bring them into compliance with the State of Illinois. It was a very detailed and time-consuming procedure, but with the approval of the Convention, it will allow CSA, the oldest Fraternal organization in the country, to continue to grow and prosper.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board and Officers for all the support I have been given as Chairman. May our next four years be as productive in building the Society and expanding our membership.

Fraternally,
Irma Drahota Farrell
Chairman
Brothers and Sisters,

Unbelievably, it usually takes Heather and me a whole week to recover from the annual CSA Get-Together. Now that we have recovered, there is so much to re-cap. As usual, we had a great time visiting with friends, both new and old. This was our fifth Get-Together and CSA’s 82nd. It did not fail to live up to expectations!

Friday morning started with a sea of blue CSA shirts. The initial concern was that we would not have enough donations to fill the bags we were assembling for BEDS Plus, an organization that helps the homeless population in the Chicagoland area. However, we were overwhelmed with the donations from our Lodges. We assembled so many bags of toiletry items. What a generous group we are! Then, after we registered for the Get-Together, we headed to the Hospitality Suite to enjoy fellowship and food with our fellow members. We also donned our favorite team wear. The evening highlighted our Miss CSA Contest. This proved to be tough competition for our judges this year, as all four young women were worthy competitors.

Saturday was another packed day of activities. We all assembled for roll call and then headed for the architectural tour of Chicago. All members who went on the boat ride enjoyed the sights. We were tired when we returned to the hotel but were looking forward to another evening of food and fellowship. Congratulations to Jennifer Zeman, our Fraternalist of the Year. She is very deserving of this award. We also need to congratulate our winner of the Kropik Scholarship, Hunter Yurkovich, who has also been our Miss Congeniality winner from the last two Get-Togethers. Last but definitely not least, congratulations to our new Miss Congeniality, Ivianna Martinishn, as well as our 2018-2019 Miss CSA winner, Cassandra Stone. We look forward to getting to know you during the upcoming year.

Sunday morning started with a visit from the CEO of the Chicago Honor Flight Organization. We all really enjoyed the presentation. We also honored our own WWII veteran, Frank Zabransky. We then enjoyed a brunch. Thus, ended another great, fun-filled Get-Together and began another Convention, where John Kielczewski was re-elected as the President of CSA. The Board welcomed a new Director, Cary Menzer. We wish you both success in the upcoming years.

We enjoyed our time. Thank you to the Committee for putting on another great trip! We are looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year and cannot wait to see what Cedar Rapids has to offer next August.

Fraternally,
Matthew A. Koski

Message from the Secretary

Get-Together Recap

Matthew Koski
Executive Secretary/COO/CRO
Greetings fellow brothers and sisters,

My name is Cassandra Stone and I am more than excited and honored to serve as this year’s Miss CSA. I am from Lodge Brookfield No. 475 and was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. I had a wonderful weekend attending the event as I was able to meet and hang out with the CSA contestants, mingle with most of the attendees, and had a blast on the boat ride activity.

Not only am I of Czech descent, but I am also half Mexican, and Spanish was my first language. My mother was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, and my father grew up in Brookfield, Illinois. Growing up, I had a blend of two different cultures. I grew up following many Mexican customs and eating Mexican food daily. Unfortunately, my father’s family is very small and I have not learned enough about my Czech culture, but I am eager to learn more about my roots this upcoming year.

Currently, I am attending Saint Xavier University and will be entering my sophomore year as a nursing major. At school, I am a member of the Student Nurses Association and participate in school activities throughout the year. I chose to do nursing as inspiration from my grandmother and sister, who are nurses. Aside from them, I always loved helping and comforting people. Attending doctor appointments and chemotherapy with my parents also allowed me to see how much of a difference nurses make because they were always kind and empathetic to them. Although it is very challenging, I am excited as to what is coming my way.

As the end of my summer unwinds, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and reading in my spare time. Also, when I’m not working at Sprint, I enjoy taking my two dogs out for a walk - my Shih Tzu, Coco, and Jack Russell Terrier, Tito.

Throughout this year, I am excited for all the wonderful people, experiences, and opportunities that are coming my way.

Fraternally,
Sister Cassandra Stone
Miss National CSA 2018-2019
It all started on Friday, August 3 – a GTG that I hope will be remembered by all. For our Service Project, we stuffed bags for BEDS Plus, a local community organization that provides shelter and transitional living arrangements for families in need. We asked for donations, and our members came through big time. Thank you to the lodges and individuals for their donations. A big thanks goes out to the members of Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, along with Director Terry Placek and Kathy Placek, for helping with setting up the tables. We filled hundreds of bags that included laundry pods, rolls of quarters, toothpaste, brushes, and all sorts of personal care items. Look for the photos throughout the Journal.

The registration was staffed by Helen Gaydusek, Roberta “Rob” Jarosik, Cindy Bueneman, and Melanie Jenkins – a long four hours was spent. Our Hospitality Room was organized by Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231. Where else would you find Czech pivo, such as Pilsner Urquell and Krusovice, homemade strudel, two kinds of koláčky, and chlebičky? Our Šunky salesman, Andy Bultas, did a great job with the Becherovka. Nineteen gift baskets were donated for our raffle. Thank you! Dale and Linda Burton spent the weekend selling tickets. Thanks for volunteering for this job; you were outstanding.

Friday night we enjoyed a delicious family-style dinner. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by 2017 Miss National CSA, Sydney Rieckhoff. Anthems were sung by Irma Farrell and an invocation was given by Ed Slavik. After dinner, Sydney gave a farewell speech to the delegates. Former Miss CSA Contestants, Directors, and Officers were recognized. Then the program was given to Amanda Lovell, the Fraternal Director and organizer of the Miss CSA Contest. The four girls were Cassandra Stone of Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Josephine Budilovsky of Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, Ivianna Martnishn of Lodge Blue Crystal No. 484, and Erin Murgas of Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378.

On Saturday morning, 100 of us went on a boat trip on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan; what a trip it was. Even though it was 97 degrees, the trip was enjoyable and entertaining. That night, John Kielczewski gave his “State of CSA” presentation. We were also honored to hear a presentation from Mr. Tomáš Trnka, representing the Consulate General of The Czech Republic in Chicago. The program was then given to Amanda, and our new Fraternalist of the Year winner was announced. Congratulations to Jennifer Zemen of Lodge Washington No. 30.

The Kropik Scholarship was presented to Hunter Yurkovich of Lodge Groveton No. 4 by Candy Papuga. Then we crowned the 2018 Miss National CSA, Cassandra Stone of Lodge Brookfield No. 475.

