

Czech The NEWS – San Francisco



Ambassador Petr Gandalovič as speaker at Reagan Library

Dear Friends in Bay Area,

In the coming days we will be commemorating a very important anniversary. The Czech Republic will celebrate the famous Velvet Revolution and the end of communist oppression in our country. I still remember the memorable date, November 17, 1989, and following days very well. I participated as a student with my friends and colleagues at the demonstration, remembering the death of Jan Opletal, a Czech student killed by Nazis 50 year earlier in 1939. More than 50,000 people, including many young students, showed up unexpectedly at the event and the Communist police brutally attacked us later that night. This was the beginning of their end.

We all know what followed. The students and the Czech actors went on strike and decided enough is enough. The leader of the opposition movement, Václav Havel, formed so called Civic Forum and invited everybody to participate in a new society. On December 29, 1989, just six weeks after the start of the Velvet revolution, the dissident Václav Havel became a new president of our country. It is not a coincidence, that the U.S. Congress will honor Vaclav Havel on November 19 by permanently displaying Havel bust in the U.S. Capitol building in Washington DC.

We will commemorate this 25th anniversary of the Velvet revolution and the end of communism in our country with a series of events. The kick-off of this celebration of freedom just took place a few days ago, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

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25th Anniversary of Velvet Revolution

This fall, the Czech Republic and other European nations will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution and the end of the Communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe. The Czech Consulate will offer series of events such as panel discussions, film screenings, and exhibitions to celebrate the end of Communism in our country. On this occasion, the Czech Ambassador to the United States Petr Gandalovič also visited Los Angeles.

The year 1989 was one of the most crucial years of the modern European history. It is also the year of the **Velvet Revolution**, a non-violent transition of power, which ended 41 years of Communist rule in the then-Czechoslovakia. The Communist Party relinquished power after hundreds of thousands of Czech citizens demonstrated for 12 days. Václav Havel, the dissident playwright, who led the revolution before becoming president, played quintessential role in this fight for freedom and human rights.

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On Tuesday, October 21st, the Consulates General of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, together with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, organized a panel discussion remembering the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The event was opened by the president of the Reagan Foundation, John Heubusch, and the Czech Ambassador in Washington DC, Petr Gandalovič, as one of the panelists. The event was a great success, more than 400 people attended, including the former California Governor Pete Wilson and many other VIPs, as well as more than 150 American high school students who were able to learn a valuable lesson or two about the end of the Cold War.

I hope some of you will be able to join us for other events commemorating the Velvet Revolution during November. A concert of the renowned violin virtuoso Ivan Ženaty will take place at my residence on November 9th, an exhibit of the famous photographer Josef Koudelka will be presented at the Getty Center in Los Angeles starting November 10th, and an exhibit of the Czech painter Zdeněk Balcárek, followed by a screening of a new Czech/American movie called "November" will be shown on November 17, 2014 at 6pm at the Consulate in LA.

The Petrof Music Series continued successfully with the invaluable support of BayCzech, Sokol San Francisco and the Czech School of California this fall. We enjoyed a great performance of a popular Czech soprano Martina Kociánová and her two colleagues, Sára Bukovská and Oldřich Vlček at Stanford in early October. On this occasion, I would like to thank Pavel and Barbara Šoltysovi, BayCzech leaders, Jara Dušátko, Sokol president, and Michaela Žučková and Helena Cinková from the Czech School of California for all their assistance.

I really enjoyed the celebration of the 110th birthday of Sokol San Francisco in September. It is always a great pleasure to meet so many Czech compatriots living so far away from our home country devoted to keep their Czech heritage alive. The spirit of the celebration was fantastic and I thank all Sokol members for organizing and participating in such a happy event. I already look forward to attend the Christmas Luncheon organized by Czech and Slovak California Club and the Czech Banquet and Gala in Foster City. Saturday November 8, 2014 promises to be a great day for all Czechs living in Bay Area.

The Holiday season is also approaching. I am excited that the Czech school in Bay Area will be organizing a Mikuláš celebration on December 6, 2014 and Christmas Party on December 20, 2014.

