

**MARCH 2026 (březen)**



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2026 Membership Meetings  
Friday, January 9  
Friday, February 13  
Friday, March 13  
Friday, April 10  
Friday, May 8

MEETING LOCATION  
HyVee 84 & Holdrege Sts.  
5:30 Social Hour 6:00 Dinner

EVENTS  
3rd Tuesday: Conversation Club  
(Zoom)  
Last Tuesday: Reading Circle (Zoom)



## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**FRIDAY, March 13**

**Reservations due by Wednesday, March 11, to Diane Vesely-Robb 402.560.4847 [dveselyrobb@yahoo.com](mailto:dveselyrobb@yahoo.com)**

**Menu: Baked Potato Bar**

**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 84 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)**

## **PROGRAM (NAPROGRAMOVAT)**

**Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen Lina Dvorak will present a program on kroj (Czech national dress).**

**March Business Meeting will include discussion and vote on Bylaws proposed amendments which will be emailed to members prior to the March Member Meeting.**

**MARCH  
Month at a Glance  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 13  
CZECH CONVERSATION CLUB  
MARCH 17  
READING CIRCLE  
MARCH 31**

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## THE COURTESY COMMITTEE

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Prezidentovo Poselství)

Dear Members and Friends of the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln,

As we welcome the month of March, we are reminded of several meaningful moments in Czech history that continue to shape our identity

and heritage. On March 7, we remember the birth of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk (1850), the founding president of Czechoslovakia. Masaryk's vision of democracy, education, and moral responsibility helped lay the foundation for an independent nation in 1918. His legacy continues to inspire pride in Czech resilience, civic engagement, and the enduring belief in freedom and human dignity.

March also brings reflection on more difficult chapters of our history. On March 15, 1939, Nazi Germany occupied the Czech lands, marking the beginning of a painful period during World War II. Yet even in hardship, the Czech spirit endured—through resistance, cultural preservation, and unwavering hope. As a club dedicated to celebrating Czech language, music, arts, and traditions, we honor not only the joyful achievements of our heritage but also the strength and perseverance that carried our people through challenging times.

One of the most meaningful ways we carry that spirit forward is through our time together in person. Our monthly gatherings—sharing a meal and learning through a presentation focused on a particular aspect of Czech culture—allow us to connect not only with our history, but with one another. Whether we are exploring Czech music, language, folk art, history, or traditional foods, these evenings strengthen our community and deepen our understanding of our shared roots. I encourage each of you to join us, bring a friend, and continue building the fellowship that keeps Czech heritage alive here in Lincoln.

S pozdravem,

Rachel Taylor

President, Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Inc.



**You are invited** to the Homestead National Historical Park Education Center, Beatrice, 8523 Hwy NE-4 April 19 at 2 p.m. FREE and open to the public. Program on *kroj*, the Czech costume.

Doane University historian, Janet Jeffries, is a descendant of 19th century Czech immigrants. With ancestors from both Bohemia and Moravia, Janet has actively studied and promoted Czech heritage, culture, and genealogy at Doane and in Nebraska for more than 30 years. While now retired from full-time work at Doane University, she has supported and coordinated several Czech heritage activities held at the university over the years. She served as Czech Studies Elderhostel director and as organizer of annual Doane Czech concerts featuring folk and classical music. She has hosted 20 tours to the Czech lands since 1992. Janet is a member of the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau offering a program on Czech costumes and does musical performances featuring Czech vocals.

# Czech-American Reading Circle March 31, 2026



**CIRCLE LEADER**

**Martina Klicperová**



**FILM: Velký vlastenecký výlet —*The Great Patriot***

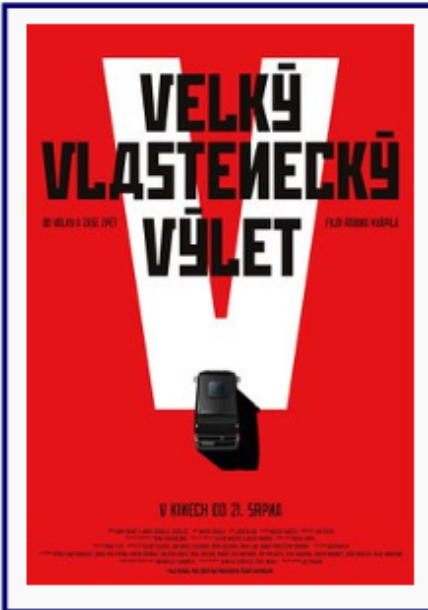
## **MEETING INFORMATION**

Join Zoom: 6:15 p.m. Presentation: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. CST (in English)

You do not need to read the book to attend.

Contacts for Zoom Link:

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## **FILM SUMMARY: Velký vlastenecký výlet - *The Great Patriotic Trip* (2025)**

*The Great Patriotic Trip* (Czech: *Velký vlastenecký výlet*) is a 2025 Czech documentary road movie by director Robin Kvapil, following three pro-Russian Czech citizens on a trip to Ukraine to confront their beliefs about the war, with the film exploring their skepticism towards mainstream media and exposing them to the reality of the conflict. It's a provocative film showcasing a journey of ideological challenge, revealing the stark contrast between pro-Russian narratives and the situation on the ground in Ukraine.