On Sunday morning, the Resolution and Credential reports were given. Our speaker for the program was Mary Pettinato, the CEO of Honor Flight Chicago. This organization was founded in 2008 to recognize America’s senior war veterans by giving them a one-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the memorials built in their honor. A moving, informative video was presented.

I thank all members who committed to being here during this Get-Together. A personal thank-you goes out to Matt Koski, Amanda Lovell, CSA IT Director Nick Kosmas, and especially Helen Gaydusek for devoting so many hours and energy to organizing this event. See you next year!

Fraternally,
Ken Dvorsky

Kropik Scholarship Winner

Sis. Hunter Yurkovich of Lodge Groveton No. 4

- Attends Carlow University
- Two-time Miss Congeniality Winner
- Has donated hundreds of items to the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
- Has walked with Lodge Groveton at the Pittsburgh Heart Walk in remembrance of a deceased CSA member
- Has made monetary donations to heart disease research and autism research
- Has volunteered during Robinson Clean-up Day, removing litter from the high way(s) in Robinson Township

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A big thank you goes out to all of those who donated gift baskets that were raffled off at the 2018 Get-Together. One of the baskets we received was from the Rudolf Jelínek, a distillery, a joint stock company concerned with the production of alcoholic drinks and spirits in Vizovice, ČR since the 16th century. The products of the company are known in all corners of the Czech Republic, but are not limited to their home market.

The flagship of the distillery is Slivovitz, of which a varied assortment is produced (kosher, non-kosher, gold, white, etc.). The trade-marked fruit brandies are of the highest quality (e.g. pear brandy, apricot brandy, cherry brandy, etc.).
Sis. Cassandra Stone
A member of Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Cassandra is 19 years old and resides in Chicago, Illinois. She is 5’1” tall with brown hair and brown eyes. She comes from a culturally blended family and speaks both English and Spanish. They are a family of long-time CSA members, and she has a sister, Marilyn, who has also competed in past Miss CSA Contests. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was voted Secretary of her senior class, and was her high school’s Prom Queen. Cassandra is attending Saint Xavier University, and her goal is to pursue a career as a Pediatric Registered Nurse. Cassandra is a CSA Scholarship recipient.

Sis. Josephine Budilovsky
Josephine is a member of Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77 and is from Batavia, Illinois. She is 24 years old, 5’2” tall with dark blonde hair and blue eyes. Josephine graduated from Northern Illinois University and currently attends Aurora University’s graduate school, obtaining a Masters of Business Administration. Her career goal is to work at a nonprofit that aids domestic abuse victims. She also comes from a culturally diverse background, having a Czechoslovak grandfather, Polish grandmother, and a Peruvian mother. In high school, Josephine was President of the Spanish Club, a member of the political debate club, played various instruments, obtained her third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Sis. Ivianna Martnishn
A member of Lodge Blue Crystal No. 484 and from Middletown, Pennsylvania, Ivianna is 18 years old, 5’2” tall with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She will attend the Indiana University of Pennsylvania starting this year. She has been on the Honor Roll, participated in volleyball and soccer, played clarinet, and is a former cheerleader. She is enrolled in the Nursing program at her university, with a dream of becoming a Nurse Anesthetist. Ivianna’s bout with a severe form of Crohn’s Disease during her childhood has inspired her to pursue a career in the medical field. Ivianna is a CSA Scholarship recipient.

Sis. Erin Murgas
Erin is a member of Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378 and from Oswego, Illinois. She is 18 years old, 5’4” tall with black hair and brown eyes. She has just graduated from Oswego High School and will be attending Eastern Illinois University this fall, double majoring in Music and French. In the future, Erin would like to work in musical theatre, either as an actress or a keyboardist for the pit orchestra, perhaps abroad if she can. In high school, she was involved in the National Honor Society, French club, drama club, the swim team, and played music in various bands and orchestras. Erin was born in Beihai, China and was adopted at the age of 11 months. She has Czechoslovak roots on her father’s side. Erin is a CSA Scholarship recipient.
82ND ANNUAL CSA GET-TOGETHER - Sunday
Having started in 1985, this is the 33rd year we honor a CSA member who has gone above and beyond with their time and efforts.

On Saturday evening, August 4, 2018, Sis. Jennifer Zeman of Lodge Washington No. 30, was named the Fraternalist of the Year from 2017-2018 at the Get-Together banquet in Countryside, Illinois. Our Fraternalist, a fourth-generation CSA member since birth, has remained active in both her Lodge and District level. In the fall of 2017, Jennifer took the time out of her busy schedule to make several fleece blankets by hand to benefit a deserving nonprofit organization that helps ill children in need. She will also bake generous amounts of goodies that are sold to raise funds for her lodge’s CSA Serves Project. You can see the love she has for her heritage when looking at the various Czech and Moravian displays she’s shown in a local educational center – all of which take a lot of time, research, and creativity to put together. When a lodge member passes away, a local nonprofit organization needs a centerpiece, or a benefit event is in need of corsages and boutonnieres, this member goes out of her way to design and create the flower spreads. For CSA youth, Jennifer has arranged gift exchanges, game nights, baseball outings, brunch, and other events. Last but not least, she takes any opportunity she can to model her authentic Moravian kroje, demonstrate the art of Czech Easter egg decorating, and perform with Czechoslovak dancers.

I would like to share an excerpt from our judge: “Thank you for this opportunity to help pick Fraternalist of the Year! You should feel so blessed that you have so many strong applicants. It did become a hard decision, but I am excited to make my selection. The winner’s application showed that they’ve been active at both the local and district level, they use their talent to assist with many different CSA events, and their passion just shines through.”

Jennifer has truly learned the importance of volunteering, giving back, and using her talents to benefit others. We wish her great success in 2018!

Respectfully,
Amanda Lovell
Fraternal Director

The nomination applications for Fraternalist of the Year were sent to Robin Etnyre, the Corporate Communication Specialist at E. D. Etnyre & Co. in Oregon, Illinois. The nominations were anonymous; no names were given. Taking this duty very seriously, she used a rating and point system to select our Fraternalist of the Year and we are grateful for her due diligence and careful consideration.
Fraternalist of the Year - Nominees

Sis. Annette Reichman
Lodge Paramount/Southgate
No. 372

Sis. Carolyn Wilson
Lodge Prokop Velky
No. 137

Sis. Donna Griffin
Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs
No. 432

Sis. Jan Russell
Lodge Cleveland Chapter
No. 219

Bro. Larry Ebenroth
Lodge Woodrow Wilson
No. 377

Bro. Mike Wolf
Lodge Missouri
No. 1

Sis. Susan Skrabanek
Lodge Svetlo
No. 277

Sis. Terilyn Placek-Bichler
Lodge Groveton
No. 4

Sis. Vera Wilt
Lodges Sionilli No. 170
and
R.T. Crane Jr. No. 7

Sis. Jennifer Zeman
Lodge Washington
No. 30
Ringing in Fall Program of Activities

District Council No. 12 of Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana – September is here. The school bells are ringing in the start of a new year of learning for our youngsters. We, the slightly older generation, are ringing in our fall program of activities – reviewing our service projects, conducting our regular lodge business, and perhaps starting up new endeavors of efforts.