I would like to thank the Czech Honorary Consul General Richard Pivnicka and Linda Janourova-Tang and all other supporters of the school for all their efforts in helping the Czech language education in Bay Area. Please, keep checking our Facebook page and our website: www.mzv.cz/losangeles for more details and up to date information regarding all our events.

Michal Sedláček, Consul General

"Fair Play" Compete for Oscars



Czech drama "Fair Play" (2014, 100 minutes), directed by Andrea Sedláčková, has been selected as the Czech entry for the Best Foreign Language Oscar at the 87th Academy Awards. Sedláčková's newest feature is set in Czechoslovakia in 1980's and follows a nineteen year-old sprinter who gets involved with the state-controlled doping program during the country's normalization era.

This auspicious Czech film will be showing on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 10:30 am at Laemmle Royal Theatre (11523 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025). A popular Czech actress Aňa Geislerová ("Želary") will be available for Q&A session after the screening.

Admission is free but registration is required at: mediaplanrsvp@gmail.com

As a special treat, the Czech That Film festival will present "Fair Play" in its 2015 edition.

"Fair Play" will compete with 82 other contenders for the 2014 Oscar Award in the Best Foreign Language Film category. The Oscar nominations will be announced on January 15, 2015. Fingers crossed!



Consul General Sedláček at the Sokol 110th Anniversary Celebration

25th Anniversary of Velvet Revolution

The first event in the series of events commemorating the fall of Communism in Europe was a special program called “**25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall**“ organized by the Consulates General of the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Republic of Poland, with a kind support and patronage of the famous Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. The event **took place on October 21st, 2014 on the premises of Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley** and attracted more than 400 guests including former California governor Pete Wilson, several former US congressmen, Ventura County supervisor Peter Foley and many Consul Generals from Los Angeles. More than 150 local high school students also attended the event and learned some valuable lessons about the end of Cold War.

This celebration was opened by remarks of Mr. John O’Sullivan, the director of the Danube Institute in Budapest, and followed by a panel discussion with the Czech Ambassador to the United States Petr Gandalovič, Hungarian Consul General for New York Ferenc Kumin, and Adam Michnik, former dissident who played a very important role as relentless opponent of the communist regime in Poland, explaining why the Wall fell and what its end meant for nations on both sides of the Wall.

Another event that will commemorate this significant anniversary and hopefully appeal to a wider Czech community in LA is a screening of the **Czech movie “November” (Listopad)** depicting a story of a spirited friendship during the Czech Republic’s 1989 Velvet Revolution. The screening will **take place at the premises of the Czech Consulate in Los Angeles on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by the opening of the exhibition of Czech painter Zdeněk Robert Balcárek, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Balcárek’s paintings are based on his personal memories and experiences illustrating the sociopolitical environment and sovereignty violations that were specific to Czechoslovakia under the previous regime. The opening will be followed by a discussion with the author and a screening of the movie.

Both Washington D. C. and New York also offer an array of events commemorating this important date in the Czech history, as well as honoring the spiritual leader of this transformation process, former Czech President Václav Havel.

On November 19, Washington D. C. will host a **Conference on Václav Havel’s legacy** moderated by the former Czech Ambassador to the United States Michael Žantovský. The high level panelists, including Secretary Madeleine Albright and Senator John McCain, will focus on Havel’s political legacy. The Conference will be followed by **unveiling of the Václav Havel Bust in the U.S. Congress** attended by Honorary Chairmen President George H. W. Bush, President William J. Clinton, and President George W. Bush. The Czech official delegation will be led by the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Bohuslav Sobotka and the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Jan Hamáček, who will also attend the evening reception “**Velvet Celebration**” taking place on the premises of the Czech Embassy.

The commemoration events present a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on the importance of freedom and remember the great courage of those who fought for it. As former President Václav Havel put it: *“The fall of the Soviet empire is an event on the same scale of historical importance as the fall of the Roman Empire.”*



