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Dobry den

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year.

Irene Szwarc, Marsha, and I attended the CHS state meeting in Taylor in December. It was a very nice meeting, and the tribute to soldiers from the Taylor area was memorable. Our Lavaca Chapter will host this event on November 14, 2020 here in Hallettsville.

I am pleased to mention that our Queen and Little Sister, Bett and Lara Hermes, will be competing at the February state meeting in El Campo, Texas. I encourage you to attend as it is a very nice event. I want to thank Janis Hrcir for presenting at our last meeting about Czech traditions during Christmas. It was very informative and very well done.

If you have not sent your 2020 dues (adults \$15, youths \$3) to Margaret Kallus please do so. Her address is on this newsletter. At our next meeting, August Janak, a CHS member will speak about his life experiences and Czech traditions growing up in Lavaca County. I hope to see you at the meeting!

James

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Meeting and Queens Contest

February 22, 2020 in El Campo, TX

Tarock Tournament

March 8, 2020 at the KC Hall

Coordinator: Kathleen Chovanetz

Polka Sausage Fest

March 20, 21, and 22, 2020

Queen and Little Sister to present gifts at mass.

Scholarship Contest

Coordinator: Harvey Matusek

Next Meeting April 5, 2020 at the KC Hall

Queens Pageant & State Meeting

The pageant and meeting will be hosted by the CHS Wharton Chapter in El Campo on February 22nd. Again I strongly encourage you to attend being that we have a queen and little princess from our chapter competing in the event. The winner of this state of Texas event will represent Texas for the next year and will also travel to Nebraska to compete in the national event. There will be plenty of kolaches, display booths with Czech items, raffles, and a silent auction.

Tarock Tournament

This year's tournament will be March 8th at the KC Hall, and Kathleen Chovanetz will coordinate. This event requires a lot of help including running the event and food services. The event will be catered but our Chapter will help with the kitchen and provide deserts for the breakfast and lunch. We will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

2020 State Events

- State Executive Meeting on January 18, 2020
- Queens Pageant & Membership Meeting on February 22, 2020 in El Campo. Registration begins at 8 am, 14221 FM 961 Rd., El Campo, TX 77437. This event will be hosted by the Wharton Chapter.

Next Meeting Speaker

The speaker at our next meeting will be August Janak, member of our CHS Chapter. He will speak about his experiences growing up in the Czech culture here in Lavaca County including his military career and beyond. Social to follow; please bring a dessert for szacina.

2020 Dues - Adults \$15 , Youths \$3, Send to Margaret Kallus

2020 Meetings

- ❖ January 12th: 2 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- ❖ April 5th: 2 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- ❖ July 12th: 2 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- ❖ October 11th: 11 am at the Sacred Heart Parish Center
- ❖ November 14th: TCHS state membership meeting at Sacred Heart Parish Center
- ❖ December 6th: 11 am at the Sacred Heart Parish Center