

2024 MAY



Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

Reservations due by Wed., May 8, 2024

If you make a reservation but don't attend, we will bill you since we are charged for your meal. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs when you make your reservations.

LOCATION: HyVee 2nd Floor Party Room
1601 N 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68505

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME & DINNER: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Cost \$15.00)

MEAL: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn and coleslaw.

BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

PROGRAM: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC:

CZECH PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

May 1, 2024

May Day

May 8, 2024

Liberation Day

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NEWSLETTER

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May 5 Lincoln Festival

May 10 Membership Meeting

September 13 Membership Meeting

October 11 Membership Meeting

November 8 Membership Meeting

December 13 Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday: Conversation Club (Zoom)

Last Tuesday: Reading Circle (Zoom)

MEETING LOCATION

HyVee 84 & Holdrege

In the World History of Beer the Czechs are Kings



Presenter: Rachel Taylor

Please join us for a fascinating tour of the world history of beer. We will start a few thousand years ago where the Babylonians created the first "Bud Lite" and the Egyptians paid workers in beer. We will travel onward to the middle ages when clever monks started using hops and float over to Czechia where the Czechs made the best hops in the world. We will talk about why Czech Pilsner revolutionized the beer industry and the people who made it happen. We will wander through the dark ages (prohibition in America) and even explore how Czech Americans were creating great beer here in Nebraska and discuss how the Czech beer industry managed to survive the Communist era. This will be a fun and foamy history lesson and we hope you can join us!

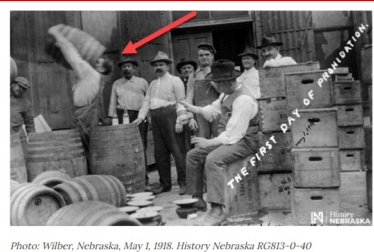


Photo: Wilber, Nebraska, May 1, 1918. History Nebraska RCS13-0-40



MONTH AT A GLANCE
LINCOLN CZECHS FESTIVAL
May 5, 2024
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 10, 2024

KOLÁČE BAKING 19 VOLUNTEERS Thanks!

1. Deb Vocasek
2. Tom Zumpfe
3. John Rood
4. Connie Jean Hulinsky
5. Lois Rood
6. Margaret Vesely
7. Cathleen Oslzy
8. Susan Nagle
9. Mike Nagle
10. Sinda Dux
11. Rachel Taylor
12. Ed Lanka
13. Rich Perkins
14. Jan Perkins
15. Diane Vesely-Robb
16. Gwen Belden
17. Garrett Dickey
18. Denise Gutzmer
19. Carole Gutzmer

April 27
Rohilky
Baking Event
CANCELLED!



Special thanks to those in red who stayed until 8:45 p.m. to finish baking, bagging & cleaning!



THE COURTESY CORNER

Let us know if you are aware of someone who is celebrating something very special or is in need of our support.

Connie Jean Hulinsky

Chairman, Courtesy Committee 2024

402-464-5184 (leave message)

(land line with recorder after four rings)





Koláče Baking April 13, 2024 19 Volunteers!



CANCELED!!!
April 27
Rohlky
Baking Event

**About 1200 koláče (over 100 dozen) ready for our festival
HATS OFF TO OUR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS!
Some worked from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. WOW! THANKS!!!**

NEBRASKA CZECHS OF LINCOLN CZECH READING CIRCLE & CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

MONTH: May 14, 2024

BOOK: *Pearls of Wisdom:
Little Pieces of Advice* (2020)

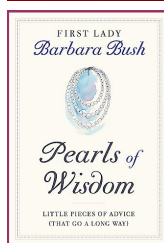
AUTHOR: Barbara Bush

LEADER: Susan Nagle

SUMMARY:

Pearls of Wisdom-Little Pieces of Advice (That Go A Long Way) is a biography of First Lady Barbara Pierce Bush, 1925-2018. She served as First Lady from 1989-1993 and was the loving wife of George H.W. Bush, 41st President, for 73 years. Her family and staff members add memories and advice that Barbara shared with them including son George W. Bush who served as 43rd President.