John Heubusch, Executive Director
of Reagan Presidential Foundation



All panelists at Reagan Library



Ambassador Gandalovič

California Czech and Slovak Club Celebrates Successful 2014

California Czech and Slovak Club has been very busy this year. Our traditional Spring Feast – Jarní Slavnost was this time dedicated to film and filmmakers. The main hall of Willow Pass Community Center in Concord was nearly full despite the furious rainstorm. Our guests included among others Consul General Michal Sedláček and his family as well as Honorary Consuls Richard and Barbara Pivnicka. Guests joined to sing Czech, Slovak and American anthems. American composer/singer Erick Macek and his Danish keyboardist came all the way from Los Angeles to perform his own music and some well-known Slovak folk songs. As usually, Jerry Sedivy and his crew from DJ Bistro from Concord prepared true Czech specialties – the pork roast with sauerkraut and dumplings, known as “vepřo-knedlo“, real Hungarian goulash and vegetarian lasagna. Pavel Soltys had a great presentation called Czech and Slovaks in Hollywood. The afternoon was highlighted by a visit of famous Czech film maker Jan Hřebejk.

This summer, California Czech and Slovak Club organized a family camping trip. Children had a chance to enjoy camping in „czechoslovakian style“ with games, songs, food and fun just like their parents remembered it from the years of their youth. The camping took place near Arnold at the foothills of Sierra Nevada.

In October, CCSC invited two members of folk dance group Karicka from San Diego to participate in what we called Slovakian Feast. DJ Bistro prepared wonderful traditional cabbage soup called „kapustnica“ and Anka and Lenka, garbed in folk costumes entertained the dining guests with accordion and folk songs. Everybody then joined nearby Octoberfest in Clayton, where festivities continued.

We are in full preparations for our next big event, **2014 Christmas Luncheon, which will take place on November 8th from 11am to 4pm in Elks Lodge Walnut Creek.** The theme this time will be Health and Wellness. **Our musical guest will be world-known violin virtuoso Ivan Ženatý** and we heard from unidentified sources that Saint Nicholas, or Svaty Mikulas, and his companions, will make their appearance as well. Everybody is welcomed. Please visit www.californiaczechslovak.com or www.bayczech.com for details how to purchase tickets and how to participate in our Christmas Fair.

Barbora Soltys, President



California
Czech and Slovak
Club

2014 Christmas Luncheon



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California Czech and Slovak Club

Consul General of the Czech Republic, Los Angeles
Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic, San Francisco/Silicon Valley Honorary Consul, Slovak Republic, California

Pražák String Quartet in San Jose

The San Jose Chamber Music Society presents the Pražák String Quartet, from Prague, performing Haydn's Quartet Op.71/#1, and Smetana's Quartet #1 "From My Life" – then joined by pianist Gwendolyn Mok for Schumann's much-loved Piano Quintet, Op.44 – **on Saturday, November 15th, 2014, at 8:00 pm in downtown San Jose.** Pre-concert talk at 7:15pm by Roger Emanuels.

The Pražák Quartet is a Czech string quartet established in 1972. It is one of the Czech Republic's premiere chamber ensembles. It was founded while its members were still students at Prague Conservatory. The quartet was awarded First Prize at the Evian International Competition in 1978 and the Prague Spring Festival Prize in 1979.

Info & tickets in advance at www.sjchambermusic.org - or at the door starting 7:00pm concert day.

Sokol San Francisco Celebrated Its 110th Birthday!

Saturday the 6th of September at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City was a day of meeting of old friends and making new ones, of dancing and talking, enjoying good food and showing and seeing beautiful National Costumes. Sokol San Francisco was celebrating its 110th birthday and managed to do it in style.

There were many guests from around the whole United States, among them Mr. Petr Gandalovič, Ambassador of Czech Republic, Sister Jean Hruby, President of American Sokol, Czech Consul General Mr. Michal Sedlacek and Honorary Consul General Mr. Richard Pivnicka as well as Slovak Honorary Consul Ms. Barbara Pivnicka. And of course, Sokol Brothers and Sisters and friends from Northern California, Los Angeles and from as far as Portland, Oregon. Members of Sokol San Francisco were preparing this action for many months and got also a much appreciated help in the form of a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Old Sokol memorabilia, pins and trophies were welcoming guests in the lobby and everybody could also watch a slide show of Sokol activities from hiking and climbing to social events like dances and dinners and the kids enjoying their stay at the Dinkey Creek Camp. The National Czech and Slovak Museum's exhibition reminded us why and when the Czechs and Slovaks were emigrating to the United States and how they started their new lives.

