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BEXAR COUNTY CHAPTER

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2. kveten (May) 2018
Month of blooming flowers. From the word **kvet (blossom).**

YOUR PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS:

. Thanks for your help with the Executive meeting and with the Chapter meeting. We discussed and decided on many good details and events for our Chapter. Three students will benefit from our scholarships, which is great for them and for our future Czech heritage.

Please remember to circle June 24th for the meeting to plan our October Festival, celebrating the Czechs' 100th year of having their own country! On October 28, 1918, Czechoslovakia was created as a democratic, independent country. Czechoslovakia remained a free country until 1938, when it was invaded by the Nazis. After WWII, freedom returned until 1948, when the Russian Communists assumed control. The 1968 Prague Spring movement eventually led to the 1989 Velvet Revolution and a return to a democratic government. In 1993, the Czechs and Slovaks peacefully split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Please join us on October 28th as we will celebrate our heritage at Mikulski Hall in Schertz.

Robert Trampota, President

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Bexar County Czech Heritage Society Calendar –2018 – 2019

June 24 - **Planning meeting for the October Festival** at 1:30 p.m., at St. Anthony de Padua, 102 Lorenz Lane.

September 16 - Bexar County CHS General Meeting at 1:30 p.m., at St. Anthony de Padua, 102 Lorenz Lane.

October 28 - Czech / Slovak Festival at Mikulski Hall, in Schertz, Texas 509 Schertz Parkway.

November 4 - Bexar County CHS General Meeting at 1:30 p.m., at St. Anthony de Padua, 102 Lorenz Lane. Election of Officers and Board of Directors.

December 9 - Bexar County Annual Christmas Party at St. Anthony de Padua, 102 Lorenz Lane.

March 3, 2019 – Dance at Martinez Hall, Czechoholics will furnish the music.
October 28, 2019 - Annual Czech Festival, Schertz Parkway, at Mikulski Hall.

After each meeting, please stay for refreshments and visiting time with friends, and to meet some new friends.

GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 29, 2018:

Our general meeting this past Sunday, which was held at the Education Center at St. Anthony de Padua, was full of lively discussions regarding our Scholarships, the October Czech – Slovak Festival, thanks to many of our hard working members. Check the calendar above for new and previous dates, times and places for the coming 2019 year.

THANK YOU (DEKUJI VAM):

T.J. and Myrna Slansky are members of several Czech organizations throughout the state. On March 24th , they were given an award from the Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) for their work and all the meetings they have attended throughout the state, for many years. They recently attended the State Queen Contest in Lamar, Texas, and they have attended this contest for 18 years. Our Texas Queen is Danielle Blattman of China Spring, Texas. Her little Czech Sister is Emma Elkins. Later, they will attend the National Contest, in addition to traveling around the state of Texas to visit Czech organizations.

In addition, T.J. has become the new Membership Chairman, which previously had been taken care of by Irene Mazoch, who recently passed away. T.J. has now identified those of our members, who would prefer to receive our Newsletter by e-mail. Members, who prefer to receive a paper copy, will still receive their newsletter by mail. Many times, Myrna and T.J. would come help me with the folding; putting stamps and labels on the newsletter, which I, personally, deeply appreciated.

Trish Martin has done a wonderful job for our Czech Heritage Society, in organizing and getting people to walk in the Battle of Flowers Parade during Fiesta. Since we have a small group of "marchers", they usually carry one of the large banners. This year our "marchers" carried the banner for "Corporate Donner". So a big cheer and hats off for Trish Martin, Monika Prochazjova , Ludmilla Krupova, and Evan and Marshall Valenta (who happen to be twins), the grandsons of Loretta Valenta.

If you have ever visited the Czech Heritage Center in La Grange, you will notice the sidewalk at the entrance is paved with bricks bearing names of loved ones from our Czech families. There will soon be a brick for our very hard working and generous Irene Mazoch. Since there is a brick bearing the name of another Irene Mazoch, her brick will say Irene E. Mazoch and it will also note that the brick has been donated by some members of our Czech Heritage Society. Many thanks to Paula Looney, Barbara Hruby, Rose Thorsky , Robert and Debbie Trampota, and Fred Morton for their donations for the brick.

SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING:

Our scholarship drawing was discussed thoroughly at the General Meeting on Sunday. It was decided to give three scholarships this year and to raise the amount from $250.00 to $300.00. Referring to the treasurer's report, the members present felt this could be done. We received applications for a total of 8 students. The applications were numbered, papers with the numbers were then placed in a container, and three members then drew a number, with a fourth number drawn as an alternate if needed (in the past it has happened that a student decided not to attend school that year).

Our winners are Cayden Ray Wylie (grandson of Frankie Twardowski), Patrick Slansky (grandson of Myrna and T.J. Slansky), and Anna Kristina Alfaro (daughter of Alena Rojikova).

Each applicant was asked to write a short story about what they knew or had experienced about their Czech/Slovak heritage. Those students, whose names were drawn, had their stories read to those members present. It should be noted that at the Board Meeting on the previous Monday, all of the applications and their stories were examined by the Board, and everyone agreed that the applications and stories were very well written.