

# **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**

During the summer months an informal language class again took place at multiple locations around town to continue to build the appreciation and knowledge of the Czech language for all who attended. On September 11 classes started for the fall semester and the BVCHS is proud to continue to offer Czech Language Classes. The classes are taught by a teacher from the Czech Republic. This semester they will be taught by Jan Benes, the CZECH Education Foundation of Texas Hlavinka Fellowship selected fellow student. Jan recently graduated with his Masters in English at Texas A&M University and is now working on doctoral courses. All levels of students are accepted, beginners are welcome. The classes take place from 7:00-8:30 PM on Monday nights and are located at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Activity Center.

#### **BVCHS Chapter Meeting**

A chapter meeting took place on Tuesday, September 19 at the IHOP Restaurant in Bryan, Texas, dining began at 6:30 PM with the meeting following. The meeting included a Cultural Presentation from Stan Vitha. It covered Prague Spring 1968 post-war history of Czechoslovakia, Stalinism in the 50's, the reformist movement, the invasion of the Soviet Union and other friendly armies in August 1968, the era of "normalization" in the 70's and events leading to the Velvet Revolution in 1989. What do beer and ice hockey have to do with this? The presentation was very well received by all who attended and spurred a very interesting conversation about Czech history and life during those times. The meeting also summarized the BVCHS events from the spring and provided a foundation for the events to come this fall.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- The BVCHS Polka Mass, Dinner and Dance will occur on October 8
- The BVCHS Baking for Christmas Bread class will take place on October 14
- The next BVCHS Chapter Meeting is scheduled for November 5
- The BVCHS will once again participate in Brazos Valley Worldfest on November 18

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).