Children had their role at the celebration, too. Six years old Audrey Bain accepted an Award for her art sent to the International Children's Exhibition Lidice 2014. And children from the Czech School of California entertained all guests with their Czech songs. Sokol collaborates closely with the Czech School and as of this year, first student is benefitting from a newly funded Sokol Scholarship.

The National Costumes ("Kroje") Show was probably the main attraction of the day. Sister Yvonne Masopust from Sokol Los Angeles brought part of her rich collection for the show and many kroje, not in use for a long time, were found by Sokol San Francisco members. Sister Yvonne accompanied the show with qualified ethnographic comments. Information about the history, colors and style of the dresses, aprons and head covers added more depth to the beautiful show. Everybody seemed to have a wonderful time as it is supposed to be at a birthday party.

Zelmira Zivny



Audrey Bain accepting her Lidice 2014 Price from Czech Consul General Michal Sedláček.



A bouquet of colors and smiles on the picture taken just after the Kroje show.



Ambassador Petr Gandalovič with Consul General Michal Sedláček at Sokol Celebration.

Join Us For the 2014 Czech Banquet and Gala

The Czech School of California is off to another busy school year, with lots on the horizon for students and supporters of the School to look forward to this fall.

On Saturday, November 8th, the School will be hosting its largest benefit event, the second annual 2014 Czech Banquet and Gala, taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. The event promises to be an extraordinary evening, featuring world renowned entertainment by award-winning singer Yanna Fabian and violin virtuoso Ivan Zenaty, a very special performance by some of the School's talented students, as well as a silent auction brimming with something for everyone! The Gala will be preceded by a VIP cocktail reception, which will be an exclusive opportunity for select guests of the Gala (who purchase special tickets) to meet and mingle with some of the most successful individuals of Czech/American ancestry from the tech, government, art and entertainment sectors from throughout California. Though tickets for the Gala and VIP cocktail reception remain, they are limited, so be sure to get yours early on the Gala's website at: www.czechinstitutesf.com.

And then in early winter, in keeping with classic Czech holiday traditions, the School has, once again, invited the beloved **St. Nicholas (Mikuláš) to come to our Palo Alto campus on December 6th**, to ask children whether they've been good throughout the year. Children will receive a sweet treat from the delightful angel (anděl) who will also be present, while some kids might have to answer to the fear-instilling devil (čert)! Parents who would like to have these three characters make a home visit within the Bay Area, will also have that option on the day prior by reservation with the School.

Finally, **on December 20th, the School will host its annual Christmas Party, "Vánoční besídka," from 3pm - 6pm at the community center in Redwood Shores.** In addition to class performances by all of the students from our School, we will have a special appearance by Lenka Leon, an aspiring local writer, blogger and animal lover whose story "My Boyfriend Bob," was recently published in Chicken Soup for the Soul – The Cat Did What? For more on Leonka and her work, please visit: <http://czechchickdiary.wordpress.com/>

As always, for more information about our School or any of the events we have in the works, please visit our website at: <http://www.czechschoolofcalifornia.com/>

We look forward to seeing you in class or at one of our events soon!

Michaela Zuckova
President of the Czech School of California

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Photographer

CzechTech Startup Evening with Czech Ambassador

On September 7, 2014, the Czech Ambassador Petr Gandalovič, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Los Angeles Michal Sedláček and an innovation delegation from Prague met at the house of Richard Pivnicka, Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, and Barbara Pivnicka, Honorary Consul General of the Slovak Republic, to hear from some of the best and brightest of Czech startups. It was a chance to network and exchange ideas with tech leaders and investors in startup ventures from around Silicon Valley and based farther afield—since the evening was timed to coincide with the TechCrunch Disrupt conference in San Francisco, a top draw globally for those interested in the future of business and technology.

The evening at the Pivnickas included a special program that singled out a handful of Czech startups who were asked to give a two-minute elevator pitch on what makes their ideas and business models compelling. Audience members then voted on the best presentation. The audience favorite was Blindshell, producer of a “simple, cheap and intuitive smartphone application for visually impaired users.” The technology reaches easily across languages for adaptability to Android phones around the world.

Also on display, giving the evening a special cool factor: a scale model of the world’s most advanced flying car, being developed by Slovak startup AeroMobil, which has brought accolades from the likes of *Wired Magazine* and *The Washington Post*, which recently declared, “The race for the flying car is officially on.”