There always seems to be something special going on, and September is no exception. Labor Day is September 3, Grandparent’s Day is September 9, Patriot’s Day is on September 11, Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 18, International Day of Peace on September 21, Autumn Equinox is September 23, and finally, the Jewish holiday Shemini Atzeret begins at sundown on September 30.

Looking back a bit, we really loved the picnics at the Bohemian National Cemetery on August 12 and the Czech-American Congress picnic in Ehler Park in Brookfield on August 29. There were lots of good food and drinks, displays of Czech items for viewing or purchase, traditional Czech music, and boys and girls dancing in their ethnic kroje. What a delightful afternoon for the large crowd of people who attended.

We also enjoyed the 82nd Get-Together and 41st Quadrennial Convention, August 3-6 at the Holiday Inn/William Tell Hotel in Countryside, Illinois. The Hospitality Room and the banquets were a lot of fun. The boat trip on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan was both entertaining and educational. Congratulations to Cassandra Stone of Lodge Brookfield No. 475, our new Miss CSA, and to Ivianna Martnisch of Lodge Blue Crystal No. 484, our new Miss Congeniality.

Congratulations also goes out to John Kielczewski, our re-elected CSA President, and our two local Directors, Ken Dvorsky and Cary Mentzer. Our best wishes go to you both for good health and continued success.

Remember, the next council meeting will be on September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
Ed Slavik

Fun Summer Activities

District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio – District Council No. 10 members and many members of its lodges attended the 95th Annual Cesky Den (An Old World Festival) on July 8 at DTJ Taborville, Ohio. Members from Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372 manned the informational table. We are working on getting some new members. There was a very good turnout with folks enjoying the good food, bakery, and the entertainment by the Sokol Greater Cleveland Concert Band and Gottscheer Blaskapelle. There was also a children’s playground and games. The CSA Home Office donated money for a TV. People filled out a free ticket for a chance to win. The winner was Juan Corral of Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The District No. 10 picnic was held July 25, 2018, at Hemlock Park in Bedford, Ohio. Lodge members enjoyed fried chicken, potato and macaroni salads, Tony Genco’s “Famous Baked Beans,” assorted bakery, and fruit salads. Mary Ann brought three guessing jars with candy, that the person who guessed correctly received. After eating, there were some rigorous games of Bingo where the half dollar prizes went fast, and the last few games had prizes of six cans of pop! Kris and Bruce Merek’s three grandsons had a great time playing in Tinkers Creek. They and grandpa should have slept well that night!

The December 6 meeting and Christmas party is tentatively at the Club House in Parma, Ohio.

There is a correction to the May issue of the CSA Journal. The Northern Ohio Sports Committee of District Council No. 10 paid for the Bowl-O-Rama, not District Council No. 10.

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman

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Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – Wow! We just “blew in” from the Windy City of Chicago! Really, it was Countryside, Illinois. Three of us from our lodge, Jan Russell, and Tony and Judy Genco, attended the 82nd Annual CSA Get-Together and the 41st Quadrennial Convention. What a fun time! Besides our delegate duties/meetings, we had a hot (96 degrees), but fun tour of the Chicago River on a very nice sightseeing boat, some yummy meals, food and liquid refreshments in the Hospitality Room, the crowning of the new Miss CSA, packing personal care articles in bags for the less-advantaged (our Service Project), and a wonderful presentation from a gal from Honor Flight Chicago. This presentation brought tears to my eyes, as I remember my dad participating in this a couple years before he passed away. This is a one day event that flies the veterans to D.C. to see the World War II memorial and other sights. And it is to honor these veterans and to say “thanks” to them. It is pretty costly to send one veteran on this trip ($1,200), so if you want a wonderful charity to donate to, they are the one!

These events are also great to meet the people we see in the Journal and talk to on the phone. The comradery is wonderful. The event coordinators did a great job and the despite that some of the hotel was being remodeled, it was a lovely venue. Next year, the Get Together will be in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Plan on attending! It’s lots of fun.

Since I missed submitting an article to the last Journal, I better catch up. In June, we had our meeting at the Long Horn Restaurant to celebrate Mother and Father’s Days. We received thank you notes from the Ronald McDonald house for our donation, from the Home Office for our scholarship donation in the name of our past member, Marlette Heryak, and for our donation of medicine bottles. We sang “Happy Birthday” to June Karecki and Jan Russell for their June birthdays.

We will be hosting the bowling tournament in October in Seven Hills, Ohio. More details to come.

Our July meeting was held before the District picnic on July 12 in the Bedford Reservation. Our bowling meeting was held August 15 to get ready for our bowling season. The Patanat meeting was on August 29 at Don Kotlan’s home. Another “Soup Cook-Off” or “Crock Pot Cook-Off” will be held October 6. This is a fun event, so please plan on attending! The district picnic was wonderful, as usual. Tasty food, bingo, counting the candy in containers contest, good weather, etc., made for a wonderful day. Thanks to everyone for their contribution.

We also sang “Happy Birthday” to Elmer Soos, Carol Cirillo, and Judy Genco for their July birthdays. Joanie Sapp had a July birthday, too, but was unable to attend.

Please bring school supplies and such to our September meeting for Providence House. These kids need all the help we can give them.

The last two Pork or Chicken Dinners will be on September 26 and October 24. Please remember to call Don Kotlan at 216-228-0027 the Friday before the dinners.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, it went by too fast!

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco
Lodge R.T. Crane Jr. No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois – What a great summer! We have really enjoyed ourselves over the past few months. At the end of June and beginning of July, the Wilt family traveled all over Europe and ended in Prague for the Sokol Slet. Alix, Vera, and Adam and Lauren traveled separately for the first week of their trips and ended in Prague together. Alix saw Paris, Rome, and Venice. Vera enjoyed a riverboat cruise along the Danube stopping in Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Durnstein, Melk, Passat, Regensburg, and Nuremberg. Adam and Lauren enjoyed the sights of Berlin, Krakow, Budapest, and Vienna. During their week in Prague, they all represented American Sokol by marching in a Sokol parade through the streets that ended in Old Town Square. Adam and Alix performed an American Sokol Special Number on a small stage next to ‘Tyrš House’. Also, Alix participated in two Slet performances as part of ‘Princezna Republika’, which had over 1100 participants on the field. They all enjoyed themselves and made memories to last a lifetime.

