

CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF TEXAS
State Membership Meeting
Chapter Report

Chapter Name: Brazos Valley

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Please record below your Chapter's past accomplishments, events, and activities since the last State Membership Meeting (i.e., from Spring meeting to Summer meeting; Summer meeting to Fall meeting; and Fall meeting to Spring meeting):

Czech Language Classes – Spring 2016

The Czech Language classes for Spring 2016 began on January 25. It has been a very successful semester with many topics covered and a class size that has grown from the fall semester. Jan Benes has continued to serve as the instructor this semester with Tomas Pansky helping out. This semester the students have continued to learn more basic Czech phrases, basic conversation skills, Czech numbers, and a few Czech verbs.



BVCHS Valentine's Day Dance

The BVCHS hosted their annual Valentine's Day Dance on February 14. The event was well attended and was a terrific success. The Praha Bros band played polkas, waltzes and two-steps. Ronnie Horcica of KAGC Czech Polka Time served as the Master of Ceremony. The dance lasted from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm, and the BVCHS members provided plenty snacks and drinks to share. Everyone had a wonderful time!



Kolache Baking Class

On March 12, 2016 Stan Vitha once again served as instructor for the Spring Kolache baking class. The class taught how to make genuine Czech kolache from scratch with homemade fillings. In addition to the kolaches they made in class, each of the students received recipes and a wealth of knowledge to take home with them.



April 2016 BVCHS Chapter Meeting

On January 21 the April BVCHS Chapter Meeting was held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Activity Center. The meeting covered several important items. The group discussed the July State CHS Meeting which will be hosted by the BVCHS. Summer Czech language classes were also discussed. Tomas Pansky provided a special cultural presentation from his recent trip back home to the Czech Republic. The presentation included many pictures and sparked interesting dialogue in regards to the life and times in the Czech Republic. Finally, the first ever Novak-Zaeske Scholarship was awarded to Fallon Wenck.

Novak-Zaeske Scholarship

The first ever BVCHS Novak-Zaeske Scholarship was awarded to Fallon Wenck during the April Chapter meeting.

Fallon graduated in May 2016 from A&M Consolidated High School with the following honors: Summa Cum Laude, AP Scholar with Distinction, Distinguished Achievement Graduate, National Merit Commended Scholar. Fallon has been a member of the Brazos Valley Czech Heritage Society since 2003. As Head Drum Major of the A&M Consolidated Band, Fallon lead the Tiger Band throughout her senior year. She is also a varsity athlete and is Vice President of the A&M Consolidated Mountain Biking Team. Fallon has been very active at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church as well, where she was a youth volunteer and served on the Pastoral Council. Fallon will be majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M University and is the daughter of Fred and Cheryl Wenck of College Station.



Upcoming Events

- Fall Czech Celebration will take place on October 9, 2016
- The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 2, 2016

For more information and to stay up to date on Chapter events, please visit the chapter web-site at bvchs.webnode.com.