## **AUTHOR & LEADER: Martina Klicperová**

**Martina Klicperová** (aka Martina Klicperová -Baker) Ph.D., D.Sc. is a senior research scholar at the Institute of Psychology, the Czech Academy of Sciences; also affiliated with San Diego State University, USA. Her research focuses mainly on political psychology (psychology of democracy, political culture, democratic citizenship, transition to democracy), and on prosocial behavior & civility. She is fluent in English and Czech, she communicates in German, Russian, Polish, and Slovak, and she has a reading knowledge of Spanish and Swedish languages.

Her teaching experience includes Stanford University (Department of Psychology and Extended Studies), San Diego State University (Psychology, Political Science), Arizona State University (Psychology, Leisure Studies), and Charles University (Psychology, CIEE classes). She serves as an Associate Editor of the *European Societies* and on the Editorial Board of the *Current Issues in Personality Psychology*.

NOTE: Access to the English version of the film will be sent to all registered participants.

# Baking koláče on Saturday, April 25, 2026

The Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Inc. will be baking koláče on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the Hickman Presbyterian Church, 303 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hickam NE. The church's kitchen has been reserved from 8:00



a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the kitchen has 4 ovens!! Volunteers will be needed throughout the day. The first dough hopefully will be ready around 10:30 to put in the oven so early birds have to prepare the dough, letting it raise, weighing and rolling the dough, filling the koláče with many different delicious fillings and putting on the crumb mixture. The process will happen over and over until many dozen koláče are baked. Additional help will be needed as soon as the first batch is taken out of the oven and cooled. A sit-down job is to put one koláče in a plastic zip bag with a label of the flavor on the bag and

place them in our flats. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March 13 and April 10, 2026 meetings to find out when you will be willing to help with the baking of koláče.

If you have friends who aren't members and would like to learn how to make koláče, this would be a great time to invite them to join us. If you already know you can help with baking on April 25, 2026, please email or call Connie Jean Hulinsky so that you can be added to the volunteer list.

We will need 2 ½ quart glass bowls for mixing the dough and Airbake pans for baking the koláče. Please let us know if you have these items available to bring to the baking day.

Old Czech proverb, Bez prace nejsou koláč. "Without work, there are no kolaches."

Connie Jean Hulinsky Festival Co-Chair [Luconnie@windstream.net](mailto:Luconnie@windstream.net) 402-464-5184 (land line with recorder after four rings)

And Deb Vocasek Festival Co-Chair



Interested in joining Czech on-line conversation?



The Czech Conversation Club is a group of heritage speakers and present or former students of the Czech language. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM Central Time on ZOOM and talk about a chosen theme prepared by one of Conversation Club members. We prepare vocabulary ahead of time and share it with the group before the meeting. If interested, please, let me know at [msaskova-pierce1@unl.edu](mailto:msaskova-pierce1@unl.edu).

**\*\*\*\*\* Every month on the Third Tuesday, 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)\*\*\*\*\***

March-březen: Politická situace v Česku – political situation in Czechia

## Celebrating Mozart's Birthday

January 27, Southeast Community College, Lincoln, commemorated Amadeus Mozart's Birthday by featuring five continuously-presented hours of the Master's music. Among the musicians were Josephine (Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Inc. Czech-Slovak Queen), Caroline, and Sydney Davis.

The pieces the Davis girls played:

Caroline: Piano Sonata K. 545, 1-2 movements (on piano)

Josephine: Rondo and Minuets 1 and 7 (on piano)

Sydney: Arietta (on piano)

Caroline: Piano Sonata K. 330 (on piano)

Caroline: Minuet from a String Quartet (on violin)

Josephine: Violin Concerto in A Major 2 & 3 movements (on violin)

Date: January 27, 2026

Time: 10am-3pm

Place: Southeast Community College Commons Area





Easter Monday in Chechia is called *velikonoční pondělí* and in Slovakia *veľkonočný pondelok*. All these countries (and some others) practice the unique ancient custom on this day. Traditionally, boys and men pour a bucket of water or perfume on girls and women or spank their buttocks and legs with long thin twigs (pussy willow) or switches made from willow, birch or decorated tree branches. A legend says that it keeps women healthy, beautiful, and fertile during the whole next year.

Milena Jesenská, Czech writer and journalist who died in Ravensbrück concentration/death camp in Germany in 1944:

**“Kde domov muj” wishes no one any harm; all it wants is that we may continue to exist....it...celebrates the countryside of Bohemia with its hills and dales, its fields and meadows, its birches, willows, and shady lindens, its fragrant hedgerows and little brooks. It celebrates the country that is our home.**



Czech Athletes in the 2026 Olympics in Milan/Cortina Italy February 6-22: 91 total including 48 men, 43 women in 8 sports: Men’s ice hockey, women’s ice hockey, figure skating, curling, snowboarding, biathlon, skiing, speed skating. The Czech Republic designated at the Olympics as Czechia/CZE won 5 medals: Women’s Biathlon (ski and shoot), 12.5 km, Tereza Voborniková, Bronze; Women’s Snowboard Cross, Eva Adamčzyková, Silver; Women’s Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom, Zuzana Maderova, Gold; Men’s Speed Skating, 10,000m, Metoděj Jilek, Gold, 5000m, Metoděj Jilek, Silver.

Ninety-three countries were in the Olympics and 29 won medals; CZE ranked 16 in number of medals won. Hurrah!! Hurá!!

**A Hero of the Czech People** – Věra Čáslavská, Czech gymnast won 7 Gold and 4 Silver Olympic medals in three Olympics and 4 Gold and 5 Silver World medals. At the 1968 Olympics, Věra at two medal ceremonies turned her head down and away from the Soviet flag in protest of the 1968 Soviet invasion of her country.