With the Get-Together and Convention being in Chicago, many of our members were able to attend various parts of the weekend. Adam, Vera, and Alix Wilt, as well as Gary and Alexandra Stupka, participated in the service project on Friday morning as well as enjoyed chlebíčky and pivo in the hospitality room in the afternoon. Diane and Verne Rezabek joined the crew on Friday and Saturday evenings for the banquets. On Sunday, Vera Wilt, Diane Rezabek, and Pat Thompson represented our lodge as delegates to the Convention. Vera Wilt worked hard all weekend as chair of the Finance Committee and Pat Thompson volunteered as a member of the Grievance Committee. The final banquet on Monday night was very enjoyable!

Finally, we would like to thank our member Adam Wilt for 12 years of service to the CSA Board of Directors. He decided not to run for re-election this time around. We were happy to see all that you accomplished during your time on the Board and we are very proud of you.

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt
Lodge Happenings

Miss CSA Turns Mrs.

Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – Emily Drahokoupil, Miss CSA from 2010 to 2012, married Dominick Jagman on November 11, 2017. The ceremony and reception were held at Salvage One (an antique warehouse) in Chicago, West Loop. Emily is an Account Executive with Shaker Recruitment Marketing in Oak Park. Dom is a Project Manager for Ralph H. Simpson (steel company) in Elmhurst. The couple currently resides in the West Lakeview area of Chicago. We send congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes on many years of love and happiness.

Thank you to our members who attended the CSA Get-Together and Convention in August. The Wilt family participated in the service project on Friday morning. John Pritasil joined them for the banquet on Friday evening. His sister, Jane Prikazsky, served as one of the judges for the Miss National CSA Contest. We had a great turnout of lodge members at the Saturday banquet with the addition of Stan and Pat Smolucha, as well as Matthew Schultz and Joe Hartzel. Alix Wilt, Joe Hartzel, and Matthew Shultz all represented our lodge as Delegates to the Convention. Matthew Schultz volunteered as a member of the Printing and Distribution Committee, and Alix Wilt volunteered on the Grievance Committee.

The fun new ad we submitted for the Get-Together and Convention booklet was a huge hit! We created a CSAGO board, which was our take on BINGO. Each square had a description that required a signature. For example ‘A CSA member from Texas’, ‘A member of the Board of Directors’, and ‘A Miss CSA Contestant’. Participants had to get enough signatures on their board to complete a ‘Bingo’. They then submitted their completed form to Vera Wilt and were entered in a drawing for a Chicago-themed prize. We ended the weekend with 10 submissions, nine of which were ‘coveralls’ with signatures in every box, not just five in a row. On Sunday morning, Anna Ramirez’ name was pulled from the bucket. She received a goody bag with treats including Chicago candies and sodas, Garret’s Popcorn, Chicago drinking glasses, and more. Thanks to all who participated and look for our fun contest again in the future!

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt

Representing CSA

I’m excited to represent CSA again and share with you that I am a Valparaiso University Alumni Association Award Recipient! I have received the First Decade Achievement Award, which honors an alumnus/alumna for outstanding professional achievement, community service, and or service to the University during the first decade following the completion of his/her undergraduate degree. Alumni are eligible for this award in their 10th reunion year.

Being part of CSA Fraternal Life played an important role to become who I am today! As I child, I grew up with stories from my grandma and her sisters about their love of CSA. But where I am in my career today, I owe some of that to CSA for the scholarship I was awarded in college. I was able to attend Valparaiso University and obtain my Bachelors of Science in Meteorology.

I continue to be a proud CSA Fraternal Life alumni! Please let me know if there are any opportunities moving forward where I can be a positive role model and inspire our younger members. Being a public figure is a privilege and I always hope to help out and give back where I can.

Meredith Garofalo
Meteorologist
WeatherNation
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Lodge Happenings

5 Million Tabs Donated

Lodge Benjamin Franklin No. 02, Seven Hills, Ohio – When July’s meeting agenda called for “Bowling Report,” the boys could barely contain their excitement. This year’s National Bowling Congress held at the Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, Michigan was a hit with those who attended. Conditions and scores were good, as our bowlers can attest. In doubles, Bill “Dags” Daglow and Ed Juzkiewicz placed second with a combined 1387. “Yes Man” Dave Kus and his partner were seven pins off that pace with 1380. Scott “Tower of Power” Krecow and Ken Burdzinski finished fourth with 1373.

Singles competition found Bill Daglow’s 769 good enough for third, with the 743 of “T Burd” Burdzinski right behind.

The good guys of Lodge Benjamin Franklin are a mighty team on the road, even while traveling incognito as the Parma Home Builders. Sunday morning’s team event is usually a cloudy and fuzzy affair; however, they were sharp as a razor this year, taking first in team behind the 693 actual of anchorman “Steady Eddie” Juzkiewicz. Hopefully, the bowling report will be just as positive in October’s upcoming Ohio/Penn State Tournament!

During the early summer of 2018, my wife Nan and I had the privilege of attending the Third Annual Pull Tab Palooza benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. This event encourages savers to bring in their aluminum tabs and fill the dumpster. It felt great to donate over 14 pounds of tabs on behalf of the members and friends of our lodge. All told, 4,990 pounds (by RMH count, that is about five million tabs) were donated for a total of $2,495. The entire event raised over $3,000.

McDonald House held a full slate of activities, which included tours, refreshments, raffles, and games for the children. Much thanks to all our tab savers who allowed us to attend the event for such a fine cause and meet the dedicated individuals associated with it!

Fraternally,
Jeff Zidlicky
LodgeFranklinScribe@gmail.com

Congrats Jenny, Our Fraternalist of the Year

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – We are so excited in St. Louis, and especially in Lodge Washington, as we congratulate CSA’s Fraternalist of the Year, our own Sis. Jenny Zeman. A lifetime member, Jenny has taken part in CSA activities since she was about three. Over the years, she’s been a bowler, a Miss CSA Contestant, a golfer, a Get-Together delegate, a District Council delegate, and now the President of our lodge. Her involvement extends to the American-Czech Center and the Czech community in general, and we are so proud that she was recognized by the Society for everything she does on behalf of CSA on so many levels!

Congratulations to our new Miss National CSA, Cassandra Stone of Lodge Brookfield. We hope you have an incredible and memorable year! It was especially nice to see so many former Miss CSAs and contestants in attendance at the Get-Together and Convention. Here’s hoping to see all of you (and many more) in Cedar Rapids in 2019! And as the tradition of the Get-Together continues, we thank the members of the committee for their hospitality. It’s always great to see so many friends from all over the country, and to add more members to that list of friends.