Source: written by Susan Nagle



READING CIRCLE CONTACTS

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CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB

Řekněte to česky!



**Via ZOOM
May 21, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Květen: Filmy a filmy

**May: Brianna Tichy
Topic: Movies and Film**

Participants should already know some Czech, either as heritage speakers, or former students of the language. Members can prepare material for the themes that are conversed about and share it with the club members.

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No meetings in June, July and August 2024

OUR LEADER



Via ZOOM

Susan Nagle, B.A.

Susan is a Wilber, Nebraska native. At age 6 years she met her 1st grade teacher Mary Greer selling raffle tickets at the first Wilber Czech Festival in August, 1962. She grew up helping prepare and serve food and bussing tables for the Wilber Sokols, United Methodist Church, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Nebraska Czechs of Wilber, American Legion Auxiliary and FHA.

As a youth she helped construct and rode on floats for the Methodist Church and ZCBJ organizations.

Susan was a Sokol gymnast for 9 years, 1962-1971. She performed exhibitions in Wilber, NE; Wilson, KS and Cedar Rapids, IA. She was the youngest Wilber Sokol to compete in a District Meet in Berwyn, IL in June, 1969. She placed 3rd and 1st in the Czech Days Talent Contest for her piano solos, as Bernice (Greer) Zajicek was her piano teacher. Susan and her brother Glenn learned the Beseda dance in 1966.

She has been a member of the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln since May, 2016. She has served on the Publicity Committee distributing flyers in Lincoln, Wilber and Tabor, SD since 2019. She has baked kolaches and other "goodies" for the annual Bake Sale, and worked at the Bake Sale table. She is a member of the Czech Reading Circle since its inception in March, 2019. She was the committee member who coordinated the Wilber Alumni Band to play at Lincoln's 50th festival in 2019. She served on the Nominating Committee in 2023.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Her Minor was in the Humanities where her love for reading and writing was enhanced by completing 26 hours of English.

Susan and husband Mike and son Michael visited Prague, Czech Republic in March, 2005 during their European vacation.



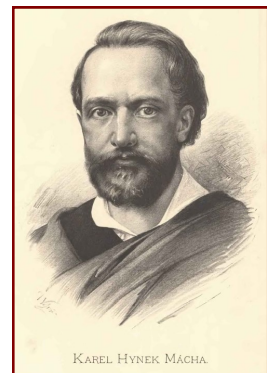
May 1st A Day for Love



Czechs do not traditionally celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14, but their day of love is May 1.

Czech poet, **Karel Hynek Macha** is known as *the poet of love*. He wrote a poem "**Maj**" (**May**). This famous poem celebrates the beauty of spring and tells the story of a tragic love.

*Late evening, on the first of May—
The twilight May—the time of love.
Meltingly called the turtle-dove,
Where rich and sweet pinewoods lay.
Whispered of love the mosses frail,
The flowering tree as sweetly lied,
The rose's fragrant sigh replied
To love-songs of the nightingale.
In shadowy woods the burnished lake
Darkly complained a secret pain,
By circling shores embraced again;
And heaven's clear sun leaned down to take
A road astray in azure deeps,
Like burning tears the lover weeps.*



KAREL HYNEK MACHA

Photos: Wikipedia

In the Czech lands, single men went into the woods at night on April 30, cut down a tree, decorated it, and placed it in the town square. They guarded the pole diligently. If men from the neighboring village did not steal the maypole, the young men were able to visit the single women and bring them presents on May Day, May 1.

The Maypole Dance A Czech Tradition

Today the Maypole Dance is a celebration of spring



Sokol Greater Cleveland
One World Day
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

8 Maypole Dancers & Instructor Paula Gray
After Harvest Czech Festival
Wilson, Kansas



May 8, 1945 The Liberation of Prague V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day)



Liberation Day is a national holiday in the Czech Republic. It is celebrated on May 8th each year.

