

# TWCCHS ZPRÁVY DOPIS

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Ahoj! TWCCHS Members,

If you missed the April meeting you really missed a good one! We packed the house so to speak—we filled every seat available in the private meeting room at the Texas Bay Seafood Restaurant. We had 30 members and 10 guests. It was great to see so many people there. Monica and Queen Andrea Cavanagh introduced their father, Edward Cavanagh and he was welcomed by the members. “Little Sister” Sophie Hyzak and her family, Michael, Stephanie, Katie and Matthew were there cheering on our new queen and little sister.

We covered all business including the crowning of the Queen and Little Sister prior to eating the delicious food we had ordered. We had such a wonderful attendance and lots of visiting during this time. We of course, wish it was like this at every meeting. The meeting place is a neutral place to meet for all of our members whether they come from Taylor, Round Rock, Austin, or Georgetown. We were so happy to see all of our Taylor members and their guests and look forward to seeing you again soon. The Pflugerville Recreation Center has been remodeled so we may have more room.

## CHAPTER HAS CROWNING AT MARCH MEETING

TAYLOR: At the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, members did not see St. Patrick but did get to see some precious young ladies. After a brief meeting, Andrea Cavanagh spoke to the membership as to why she would like to represent our chapter as queen and she went on to describe the kroj she was wearing and had chosen while on a recent visit to the Czech Republic. Some of the items belonged to her family while other parts of the kroj were purchased in the Chodsky region.

Monika Cavanagh, Miss Texas CHS Czech/Slovak 2016, did the honors of crowning her younger sister, Andrea, Miss Travis-Williamson CHS 2019-20. Katie Hyzak, Texas CHS “Little Sister” 2016, placed a crown and sash on her little sister, Sophie Hyzak. Members enjoyed watching Sophie’s excitement in being “TWCCHS Little Sister.”

Our chapter looks forward to the excitement these two young ladies will bring as they represent the Czechs in Travis & Williamson Counties. TWCCHS members assured Andrea and Sophie of their support.



Katie Sophie Andrea Monika



## MESSAGE FROM MISS TRAVIS-WILLIAMSON CHS 2019-20

Dobrý den! Jmenuju se Andrea Cavanagh and I was crowned Miss Travis-Williamson Counties Queen for 2019-2020 this month. I am honored to represent such a supportive chapter in the next state competition. I have attended the past three state competitions eagerly waiting, and now I am so grateful that the time is finally here. Through this competition, I hope to spread the knowledge I have of my Czech heritage, study the intricate history of Czech, travel to more events around the state, and meet more Czech-Americans. I am very proud of this chapter and my heritage, and want to ensure that I can represent it as best as I can.

As many of you may remember, my sister Monika Cavanagh held the state title in 2016. Because of this, I have gotten to know most of the members in this chapter and I have realized that each one of you is just as supportive as the next! I would like to thank all of you for encouraging both my sister and me throughout these competitions. We could not have done it without you, and I will try to use the experience I gained in the future competitions. I would also

like to say thank you to my little sister, Sophie, for being one of the most vibrant, passionate little sisters I have seen.

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As for me, I am currently a high school junior in an Early College Program at Central Texas College. In school, I am involved in Math & Engineering club, Photography, Student Council, National Honor Society, Psi Beta National Honor Society, a Youth Advisory Commission, and volunteer at my community theatre and college theatre. I am super excited to go through the State CHS Queen pageant in February 2020 and get out of my comfort zone.

*TWCCHS members congratulate Andrea and Sophie and look forward to an exciting future. We know that both of you will make us proud.*

**TWCCHS MEMBERS HONORED AT TOCA AWARDS**

LA GRANGE: Two of our members were honored with TOCA awards at the TCHCC on March 30, 2019.

Our chapter selected Annette Mikolaj Kohoutek for this honor because of her years of dedication to preserving our Czech heritage and culture. She has sewed krojs for choir and as well as TWCCHS members. She came up with a kolache recipe made in the bread machine and has made dozens of these melt in your mouth kolaches and buchtas for various bake sales. She has served as Treasurer and Historian for our chapter for several years. Annette is also an active member of K.J.Z.T. Society #93 and K.J.T. #112.

Austin Czech Historical Society selected Dotty Davis to receive this award from their organization. She served as secretary for two years and then volunteered to be president when the organization was struggling to stay alive and served for two years. She coordinated the Ceske Večer twice which is a big event for this group. She as served as vice-president for TWCCHS and currently she is vice-president for TCGS. Even though Dotty was not born Czech, she is a truly Czech at heart.

We congratulate both of these outstanding Czech ladies and thank them for their years of support.



**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IN PFLUGERVILLEE**



TWCCHS will meet at the Pflugerville Recreation Center, 400 Emmanuel Rd., on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m. After a brief meeting and refreshments, we will be participating in Czech Bingo.

We are still taking membership dues for 2019. If you haven't renewed or joined, please send your \$16.00 to

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Uvidime se! *Eileen Rosipal*, TWCCHS President

**CZECH EASTER BREAD- MAZANEC**

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| ¾ cup milk                             | lemon for zest                    |
| ¾ cup granulated sugar                 | 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter |
| 3 tsp. yeast                           | 1 egg                             |
| 4 cups all purpose flour               | 3 egg yolks                       |
| ¼ tsp. salt                            | ½ cup raisins (I prefer golden)   |
| Topping: 1 egg yolk and sliced almonds |                                   |

Heat the milk in microware until lukewarm (about 40 seconds) and add t tsp. sugar from the ¾ cup sugar to the milk and then the yeast. Mix and let stand 10 minutes.

Take the sugar, flour and salt and put in large mixing bowl. Add zest from entire lemon. Melt the butter in microwave for about 30 seconds or so and put into flour mixture. Add the beaten whole egg and 3 egg yolks. After the 10 minutes are up, add the yeast mixture to the dry ingredients, butter and eggs. Mix with the mixer for about 10 minutes making sure that all the flour is mixed in.

Add raisins until all are mixed in. Take dough out of bowl and put a little flour in bowl and put dough back in bowl. Cover with cup towel and let rise for 1 ½ hours in a warm place. After the rising, cut dough in half. Work dough on board and fold until all air is released and create a round ball. Place on parchment covered baking pan and flatten the dough to create a oval shape loaf. Proceed with the other half of dough. Cover both loaves with towel and let rise another 1 ½ hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut a cross on top with kitchen scissors if you wish and brush the top of dough with a beaten egg yolk and cover top with sliced almonds. You could also make the shape of a cross on top with the almonds instead of the cut. Bake for 30 minutes and poke a wooden skewer to make sure the dough is completely baked. If not, add 3 minutes. Let cool, slice and enjoy.

**EDITOR'S REMARKS**

Come to the next meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> and polish up on simple Czech by playing Czech Bingo. At our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have our plant exchange and you can learn about different plants. We are also learning a Czech prayer suggested by CHS to be said at meetings. This prayer is non-denominational and has special meaning. With daylight savings time, you won't be driving in the dark so venture out and join in the fun. Be sure to mark your calendar with these two dates.

Na Shledanou,

*Dotty Davis*, TWCCHS Editor