In lodge news, our Czech display will be featured at the Weber Branch of the St. Louis County Library (that’s on Weber Road) through the month of October. We always get lots of compliments on our colorful collection of embroidery, ceramics, and dolls, and we love showing off our heritage to the community.

The big event of the fall here in St. Louis is the Czech Festival on Saturday, October 27, at the American-Czech Center, 4690 Lansdowne Avenue. It features all things Czech – food, music, beer, slivovitz, wine, pastry, and good fun for the whole family, starting at 11:00 a.m. Follow the Center’s Facebook page – American Czech Educational Center – for all the details.

We’ll be holding another bake sale to benefit the Veterans Food Pantry at Jefferson Barracks, this time on Sunday, November 4, also at the ACEC. We’re offering all the usual specialties, including some rohlicky, so stop by and help support the cause.

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

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Lodge Happenings

Summer Social

Lodge Virginia 230, Petersburg, Virginia – On July 30, 2018, our lodge met for our Summer Social at The Croaker’s Spot Restaurant in historical old town Petersburg, Virginia. We always enjoy getting together for a good time! Our former President, Tom Michalek, was in town for the event. Tom has been living and teaching English in Belarus, and we were so happy he could join us. After this event, Tom and his sister, Anne Michalek, went to Chicago to represent Lodge Virginia No. 230 at the CSA Get-Together and Convention.

The 6th Annual Czech/Slovak Festival will be held on October 20, 2018 at the Prince George County Regional Center in Prince George, Virginia. It’s always a good time with food, beer, and dancing! Our lodge will once again be represented at this event.

Fraternally yours,
Janet Zahradka Reiner
Vice-President, Lodge Virginia 230

Back to Belarus!

After a most memorable Get-Together and Convention, I returned to work in Minsk. The Convention really lived up to the creed of CSA – a lot of good brotherhood and harmony. The young ladies who participated in the Miss CSA Contest were all winners. Making new acquaintances and renewing old ones is what makes this gathering such an important part of being a member of CSA. I missed seeing Joe and Mary Arnold, and I wish good health to young Joe and his wife.

Upon returning to Minsk, I was greeted with no hot water. Every summer in Minsk, hot water is turned off in certain regions at certain times to prepare the pipes for the harsh winters here. This routine lasts from 1½ weeks to 2 weeks. Better to not have hot water in the summer than the winter!

Two of my students, Vlad and Nadya, recently received immigration visas to the United States. They have been working very hard on developing their American English skills and were very successful in their interviews at the American Consulate in Warsaw. After a little rest, I will be back in the thick of things as we prepare for a new school year.

If anyone has the desire to study Russian online, my school, EN Discovery, in Minsk offers an online program called “Smart Matryoshka”. More information can be obtained at info@matryoshka.global. You can also access the site on Skype at Smart Matryoshka. The director of the program, Lelya Radchenko, can also be reached on Skype at live: yaralelya.

Best wishes for a successful year for all CSA members and their lodges. Looking forward to next year’s events in Cedar Rapids.

Fraternally,
Tom Michalek
“Wind Down” in the Windy City

Lodge H appenings

Lodge K ruh O svojenych Zen a Panu
No. 121, Dillionvale, Ohio – Well friends, as much as I hate to admit it, reality hit really hard for our family once we got back from the GTG and Convention in Chicago! We had to get back to work, get ready for a new school year, and keep juggling all those extra activities! Probably many of you had a similar experience. As much as we were excited to get back home to see our son, Elijah, once he returned from band camp, we were just as sad to leave our CSA family, the new friends we made, and our daughter, Amanda.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to Sis. Helenka Gaydusek, Bro. Ken Dvorsky, and all of the members and officers of DC No. 12 for hosting an awesome GTG weekend at the Holiday Inn/William Tell Hotel in Countryside, Illinois. The weekend was jam-packed and fun-filled thanks to our hosts and hostesses! Our fun included: a vivacious Hospitality Room offering a variety of snacks and drinks (pivo and koláčky were a real crowd favorite as always!); a charitable Service Project for a transitional living program; a peaceful ride on the Wendella Boat, touring beautiful areas along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan; delicious banquet dinners, followed by Miss CSA activities; and the Honor Flight Presentation, concluding with our departing brunch to help “kick off” the 41st Quadrennial Convention.

My husband Gary and I served on the Credentials and Finance Committees, respectively. We were both thankful for our experiences serving in those capacities. Gary would especially like to thank his fellow committee members for guiding him along as a first-time delegate, and I would like to thank mine for the kindness and fraternalism with which our deliberations were conducted. All Committees are to be commended for their hard work! As a result, our Convention proved productive and our work was completed in equality, harmony, and fraternity. To me, rather than a Convention, it felt like we were a family that had come together to discuss our future plans…isn’t that really what fraternals do? Isn’t that who we are…one big family?

We are happy to offer congratulations and encouragement to Bro. John Kielczewski who will be continuing to lead our Society as Executive President. Bro. Cary Mentzer will be serving in the capacity of Director for Region E, replacing outgoing Director, Bro. Adam Wilt. Congratulations to you, Cary, as you begin your new position as Director. Also, best wishes and many thanks to you, Adam, for your continued service to CSA throughout the years. Sis. Jenny Zeman is to be commended for all of her volunteer work both with CSA and other charities in her community. Her activities and involvement led to her receiving the Fraternalist of the Year Award. What an honor for you, Jenny, and Lodge Washington No. 30. Keep up the great work in your community!

Lastly, we want to congratulate four extremely professional, beautiful, and well-spoken young women. They are: Sis. Cassandra Stone of Lodge Brookfield No. 475, who is our new Miss CSA, Sis. Ivianna Martnishn of Lodge Blue Crystal No. 484, whom the contestants voted as Miss Congeniality, Sis. Josephine Budilovsky of Lodge Yankee Jungmann No. 77, and Sis. Erin Murgas of Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378. You all did a wonderful job, girls! Each of you “stood out” among the others in your very own individual ways. Thank you for such a great contest! Maybe we will see you all again in Cedar Rapids next year?

Well, as our members locally continue our service at peach socials, church dinners, legion and auxiliary services, and general community activities, we do so proudly in the name of CSA. Gary and I will try to spread the enthusiasm and excitement we felt at the GTG and the Convention back here at home. We miss you, “Windy City!” Now… back to work, school, activities, etc.! No more time to “un-wind!”

Děkuju, Chicago! Děkuju!
Sis. Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Lodge Happenings

Freedom Festival and Fun Summer Activities

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – We met on the first Wednesday in July at Hus Presbyterian Church with 22 members enjoying a great potluck dinner. Reports were made by members regarding programs and activities coming forward this summer. Looks like a very active summer. Many of our members helped with the summer Czech School, which has ended. Judy Vondracek worked hard putting together a nice float for the Freedom Festival parade and won first place in the float division. We thank Judy for spreading the CSA name to our community and we thank those members who rode on this beautiful float.

