

**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):**

**BVCHS Mardi Gras Dance**

A Mardi Gras dance was held on February 26 at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center in Bryan. Chris Rybak and Band performed for the event. The band entertained all in attendance performing country & western, polka, folk and classic music and a good time was had by all.



**March 2017 BVCHS Chapter Meeting**

On March 23 a BVCHS Chapter Meeting took place at the IHOP restaurant in Bryan. The main topic of discussion was hosting the Stribrnanka tour in April. The 2017 BVCHS Scholarship and future meetings were also discussed.

### **Kolache Baking Class**

On March 25 the annual Kolache Baking Class was held at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center. Stan Vitha once again served as the instructor. The class taught how to make the dough and the fillings, how to properly shape the kolache, the difference between the original Czech and the Texas versions and also where the name “kolach” comes from. In addition, the class baked salty crescent rolls (Rohilky) for lunch.

### **BVCHS hosts Stribrnanka**

On April 25 the BVCHS was proud to host Stribrnanka. The Stribrnanka is a brass band from the Czech Republic that is currently touring the state of Texas. The event took place at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas. The concert tour is supported by the University of North Texas, with funding provided by the CEFT (Czech Educational Foundation of Texas), Frank J. and Hermine Hurta Kostohryz Residency in Czech Music and Culture, as well as the Dr. Jim J. and Rose A. Bezdek Endowment Celebrating Czech Music and Culture.

### **Graduation Party for Jan Benes**

On May 16 the BVCHS was honored to celebrate the graduation of Jan Benes, Fellow of the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas Hlavinka Fellowship and BVCHS class language instructor. Jan received his Master’s Degree in English from Texas A&M University. The celebration took place at the Bavarian Brauhaus in Bryan.





### **May 2017 BVCHS Chapter Meeting & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On May 21 the BVCHS held a Chapter Meeting and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center in Bryan. The afternoon began with a meal. Following the meal, there were special commemorative presentations by chapter members and a historical presentation. In addition, the 2017 BVCHS Novak-Zaekske Scholarship was awarded and a membership meeting took place.

Emily Hubacek was awarded the 2017 Novak-Zaekske Scholarship. Emily is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Hubacek and is the granddaughter of Margaret Hubacek. Emily is a graduating senior from Bryan High School. Emily is an outstanding student ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in her class and an outstanding athlete competing as a member of the Bryan High School Varsity Volleyball and Softball team. Emily is also a Girl Scout, has received multiple academic and athletic honors, a member of the National Honor Society and an active member in her church youth group. She will attend Texas A&M - Corpus Christi starting this fall and plans to study Early Childhood Development in the hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher. She will also have an opportunity to be a part of the TAMU-CC volleyball team as a recruited walk-on.



Emily Hubacek with her parents, Richard and Lisa Hubacek

### **Upcoming Events**

- The next BVCHS Chapter Meeting is scheduled for September 19
- The BVCHS Polka Mass, Dinner and Dance will occur on October 8

For more information and to stay up to date on Chapter events, please visit the chapter web-site at [bvchs.webnode.com](http://bvchs.webnode.com).