

# TWCCHS ZPRÁVY DOPIS

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## STATE MEETING & QUEEN PAGEANT

### *Miss Texas Czech/Slovak 2019*

The State meeting and the 17th Annual Czech Heritage Society Miss Texas Czech- Slovak Queen Pageant was held at Saint Joseph Parish Activity Center in Bryan on February 16, 2019. If you were not there you missed an interesting and special meeting. The meeting open with prayer by Msgr. John McCaffrey. Master of Ceremonies, Tom Teykl, introduced the queens, past and present. A farewell was given to 2018 queen, Danielle Blattman and her Little Sister, Emma Elkins. There were two young ladies vying for queen this year. They were Zoe Peterek from Brazos Valley CHS with her Little Sister, Grace Moravec and Lydia Pustejovsky from McLennen-Hill with her Little Sister, Allison Pustejovsky. There were three judges who participated in the judging of the contestants in several categories. Their decision for Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen was Lydia Pustejovsky from McLennen-Hill CHS. Lydia will compete in Wilber, Nebraska in August for National title. We congratulate Lydia and wish her the best in Nebraska.

We had a real treat when those present who were dressed in a kroj were asked to join in a parade of Krojs. It was a beautiful sight to see all the special krojs from different regions and the ladies took it to heart and whirled their full skirts around as they paraded around the dance floor. We very much enjoyed the West Historian dancers from West High School who danced several traditional Czech dances in their beautiful Czech krojs. After a delightful lunch, we browsed around the silent auction items which had some very nice and interesting items to bid on. After the Queen was crowned and pictures were taken, the State CHS meeting followed.

Thank you Brazos Valley CHS for hosting this very enjoyable event.



### *A Mother's Love*

At the recent CHS Queen pageant, several of the past queens thank their mothers for their support and that it would not have been possible for them to compete without their mothers.

We have witnessed the love that Pavlina Cavanagh has for her children and the support she gives all 3 children. Daughter, Monika, was crowned Miss Texas Czech-Slovak in 2016 and now her younger daughter will represent TWCCHS in 2019-2020 and hopefully follow in her sister's footsteps. Son, Patrick, is attending UTSA in San Antonio.

Pavlina, a native of Domažlice, CR in Chodsky region, is proud of her Czech Heritage and is making sure that her children continue learning about their Czech background. Both daughters have krojs from their mother's hometown and wear them proudly. Monika had the opportunity to study in the Czech Republic and recently the family visited with relatives still living there.

Thank you, Pavlina, for sharing your Czech joys with us. You are an amazing mom.

### *Czech Sweethearts Reminisce About Courtship and Weddings*

After the February TWCCHS meeting, several Czech couples shared stories about their courtship and weddings as part of the program for this evening. We will share highlights of their interesting and amusing stories.

Louis Zbranek, who was trying to get a date with Janie (who was not interested and thought her mother would not approve), went to Cepcar home and after speaking to her mother in Czech, got his date with Janie. This led to their courtship and eventually marriage. They have been married for 52 years and still enjoy going to dances.

Gilbert Vitek met Vlasta at the Hot Box (dance hall) in Marak when Vlasta was a high school senior. Later when Vlasta moved to Austin, Gilbert would drive his Harley motorcycle to Austin to take her on dates. When Vlasta was asked if she wasn't afraid to ride on a Harley and what it would do to her beautiful hairdo, she responded, "I wore a scarf." Their marriage has survived many adventures and both are still very active. They will be married 60 years in November.

Ted and Sarah Vitek met while both were attending Durham's Business School in Austin. Ted was impressed with Sarah's participation in class and finally asked her out. However, he had a problem of not having any form of transportation. So he spoke to his roommate who owned a car and was able to borrow it. On another date, he used his scooter and when it was time to take Sarah home, the scooter would not start. So he walked her home. Apparently their courtship and marriage has overcome many obstacles because in April they will be married 57 years.

Frances and Jim Petter as well as Velma and Richard Pavlasek also shared their stories. We are very fortunate that so many couples who are enjoying so many years together. May God continue to bless you with many more happy years.



**Gilbert and Vlasta Vitek  
on his motorcycle during their  
courtship over 60 years ago.**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Here we are in March known as Březen in Czech and the month when nature waits to spring forth into greenery and new life—from the word březí. The weeds in my yard are very green and the azalea bushes have buds. I hope the extreme cold temperatures killed the weeds and my azalea bushes are protected by the covers I gave them. We are very fortunate that we have not seen weather conditions like a lot of the other states have experienced.

Our February meeting and program was very interesting and amusing. Thank you Czech Sweethearts for sharing your stories. Thanks to Dotty Davis and Sarah Vitek for the delicious refreshments. Welcome new member, Rose Prestridge.

Speaking of memberships, it is important for all of us to promote our Czech heritage and what better way than to be a member of an organization that does just that. The dues help to provide funds so we can show our support for the young Czech queens and offering a scholarship to a senior of Czech descent. So if you haven't already done so, please show your support and send in your 2019 membership dues of \$16 for Adults and \$4.50 for Youth (under 18) to:

**TWCCHS      c/o Alice Klepac      124 Holstein St.      Hutto, TX 78634-2121**

**Deadline to be listed in State CHS directory is March 15, 2019.** So don't delay, send today.

Thanks to Brazos Valley CHS for a very enjoyable day from watching West Historian Dancers, Parade of Krojs and of course the crowning of Miss Texas Czech Slovak Queen for 2019. Your chapter earned a gold star.

**MARCH MEETING:** Be sure to come to our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Taylor at the Taylor Bay Seafood & Steak restaurant on 200 W. Lake Drive and meet Andrea Cavanagh who we will crown Miss Travis-Williamson CHS queen for 2019-20. She and her sister, Monika, wore their authentic Czech Krojs to the state meeting in Bryan and made us very proud that they represent our chapter.

Uvidime se!

*Eileen Rosipal*

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

March 17, 2019 TWCCHS meeting at Taylor Bay Seafood & Steaks, 200 W. Lake Dr. Taylor, TX at 12 noon

March 30, 2019 TOCA AWARDS at TCCHC in La Grange at 4 p.m.

April 17, 2017 TWCCHS meeting at Pflugerville Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

## **MESSAGE FROM EDITOR**

Love is still lingering in the air from our February meeting and now Spring is headed this way with a blast. Just can't make up its mind if it wants cold or warm weather. Don't forget the time change on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Easter is on its way and I hope you are preparing for Lent and the coming of Christ.

Now is the time to reach out to past members and invite them back. We need the entire group of great Czechs to help us keep our chapter thriving and not let our Czech heritage slip by. We need the young people to keep it going but we need the "wise" to teach them about our culture. We have a candidate for Queen to prepare her reign as queen, so how about helping and supporting. Come to our March meeting and meet Andrea Cavanagh. She is sweet, delightful, funny and is ready to represent our chapter. Also, come to meet her Little Sister who will be ever by her side. Hope to see you in March.

Na Shledanou,

***Dotty Davis***, Editor TWCCHS



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