The big event that we all enjoyed was the concert at the New Bo Market stage area during the Freedom Festival event on July 2. Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen played three hours, entertaining all with her selections of Czech polkas and other Czech tunes. This band is a favorite, and the large crowd enjoyed the beautiful weather and music that was sponsored by CSA Fraternal Life, Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, and Lodge Karel Jonas No. 279. It was so wonderful to have President John Kielczewski, Executive Secretary Matthew Koski, and 2017-2018 Miss CSA Sydney Rieckhoff with us in Cedar Rapids. Many thanks go out to the sponsors of this great event, where we could proudly wear our blue CSA shirts and enjoy the fellowship while listening to wonderful music.

All of our delegates who attended the Get-Together made it home safely with much to tell about the activities that took place, not to mention all the great food during the three-day Chicago trip. Many thanks to the committee that spent many days and hours putting this successful event together. We are looking forward to seeing all at the 2019 Get-Together here in Cedar Rapids.

The Mississippi Boat trip will be on September 12, which members have made reservations to attend. At our October meeting on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a potluck.

Carolyn Wilson was the lucky winner of the attendance award and will give her winnings to the Czech School and the Czech National Cemetery. Thanks, Carolyn.

Fraternally,
Barbara Edmunds

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Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – Our Lodge helped set up all the toiletries at the Get-Together collected by the CSA members and donated to BEDS Plus. There were three long tables with the items to be divided into different categories. At 9:30 a.m., members lined up and were given plastic bags and went down the tables gathering up the items. We were at the end of the tables sorting soap pods and money into each bag. We made over 100 soap pod bags. I want to thank my sister, Kathleen Riha; my sister-in-law, Catherine Riha; and especially, Marion Varga from Lodge Laurel No. 452 in Connecticut for all their help with the soap pods.

Our September meeting will feature one of our members, Chuck Michalek, giving a presentation about Czech painter, Alphonse Mucha, and also a report on the Columbarium Restoration Project at the Bohemian National Cemetery. Everyone is invited to hear this program. We meet the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m., sharp, at MB Financial Bank, lower level, 7222 W. Cermak Road, North Riverside, Illinois. Doors close at 7:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda

Amazing What We Can Learn in Conversation

Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – The Breadwinner’s Restaurant in Arvada was the setting for our July 12, 2018 meeting. Ten members enjoyed hearty lunches. Thanks to Dot and Ron Fox for getting it organized. Our intimate group exchanged lots of stories. Anne Farrar read an article from the Prairie Times Newspaper written by Adella Schulz. Once again, yours truly, is subbing for Pat Kenning, our regular correspondent who is off on more fun-filled vacation time with daughter, Mary Kampe.

It’s amazing what we learn in small group conversations. We heard Anne tell that movie actress, Kim Novak, had a locker adjoining hers at Wright Jr. College in Chicago back in the day. Irma Farrell has some exciting and interesting trips planned between now and September. She and her family will be attending a large Drahot family reunion on the 500 year-old farmstead near Howells, Nebraska, located seven miles from her hometown of Dodge. In August, she and Maryellen Vialpando attended the Get-Together in Chicago. Then on to September, she and daughter, Jenny, will travel to Rome with Irma’s choir for a special Vatican concert.

Amid our spritely conversations, we managed to work in our business with the President’s Report and other upcoming matters. It was nice to see Janel Farrar, just back from a trip to Albania and other points of interest – then learning of an upcoming back-packing trip. It’s healthy that our members remain active. If we gave awards for best attendance, Jack and Donna Griffin would be true contenders, as they seem to be at almost every meeting. The group joined in unison to sing “Happy Birthday” to Bob Schulz who was celebrating his 84th birthday, exactly on that day.

Dot and Ron Fox told about their various summer escapes to beat the heat. One in particular, which peaked interest, was America’s Musical Journey showing at the IMAX 3D Theater. We also learned of a new German Restaurant in Lakewood featuring some good old down-home cooking.

While our minds are on eating, remember to mark your calendars for our September potluck at Bob and Adella’s home on Sunday, September 9. You will receive reminders with details from Irma as well.

In June, Bob and Adella Schulz took a road trip to The Hruska Memorial Library in David City, Nebraska where Adella had been invited to do a book presentation on her recently published book, “Undocumented”. This happens to be where her maternal grandparents were married and upon whom the book’s history is based. The Saunders County Museum, Dales’ Pride Market in David City, The Book Shelf in Seward, and the Dvoracek Library in Wilbur, Nebraska all purchased copies of the book for their shelves. The market was hot, along with the temperatures that soared to 101 degrees several of the days we were there.

A reminder to be sorting out those gently used items you no longer use around the house, and earmark them for the Beautiful Junk Sale in September. The Action Center accepts items at any time – just let them know they are for the sale. Paring down is such a good feeling, and you know the saying, “someone’s junk is someone else’s treasure.” The proceeds go to a charitable cause.

Fraternally,
Adella M. Schulz

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Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio – Our meeting was held after the District No. 10 picnic on July 25 at Hemlock Park in Bedford, Ohio. Seven members were present, and everyone had a good time at the picnic. There was a lot to eat. I, for one, could have used a nap before the meeting!

The lodge received a thank you note from Linda Vopat of the Maple Heights Senior Center thanking the lodge for all the support and fun things we do for the seniors. Bruce Marek of DTJ Taborville thanked our members for helping with the work party on Join Hands Day. A big thank you to the Home Office for donating giveaways and the money for a TV, and to our Treasurer Diane DiBianca for going out and finding a TV for the raffle that was held at the 95th Annual Cesky Den on July 8 at DTJ Taborville, Ohio. Diane DiBianca, Mary Ann Toncar, Jan Dembowski, Donna Stupka, and I manned the table, handing out pamphlets about CSA annuities. Diane and our delegates, Jan, Mary Ann, and Johnny Weiss were all busy getting ready for the Annual Get-Together.

Our upcoming meetings at the Maple Heights Senior Center will be at 10 a.m. on September 27, October 25, and November 15. We’d love to see some more members there! For $1.50 you can also have a nice lunch!

This year, our Lodge’s Annual Bus Trip on July 27 went to The Hollywood Casino in Columbus, Ohio. There were a lot of goodies to eat and drink on the way there and back. Games were the $1 and $5 bags and 50/50. As always, the Horse Race had everybody cheering their favorite horse. Blue Star, the #2 horse, took off, never looking back and won by seven seats, paying $5 to the winners. Everybody said they had a great time and want to go on the trip next year. Slips of paper were handed out to survey where people want to go next year. We will go through those papers at our next meeting.

