

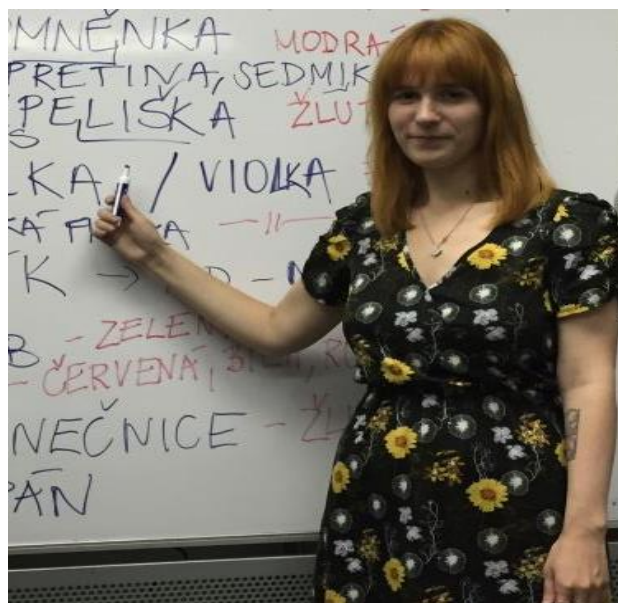
September 22 - Český Hlas report

Brazos Valley Chapter Report
by Marie Dulak

Brazos Valley Czech Heritage Society (BVCHS) held a membership meeting on May 20, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Activity Center (PAC). A meal of roasted chicken provided by the society with an assortment of side dishes furnished by the membership was served to 35 members and 3 guests in attendance. Jo Ann Zaeske, Membership Chairperson, reported BVCHS currently had 92 members and noted the chapter had 10 Second Generation and 3 Third Generation memberships. Czech cultural presentations were given by Dr. Zora Bravenec and Dr. David Chroust. Three \$500 each 2018 Novak-Zaeske Scholarships were awarded to Luke Hubacek and Rebekah Hubacek of Bryan High School and Alaina Kohring of Brenham High School. Upcoming events were announced including our chapter hosting the Summer State Czech Heritage Society (CHS) Meeting and Genealogy Conference. Members were asked to attend and help with the meeting.

On July 28, 2018 BVCHS hosted the 2018 Summer State CHS Meeting and Genealogy Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church PAC. There were 99 CHS members and approximately 39 guests in attendance. BVCHS secretary, Lynette Urbanovsky led the membership in singing the American and Czech National Anthems. During the State Meeting, CHS 2018 Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Danielle Blattman and 2018 Miss Texas Czech Little Sister Emma Elkins were introduced and spoke about the upcoming Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in Wilber, Nebraska. During the Genealogy Conference, Jane Magill gave a presentation on "DNA as a Tool in Genealogy," Frank and Marie Dulak, BVCHS members, demonstrated "Researching the Czech Archives" using the internet and provided resources for the attendees to use in working with the archives and BVCHS member Ronnie Horcica presented a talk on "Czech Heritage of Music, Dance and Social Activities". During the meeting and conference, the youth members and guests watched the Czech Movie "Krték" and participated in educational projects under the direction of Tomas Panský and Lynette Urbanovsky, chapter members. A Silent Auction sponsored by BVCHS was held during the conference with many items donated by society members and other CHS chapter members. With this meeting being a Statewide Membership Drive, an anonymous donation of \$900 in cash prizes was divided between the chapter with most new members to join (\$300), the member who brought the most non-member guests (\$300) and 3 new members who joined on July 28th (\$100 each). BVCHS won \$300 for signing up 17 new members that day and Margaret Hubacek, BVCHS member, won \$300 for bringing the most non-member guests. In the afternoon, the Praha Brothers of Temple provided music for everyone's dancing and listening enjoyment. Thanks to all the members who worked to make the CHS State Summer Meeting and Genealogy Conference a success.

Fall Czech Language Class sponsored by BVCHS in conjunction with the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas (CEFT) started on September 10, 2018. Tereza Walsbergerova, the CEFT William J. Hlavinka fellow at the Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts, is the instructor (učitelka). She is a student from the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic.



Tereza Walsbergerova

Our September 16, 2018 meeting was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church PAC with 14 members in attendance. Jo Ann Zaeske, Membership Chairman, reported the chapter currently has 113 members which includes the 17 new members joining on July 28th.

The following chapter upcoming events were discussed:

September 29, 2018 – Dance Lessons – Polka, Waltz and Two-Step by Tomas Panský.

October 6, 2018 – Kolache and Fruit Dumpling Baking Class. For more information contact Stanislav Vitha at 979-587-1777 or bohemia2012@aol.com.

October 14, 2018 – Czech Heritage Month Celebration –

Polka Masses – 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bryan, Texas

Catered Dinner – 1:00 p.m.

Dance with music by The Moravians of Ennis, Texas.

Dinner and Dance – Adults: \$15.00. 12 and under: \$6.00.

Dance Only: Adults: \$9.00. 12 and under are free.

To make reservations by October 7, 2018 or for more information contact Jo Ann Zaeske at 979-224-4434 or Lynette at lurbanovsky@gmail.com.

October 21, 2018 – BVCHS Membership Meeting – St. Joseph Parish Activity Center, Bryan, Texas

October 27, 2018 – Brazos Valley Worldfest – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.- Brazos County Expo Center, Bryan, Texas

December 4, 2018 – Hosting “The Cunning Little Vixen” - A comic opera that incorporates Moravian folk music and rhythms as it recounts the life of a clever fox and accompanying wildlife, as well as a few humans and their small adventures while traversing their lifecycles.

Following the meeting members in attendance enjoyed refreshments and socializing.