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ŠT'ASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK

Here we are into a New Year, 2020! It doesn't seem so long ago that we reached 2000 and now 20 years later our lives have changed and we have had to make some adjustments due to age. But with God's help we continue to live life to the fullest. We certainly need God's help to correct all that is going on in this world. Sometimes it is difficult to listen to the news and hear about the terrible things happening. We especially need to pray for our children and their children so that this world can go back to being the kind of world which our ancestors were searching for when they came to the United States. Good clean living with many hopes and dreams.

Have you made your New Year's resolutions? Will you be able to fulfill them to the end of the year? I guess we can all give it a good try. May the New Year bring you good health, much happiness and hope for the future.

DECEMBER TWCCHS MEETING

Our chapter gathered on December 18th at 6 p.m. at Pok-e-jo's Restaurant for our Christmas gathering. Attendees enjoyed the good food and wonderful fellowship. After a very brief meeting, Kay Bouska presented a Christmas Trivia game where members searched for the correct answers. Frances Petter answered the most questions and was awarded a prize. Then Kay led us in singing Czech and English Christmas songs.

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 08, 2020 Meeting of TWCCHS Board of Directors, 804 Monterrey Place, Austin, TX
Jan. 15, 2020 TWCCHS meeting at Pflugerville Community Center, 7 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I sincerely hope that you and your family had a very blessed Christmas and Mikulas brought you what you asked for this year. Rushing to get everything done by Christmas Eve and then driving to Dallas, I felt like I was spinning round and round. Thank God that the traffic was not bad going and coming back. Maybe in 2020 I can settle down and get things done in a timely manner.

I plan on making a pot of Black-Eyed Pea soup on Tuesday because my mother always told us that the more black-eyed peas we eat on New Year's Day, the more good luck you will have that year. I am not taking any chances.

I found the following weather proverbs in "Czech Reflections" and I remember my dad telling us about some of these predictions:

"A green Christmas means a white Easter." **Well, after I raked some of the many leaves off my front yard, there was some green grass there. So I don't think we will have to worry about snow for Easter.**

"Snow on Christmas brings a good hops crop." **This is not good news for the beer drinkers in Texas.**

"Rain on New Years brings snow on Easter." **Well, the weatherman predicted that it will rain on New Years.**

"Clear day on St. Paul's Day (January 25) means a bountiful year. **We will have to wait and see.**

This book also mentioned that it was customary on New Year's Eve to eat twelve grapes at each of the twelve strokes of midnight especially in the wine-producing areas of Czechoslovakia. This was said to bring prosperity in the New Year. So maybe all of you that enjoy a good glass of wine now and then, might want to continue this Czech custom. You can also use raisins, which are dried grapes, instead of the real grapes.

The treasurer has informed me that only 29 members have renewed their 2020 membership dues. So I hope and pray that the other 47 current members send in the form and check as soon as possible. Also, let us see if we can reach our goal of 80 members in 2020. Remember that in February we will have our queen hoping to reach her goal of being the next Miss Texas Czech/Slovak queen. It should be an exciting year for our chapter.

Št'astný Nový Rok! May God bless you abundantly.

Eileen Rosipal