Thank you to Diane DiBianca, Mary Ann Toncar, and Jan Dembowski for all their hard work in putting the trip together, and to Linda Vopat for bringing the breakfast danish and orange juice that got us started on the munch fest. Also, thank you to all who donated the various goodies that were enjoyed!

Fraternally,

Annette Reichman

Great Times!

Lodge Laurel No. 452, Storrs-Mansfield, Connecticut – In June, Lodge members and friends gathered at Sister Varga’s home for a great picnic! The food was delicious and plentiful, as always! The youth enjoyed some fun activities, making large bubbles and playing with super-soakers. July found us at Pompey Hollow Park and the Ashford Senior Center for a delightful concert presented by “Small Town Gamblers.” Due to the weather, the concert was held inside the Senior Center. We held our monthly meeting prior to the concert. Everyone is invited to join us for several future Lodge events. On August 26, we gathered at Sisters Marion and Laura’s to partake in Ice Cream Sundae Sunday. September 23 is Ashford’s Family Day at Pompey Hollow Park. Lodge Laurel will host a booth. Set up is at 12:30, followed by Family Day from 1:00 to 4:00. We will proceed to Sister Varga’s for our monthly meeting at 4:30. All are welcome! We will plan our Memorial Service for sometime in October, date to be determined. Our October meeting is planned for October 28. This will be our annual competition meeting. Jack-o-lanterns will be the theme.

Sisters Marion and Laura enjoyed the Get-Together and productive Convention in Countryside, Illinois. Looking forward to sharing our experiences at the next Lodge meeting on September 23.

Fraternally,

Marion Varga, Scribe
Wow, What a Summer!

**Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois** – Wow, what a summer it’s been for our members. At the Czech American Congress picnic in July on a perfect day, Emil and Gladys Zemanek enjoyed the young child dancers of the United Moravian Societies and the Czech music. Norma Kmet and her son John visited with friends and enjoyed the day. Roy and Val Zitny visited and enjoyed the music. As usual, the T.G. Masaryk School tent was shared with CSA. In attendance were President John Kielczewski and wife, Lynette; Secretary Matt Koski and wife, Heather; Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell; Andy Bultas; Cindy Bueneman; and me. Caroline Johnston was there selling cookbooks. We all had a great day with Czech food and pivo.

The annual Get-Together had our lodge well represented. Mike and Pam Dvorsky came in from Maryland to be delegates. Melanie Jenkins volunteered to work the registration. Pam had attended the GTG in Endicott, New York and Mike remembers being at the Pick Congress Hotel in the 1960s. The Convention followed and our delegates were lodge officer Gladys, Mike, and Pam. Mike found Sunday to be very informative, learning a lot about how CSA operates.

My thanks to all our lodge members for supporting our activity over the summer and for your help at the GTG. Special thanks to Mike and Pam, who put over 2,100 miles on the car by starting with a trip to see our cousin in Wisconsin, their drive to the Convention, and finishing with a visit with an old ship-mate from Mike’s early Navy days.

_Fraternally, _
_Ken Dvorsky_

Thrilled

**Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois** – CSA members who attended the recent Get-Together in Countryside, Illinois had a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and possibly made some new friends. An actual overabundance of eager volunteers participated in the volunteer Service Project on Friday, and quite a few members enjoyed the beautiful but hot weather on the architecture cruise on Saturday.

We enjoyed the banquets each evening and heard a very emotional presentation at the Sunday brunch by Mary Pettinato, co-founder and CEO of Honor Flights Chicago.

Following the long-held traditions of our organization, perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the Miss National CSA Contest. Isn’t it amazing how such beautiful and talented young ladies always seem to take part in this event? The judges certainly had a difficult task to choose just one from among this group.

This year we are thrilled to congratulate one of our own Lodge Brookfield members, Cassandra Stone, who will serve as the reigning Miss CSA for 2018-2019. We are looking forward to reading her future _Journal_ articles in the coming months and certainly wish her all the best in the future!

Lodge Brookfield is planning an Oktoberfest celebration at our regular October 10 meeting. Our annual Movie Night will be November 14. Lodge Brookfield meets at 5:00 p.m. at the CSA Home Office in Lombard, Illinois.

_Fraternally, _
_Kimberly Silhan_
Surviving Hurricane Maria

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois — We were thrilled to welcome Sis. Maryann Slavik’s visit to our monthly meeting held on August 8. We had two guests present to hear her presentation – President John J. Kielczewski and Executive Secretary Matt Koski. Sis. Slavik has lived in Aquadilla, Puerto Rico for the past 42 years. She survived Hurricane Maria, which struck Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017. Lately, Maryann has been visiting with her brother, Ed Slavik, and sister, Delores Klejko. Her granddaughter Jazmin and great grandson Andre from New Jersey, also lodge members, were in attendance with her during the Get-Together and Convention.

Category 4 Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico on the southeast side of the island and proceeded through the island, where it stalled on the northwest side at Aquadilla and Isabela. Aquadilla is located about 90 miles west of San Juan and was the site of the U.S. military’s Ramey Air Force Base for almost five decades. During this period, Aquadilla was home to the Strategic Air Command 72nd Bombardment Wing. Though the infrastructure still exists, the base was turned over to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1973. The facilities are now controlled by the Puerto Rico Ports Authority and now comprise the Rafael Hernandez International Airport, hosting airlines such as United, Spirit, and Jet Blue. Lufthansa has built a large hangar, which Maryann believes to be a location for servicing the planes.

At one point, Aquadilla must have been in the eye of the storm, because as she described it, there was a period of time when there was complete silence, after which was followed by a loud, frighteningly dangerous surge of wind and rain, a force so strong it took part of the roof off her house. In the meantime, Maryann was huddled in the first floor of her two-story home.

We learned about how she had no electricity or water. She told us that she had one generator on her property that she kept running, just so that she would have enough electricity in her house to keep her refrigerator on. She had to go to the gas station every day and stand in long lines to get gas in two containers, 6 gallons total, for this use. Gasoline was $7 for a 2-gallon fill. For her drinking water she used old soda pop bottles that she cleaned and filled with water that she had purified some months prior. For food she had a stock supply of canned beans and rice. She lived in her house in the dark while the storm blew through the island. Several hours later she could finally go outside and see the damage done to her home. She had to put a tarp on top of the battered roof to keep the rain out.

One main thing she stated was that with no electricity, there was no way you could get money out of the ATMs. She said that in the future, it would be a good idea to keep at least a one month supply of cash at home for an emergency.