Photo Source: <https://praguemorning.cz/in-photos-may-8-1945-the-liberation-of-prague/>

This is the same date as the celebration known as V-E Day, VE Day or Victory in Europe Day that is celebrated across much of Europe.

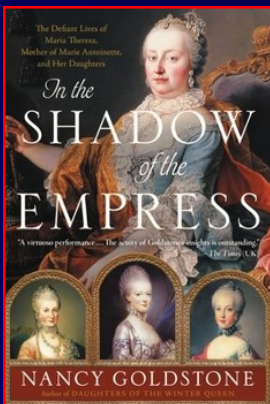
As the names suggest, the day signifies the victory of the Allied forces against the Axis forces at the end of World War II in 1945. In particular, the Czech Republic celebrates Liberation Day as the day its people were freed from Nazi rule.

The day was originally celebrated on 9 May, but this was changed in 1989 to 8 May. Some people call the holiday Liberation from Fascism Day.

On May 8, with Allied troops approaching from west and east, the Czechs negotiated a cease-fire with the Germans. The situation was now critical; the Czechs lacked the machinery and the weaponry to continue fighting the Germans, and the city's Old Town was in flames.

Part of the cease-fire was a guarantee, from the Germans, that the city would not be harmed further. The Czechs knew that, with help on the way, the cease-fire would be far more beneficial to them than it seemed on the surface.

Quoted directly from: <https://praguemorning.cz/in-photos-may-8-1945-the-liberation-of-prague/>



MAY 13, 1717—Birth of Maria Theresa

Maria Theresa was the daughter of Holy Roman Emperor, Charles VI and became the Queen of Hungary and Bohemia, Archduchess of Austria, and ruler of the Habsburg Monarchy from 1740-1780.

Read about her in our June Reading Circle selection:

In the Shadow of the Empress: The Defiant Lives of Maria Theresa, Mother of Marie Antoinette, and Her Daughters by Nancy Goldstone

Leader: Dr. Lorraine Duggin (more in June newsletter)



Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln

“Celebrating 54 years of Czech heritage in the Capitol City”

Czech Festival

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pla Mor Ballroom

6600 West “O” Street * Lincoln Nebraska

~ Free admission – Open to the Public ~

- 10:00 a.m. Vendors & Bake Sale begins
- 10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Anthems
- 11:00 a.m. Accordion Jam – *(Bring your accordions in the keys of FBEA and join in the fun)*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Traditional Czech Food *(Pork dinner or Wilber Weiner...till gone)*
- 1:00 p.m. Introduction of the 2023 Lincoln Czech-Slovak Royalty
Introduction of Nebraska Czechs Chapter Queens
Coronation of 2024 Lincoln Czech-Slovak
- 1:30 p.m. Queen Snowball Dance
- 1:45 p.m. Introduction of Dr. Mila Saskova-Pierce *(Honorary Consulate of CZ in Lincoln)*
- 2:00 p.m. Accordion Jam – *(Bring your accordions in the keys of FBEA and join in the fun)*
- (Break) 3:15 p.m. BetterLife Bike Drawing
Czech Language Foundation Presentation
- 3:30 p.m. Continue Accordion Jam
- 4:00 p.m. End of program – Closing Ceremonies

~ Many Vendors ~

Ethnic Foods * Baked goods and traditional Koláče * Crystal from Czech/Slovak Republics
Garnet jewelry * Czech Music CD's * Accordion Lessons * Kroje display
Czech Heritage Displays (kraut making) * Silent Auction

For more information, please contact: Deb Vocasek at 402-570-7300 or Ann Volf at 402-416-6390

Your valuable support enables us to continue funding our projects to the Czech Language Foundation Scholarships at University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) and the Czech-Slovak Royalty.



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