For a fast ride that keeps its wheels on the ground, Lightning Motorcycle in San Carlos, Calif., brought a full-size state of the art electric motorcycle: the LS-218 sportbike, which is the world’s fastest production motorcycle, gas or electric. Ambassador Gandalovič had a chance to try out the motorcycle, which in August was clocked at over 218 mph during Speedweek at Bonneville—with all of its power supplied by a solar charge.

As a licensed pilot, the ambassador also brought a special appreciation for the Aeromobil flying car, with its efficiency and simplicity of design. The car is road-ready with foldable wings, and can take off and land from airports anywhere—even a grass strip as short as 250 meters. The technology is there to start building now, says AeroMobil cofounder Juraj Vaculik—who in 1989 played a role in the student movement of Czechoslovakia’s Velvet Revolution. To bring the dream of flying cars that we’ve had for years to reality, it’s primarily a matter of meeting the needs of regulators.

The Czech Ambassador accompanied by the CzechInvest delegation also visited the TechCrunch Disrupt and met with leaders of several Silicon Valley companies (Oracle, NetSuite etc.) during his stay in Bay Area.

Visitors at the startup evening got a preview of what’s to come. At the end of October, at the Pioneers Festival in Vienna, Aeromobil unveiled its 3.0 model. See it in flight for yourself at <http://bit.ly/13qEKJW>.

Richard Pivnicka
Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic



Photo (left to right): Ambassador P. Gandalovič and Director of Investemnt Division at CzechInvest P. Pospíšil with Czech companies.

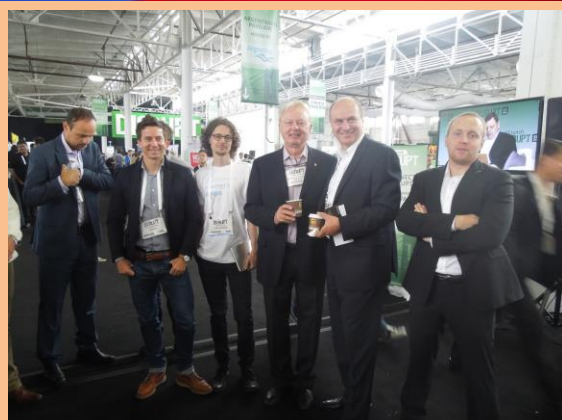


Photo (right to left): CzechInvest SF R. Horáček, Ambassador P. Gandalovič and Honorary Consul General R. Pivnicka with Czech companies.

Opening of the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic in Arizona

At a ceremony in Phoenix, AZ, on October 22, 2014, Mr. Slobodan Popovic was officially presented with his Consular Commission and became the new Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for Arizona and New Mexico. This is the first time that Czech presence in Arizona and New Mexico has increased in the form of a Honorary Consulate. The key guests at the opening ceremony were Petr Gandalovič, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the USA, Ken Bennett, Secretary of the State of Arizona, and Jim Lane, Mayor of the City of Scottsdale where the consulate is located.

The new Honorary Consulate will promote bilateral commerce, trade and tourism, facilitate cultural exchanges and further compatriot affairs. The mission will provide assistance to Czech citizens in emergency situations and will perform notarization of documents for use in the Czech Republic. Office hours are by appointment.

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Josef Smyček, Consul



Photo (right to left): Ambassador P. Gandalovič and Honorary Consul S. Popovic in front of the new Honorary Consulate in Scottsdale, AZ.



Photo (left to right): J. Dusatko, O. Vlček, M. Kociánová, B. Šoltys, M. Žučková, S. Bukovská and P. Šoltys

Petrof Series Big Success in Stanford

The fantastic performance of popular Czech mezzo-soprano singer Martina Kocianová accompanied by violin virtuoso and conductor Oldřich Vlček and a well-known pianist Sára Bukovská called “*Flowers of Czech Music in Prague*” brought the audience to its feet at Stanfords’ Brown Music Center. The early October concert was a part of the Petrof Concert Series, a cultural program celebrating Czech music in California for almost four years. The attendance exceeded all expectations. Guests had a pleasure of listening to the well-known works of Czech masters of classical music such as A. Dvořák, B. Smetana, L. Janáček and B. Martinů.

