

Bexar County Czech Heritage Society

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President's Message

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Hello CHS members,

Our chapter will have its first General Membership meeting of 2022 on **February 13** at the St. Anthony de Padua Parlor. The meeting will begin at 1:30 pm and will feature Czech food and pastries!

We will serve food after the pledge and prayer so come early! We will have a speaker and short video on Czech-related topics. The business meeting will be very short.

The Parlor gives us more space than our previous meeting area. Please come and enjoy learning some "new" Czech information as well as visiting with other members. Feel free to mask (or not) depending on Covid's conditions on the 13th.

The Parlor is located in the building across from the church. The building we normally had our Christmas Party in. Address is - St Anthony de Padua Church – 102 Lorenz Road – San Antonio, TX 78209. When you enter the building turn to the right, the Parlor is down that

hallway. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope to meet our new members in person.

Take care,

Robert Trampota

President Bexar County
Czech Heritage Society

Calendar of Meetings for 2022

Your Officers and BOD met January 16 and have set the following Calendar for 2022.

- **Feb 13, 2022 – 1:30 pm.** Chapter Meeting in person. Review the 2022 budget, and guest speaker
- **No March Dance** due to COVID-19
- **May 1, 2022** - Chapter Meeting in person-1:30 PM Scholarship names will be drawn.
 - Applications will be sent with this Newsletter – **Deadline April 20, 2022**
- **3rd Meeting** – To be determined
- **Nov 2022 Meeting** – To be determined
 - Nominations for officers and directors followed with elections.
 - Discussion and plans for our Christmas Party
- **Dec 2022 - Christmas Party** – To be determined.

Other Czech News



We had two special visitors at our Christmas Party on December 12. The State Queen Madison Murphy and St. Mikulas stopped by for a visit. It was so good to see everyone in person! We also enjoyed the singing of the National Anthems of Slovakia and the Czech Republic by children of our members. They did a great job!

Scholarship Information

Just a reminder we are attaching the 2022 Scholarship Application and Guidelines to this Newsletter. Several of our members who do not have email receive this Newsletter via mail. In order to save on copy and postage expense those members will not receive the Scholarship Application, so if you plan to nominate someone for the scholarship, and have not received the application via email, please call and request the necessary forms from Kay Vajdos (210-659-7011) or you can also get them off our website - bexarcountyczechheritagesociety.com.

Just a reminder, members must be current with membership for at least 12 consecutive months to be eligible to submit or nominate someone for an application. (See attached guidelines). The deadline to submit an application for the drawing is **April 20, 2022**. The application must be mailed in. You can also email the application, but you are required to mail and email it to make sure we receive the form. The winners names will be drawn at the May 1, 2022 General Membership Meeting. Please read the Guidelines for information on where to send the applications.

Please also note there is a requirement to submit a 150-200 word essay titled **“How has the Czech or Slovak Culture and/or Heritage Influenced or Impacted My Life.”** This essay is to be written by the individual who has been nominated for the Scholarship. There had been some misunderstanding in the past regarding this requirement. Just to be clear it is to be written by the person who receives the scholarship. So please allow enough time to get the application to the person you are nominating so they can write the essay and get it submitted by the deadline. Thank you!

Note from Kay Vajdos – I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Membership for all the support and encouragement I received during my term as President. Thank you for helping us get through the difficult times of meeting via Zoom, I know in-person is a much better way to meet! Thank you also for the gift card I received at the Christmas Party. I was not expecting that at all. I would also like to thank Rose Thorsky, TJ Slansky, and Mike Vajdos who have given so many years of their time to our organization. Rose, TJ, and Mike have stepped off the Board. They have left some big shoes to fill! We owe them a big **THANK YOU** for all their hard work.

Two of our members Ann Janecka and Myrna Slansky have been very ill please keep them in your prayers as they continue to heal. Thank you!