In her presentation, Maryann displayed some artifacts related to Puerto Rico. There was a map which she describes as “still a Commonwealth of the United States, although more than half of the population would like it to officially become a state.” As for island size and distance, she says that “from the point of Rincon on the northwest, to the point of Fajardo on the northeast, is approximately 100 miles. The latitude measures approximately 30 miles from the tip of Aquadilla called Punta Borinquen, to the tip of Guanaica on the southwest side of the island. The islands of Vieques and Culebra also belong to Puerto Rico.”

Another little artifact she had on display was a ceramic green frog called a coqui (co-kee) which is native to Puerto Rico. Because of increased travel from Puerto Rico to Hawaii, the frog inhabited Hawaii and became an invasive pest. The black and bronze rooster with white fluffy feathers on his back (pictured) is a common site in Puerto Rico. She has a rooster, whose name is BoBo, who survived the hurricane and wakes her up every morning at 5:00 a.m. with his cock-a-doodle-do! Also survived is her cat, Mitsubishi.

Maryann displayed a one-foot tall ceramic coconut tree. She says that coconut trees are very prominent in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria destroyed only one of her two trees. The one remaining is more than 50 feet tall. Another ceramic on display was of a banana plant (they are not trees). None of her banana plants were destroyed. Unfortunately, she lost all of her avocado trees and a breadfruit tree, with a trunk of about 2½ feet in diameter. Pity.

Other things on display were a set of Puerto Rico inscribed dominos, which are still a favorite pastime for the elderly men of the island. There were a few bottles of rum on the table, as there are two rum distilleries on the island. The famous Bacardi is located in Catano and Don Q is located in Ponce. Puerto Rico, at one time, was known for its sugar cane (a staple in the manufacture of rum) but no longer produces it. Therefore, it must be imported for delivery to the breweries.

The most popular beach in Aquadilla is called “Crash Boat,” which was almost completely destroyed by the hurricane. Hats made of palms are handmade by an unemployed gentleman who sold them at Crash Boat for $5.00. Those who took the Architectural Tour on Saturday during the Get-Together saw Maryann wearing her hat.

Maryann commented that in her 42 years of living on the island, Hurricane Maria was the most devastating, disastrous hurricane she had ever experienced. She wishes to return to Puerto Rico, relaying a message to us all that we must always be aware and ready for emergencies. In other words, have a plan, and think about storing emergency food and equipment, because as she says, “You never know...!”

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Tejcek and Loretta Paulus

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Future Farmers of America

Lodge Central Star No. 411, Owosso, Michigan – I hope everyone is having a very good summer, even with all the heat we have been having. We have been working diligently on our service projects and are making good progress, even with the few members who attend.

For our speaker, we invited the New Lothrop High School Agriculture teacher who brought six officers of a local Future Farmers of America chapter and each gave a talk on what was required to be a FFA member. They have 179 members in their chapter, have raised 500 chickens, donated to the Shiawassee United Way, have raised $21,500 to further their good deeds and the needs of the chapter, and have built a barn at the school where they also raise lambs and pigs. It was great to hear that a lot of responsible and energetic kids are being raised and that we can depend on them.

Our lodge was presented with a Silver Award from the Lodge Recognition Program, which is our 20th award since the program started. Good job to all who made it possible!

Fraternally,
Loeta Hersch

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Wonderful Get-Together

Bratri Od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey – Our lodge meeting was held on July 18 in the Sokol Hall of Little Ferry, New Jersey. We discussed normal business and the Lodge Recognition Program. We are making good progress with the program requirements. There was no meeting in August. The members who attended the Annual Get-Together were Sister Stacey Vogler-Musil, Sister Carol Tranter, and Brother Frank Zabransky. These members were also Delegates to the Convention. We all had a great time during the entire week! Thank you to the Get-Together and Convention Committees for jobs well done!

We also discussed the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival coming up in October. Sister Tranter will attend for the 4th year, representing CSA in her role as Director and as Lodge President. Brother Peter Kleskovic, Jr., who is a member of our lodge but lives in Virginia, will also attend. Our next meeting will be held on September 12 at 11 a.m. We will have a Pin Party and we will be collecting 7x9 afghan pieces to send to Warm Up America.

Fraternally,
Carol Tranter
**Lodge Happenings**

**Pleased with Platinum**

Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434, Cicero, Illinois – Lodge business was conducted at July’s meeting. Everyone was pleased that our lodge received the Platinum Award in the Lodge Recognition Program. We discussed the Get-Together, however most members were in San Francisco celebrating the engagement of Michael Malussa and Michelle Roberts. At the Get-Together, the lodge was represented by Stan and Candy Papuga and their daughter and two grandsons. Also in attendance was me, Andy Bultas.

Sheila Kraft and her husband Steve celebrated 22 years of marriage, and their daughter Jacqueyln graduated from middle school. Sheilia’s daughter, Emy, is doing well!

On August 19, we held a lodge meeting, and, of course, the subject discussed was the Get-Together. It truly was great that the Papugas and their grandsons enjoyed the boat trip, even though it was a very hot day. The stay at the Holiday Inn/William Tell Hotel in Countryside was pleasant, the service and food were good, and, of course, the Miss CSA Contest was great. The contest was well presented by the hard work of Amanda Lovell. Job well done! Congratulations to the new Miss CSA, Cassandra Stone.

**Keeping Busy**

Lodge Rovnost No. 53, Cicero, Illinois – Again, our lodge has been very busy. Marvin Lanzel and Caroline Johnston were busy helping Chris Lanzel with her plant sale at St. John Church. Later, Karen Nelson took over and helped her. That night, Joyce Nemec and Caroline Johnston attended Lodge Yankee Jungmann’s meeting and had a great time making greeting cards.

Kenneth Johnston, Caroline Johnston, Marvin Lanzel, and Joyce Nemec (pictured) were busy cleaning up at Bohemian National Cemetery. The weather was a little nippy, but sunny and not rainy, so working outside was great. Those working inside got a lot accomplished, too.

Marvin and Chris Lanzel headed out to Germany to see their family during the month of June. We are glad they were able to make the trip.
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Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137 lost another great sister, Sis. Margaret Barta, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 25, 2018 at the age of 91. Margaret and her husband Louie spent many winters in Arizona and made many friends through their Camping Club. She comes from a wonderful Prokop Velky family, including daughter Diane Siegle, sister Dorothy Vislisel, and brother Sonny Hartl and his wife Madonna. We all will miss Margaret, though we will all continue to share memories with one another. Sincere blessings to the family.

Barbara Edmunds

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čtyřicátý první........forty-first (čty-ři-cá-tý prv-ní)
královna...............................queen (krá-lov-na)
koruna.................................crown (ko-ru-na)
hrozny.................................grapes (hro-zny)
jahoda............................strawberry (ja-ho-da)
safír.................................sapphire (sa-fír)
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