On this occasion there is a big thank you to Pavel and Barbara Šoltysovi, BayCzech leaders, Jara Dušátko, Sokol president, and Michaela Žučková and Helena Cinková from the Czech School of California for organizing this successful event.



Sokol Family Camp in Dinkey Creek Summer 2014

Every year Pacific District of the American Sokol Organization (ASO) sponsors Sokol Family Camp for Sokol members, their families and friends from Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco. The camp is located in Sierra Nevada Mountains - 50 miles east from Fresno at 5,700 feet above sea level. This year in August, fifty people enjoyed one week at the camp, in a beautiful scenic environment.

The camp setting is simple but functional. Most families stayed in two separate dormitories, divided into ten cubicles with canvas curtain for privacy. The camp includes a fully equipped kitchen with a large walk-in refrigerator for families to prepare their own meals, along with a spacious dining hall used for eating, socializing, playing games or dancing.

On the first day, Mr. Otto Notzl, an experienced and dedicated camp director, welcomed all campers, explained camp rules, and highlighted available options in activities.

Swimming in several natural pools was a big attraction ("Honeymoon Pool" became the favorite), a drive to Shaver Lake with access to a beach, picnic area, and boat rentals. The first small hike was a visit to Ghost Town, originally a sawmill that closed in 1977. The most ambitious and popular outing was an all-day hike in wilderness to Dinkey Dome. This year the group was made up of 12 strong hikers: 7 adults and 5 children, the youngest one was nine years old.

Otto also organized games for the children, such as a treasure hunt, a ping pong tournament, and throwing balls at the target (cans). Karin Sargis, a teacher from the Czech School of California, prepared games and songs in Czech language.

A brand new activity this year was a warm-up at 8:00am – attended mostly by grandmothers and grandfathers (the real "Sokols"), who wanted to keep their bodies healthy, reduce stress, release endorphins, and also to have the energy to continue accompanying their grandchildren to the camp in the years to come!

Seven adults and seven children from Sokol San Francisco enjoyed a lovely week in beautiful nature and friendly camp company.

Jara Dusatko



Sokol Family Camp attendees enjoyed many outdoor activities.



Acquisition of the Czech Citizenship by Declaration in accordance with Section 33 of Civil Code - Submission Deadline

Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by the declaration may be requested by the person who was born in the period from October 1, 1949, to May, 7 1969, outside the territory of then-Czechoslovakia and one of his/her parents was the Czechoslovak citizen at the day of birth and therefore on January 1, 1969, he/she became or would become a Czech citizen.

Please note that such request can be filed no later than one day from the date of entry into force of this Act, meaning January 1, 2015.

Further information how to apply can be found at http://www.mzv.cz/losangeles/cz/konzularni_informace/nabyti_statniho_obcanstvi_prohlaseni_dle.html

November 2014**December 2014**

November 8, 2014 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm – Christmas Luncheon in Elks Lodge Walnut Creek

(1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek, CA)

For details call at 925-285-1317 or send email at californiaczechslovak@yahoo.com

December 6, 2014 at 10:30 am – Sokol Annual Meeting at Crowne Plaza

(1221 Chess Dr, Foster City, CA 94404)

November 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm - 2014 Czech Banquet and Gala at Crowne Plaza

(1221 Chess Dr, Foster City, CA 94404)

Tickets at www.eventbrite.com

December 6, 2014 – St. Nicholas Day of Czech School at Palo Alto Campus

November 15, 2014 at 10:30 am – Sokol Walk for Health

(Sunol Regional Wilderness Area, Sunol)

for details call Milos Zivny cell 510-710-4076

December 20, 2014 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm – Czech School Annual Christmas Party at the community center of Redwood Shores

November 15, 2014 at 8:00 pm – Pražák String Quartet Concert in San Jose

(Le Petit Trianon Concert Hall, 72 No. Fifth St., San Jose CA 95112)

Tickets at www.sjchambermusic.org or by voicemail 408-286-5111

December 27, 2014 from 6:00 until 11:00 pm – Sokol Dinner - Dance End of the Year at Crowne Plaza

(1221 Chess Dr, Foster City, CA 94404)

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