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Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the history, language, culture, and heritage of Texans of Czech ethnicity.

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The mission of the TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. is to provide a central facility for the preservation and promotion of the history, language, culture and heritage of individuals of Czech ethnicity who can trace their ancestry to the Czechs who immigrated from the present day Czech Republic or former Austria-Hungary (including Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Silesia), to honor those immigrants, and to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes.

The goals of the TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. are:

To educate the public about the past and present contributions and status of persons of Czech descent

To encourage the study and preservation of the Czech language, fine arts, music and dance

To provide for the preservation and exhibition of artifacts that are historically significant to the Czech people of Texas

To provide a library and archives for the collection and preservation of books, newspapers, periodicals, family histories, research material, photographs and all printed data of historical significance to the Czech people of Texas

To provide adequate space for gatherings, meetings and educational activities for the benefit of the Czech people of Texas

To encourage and promote a cultural exchange program between the Czech people of Texas and the citizens of the Czech Republic

To provide the public with updated information regarding Czech-related activities and historical sites in Texas, the United States and abroad.

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President's Letter
April 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Tribute to The Czech-Texas Immigrants on Sunday, May 21, 2023. See flyer with details in this issue. If your ancestors have not been recognized in past years, it is still time to submit their names. Certificates will be presented during our Ceremony at 10:30 AM. Send information to info@czechtexas.org by May 12.

As part of our Slavnost (May Fest) & Tribute Celebration on May 21, 2023, we again invite the Czech-founded organizations of Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) to set up a display on the front lawn during the day. This will give each organization an opportunity to share the ways each one preserves Czech history and culture. We are grateful to the members of these organizations who have preserved Czech heritage and culture in Texas for many years, some over one hundred years. Since the formation of TCHCC in 1997, members of these organizations became volunteers and loyal donors to support the development of a state-wide Texas Czech Center. Their enthusiasm, support and dedication made TCHCC a loving tribute to our Czech ancestors. Some volunteers and supporters have been with us since our beginning. We thank them and all supporters who helped us over these many years.

Plan to bring the whole family to spend time walking through the Czech Village. The vintage buildings represent the early days of our ancestors and will be open during the celebration. The Mary Magdalene Chapel Museum and the Blacksmith Shop in progress are on the tour. You may also want to schedule a family reunion at TCHCC during one of our festivals or plan a day to research your Czech roots in the Melnar Library.

We are grateful for your donations and grants that have made it possible for us to continue our projects.
Sincerely, Retta Slavik Chandler, President



TCHCC President
Retta Slavik Chandler

Elizabeth Patalik has chosen to recognize Fr. Marcus Valenta this year and honor him with the Flag Sponsorship. Perhaps someone else may like to do the same for someone they respect next year. See the last page of the newsletter for details.

FATHER MARCUS A. VALENTA was born of a Czech father (Leo William Valenta), who died before he was one year old, and a German mother (Margaret Hermes) at Sweet Home, Texas on June 26, 1905. Being brought up by his German relatives, he did not learn the Czech language. He attended St. Louis College (later called St. Mary's College), San Antonio from 1922 to 1923 and next studied at St. John's Seminary, San Antonio from 1923 to 1926, where he expressed a desire to join the class in Czech, but he was about to continue his studies in Rome, Italy, and Latin of course. He studied at the American College in Rome in 1926 to 1930 and was ordained a priest there on December 21, 1929.

He served as assistant at St. Ann's Church, San Antonio from August 14, 1930 to 1933; next as Chaplain of the "Tree Army" (Civilian Conservation Corps, the C.C.C.) from June 15, 1933 to 1934; next as administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Rockne, Texas July 15, 1934 to 1935; next as administrator of the (Italian) St. Francis di Paula Church, San Antonio from 1935 to 1940. On October 19, 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as Chaplain.

Service carried him in the middle of 1941 to Honolulu on Oahu Island, Hawaii, and Canton Island. He lived through the horrors of December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and ministered to the casualties. He saw service at Leyte, Saipan, the Solomon Islands and Okinawa. He was present at the Japanese surrender on August 5, 1945 and served as Chaplain in the Army of Occupation in Japan. He had refused transfer and promotion, in order to stay with the assault troops across the immense combat zones of the Pacific. He served throughout World War II and holds the longest overseas combat-zone record of any Chaplain in the history of the U.S.A. He returned to the U.S.A. on January 3, 1946 and was in the Active Reserves in February 15, 1946.

He served as pastor of St. Philip's Church, El Campo, Texas with mission of St. John at Taiton from April 1, 1946 to 1955 and from then to 1980 as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Praha, Texas, where he sponsored a solemn Armistice Day observance with the cooperation of the Army.

He was a lifetime Chaplain of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association and annually promoted the solemn military observance of Veterans Day Service at Praha. The traditional solemn celebration of the parish Feast of the Assumption on August 15 on the actual date, Sunday or weekly, attracting thousands of former parishioners and their descendants and friends from far and near.

Rev. Marcus Anthony Valenta died on September 9, 1984 in Houston and is buried in Queen of Peace Cemetery, Sweet Home, Texas. (Short Biographies of Czech and other Priests in Texas, Msgr. Alois Morkovsky, 1982.)



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PRESENTS

Preserving the Czech Language around the World: Texas Czech Legacy Project



An illustrated talk by Prof. Lida Cope

Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center
Hanslik Hall:

Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6 PM

Friday, May 12, 2023, at 2 PM

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The presenter will review the historical waves of Czech emigration around the world and focus on the language and culture in the historically Czechs communities in Texas. She will discuss efforts to document the dying dialect of Czech Moravians who started arriving in Texas in the second half of the 19th century, the discovery of Svatava Pírková Jakobson's 1982 documentary, and the challenges in promoting and preserving Czech language, culture, and identity in the English-speaking world.

Lida Cope is a professor of applied linguistics at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Her areas of expertise include first language attrition, language contact and diaspora, and language documentation. Her research examines the questions of language, culture, and identity in historically Czech Moravian communities in Texas. Dr. Cope directs the [Texas Czech Legacy Project](#), housed at the University of Texas at Austin, whose main objective is to build an open-access corpus of Texas Czech speech. Her recent publications include a comprehensive overview of Czech communities around the world *Language loss: Czech in the diaspora* (co-authored with Robert Dittmann of Charles University, BRILL 2020) and *Taking Stock and Looking Forward: Documenting a diasporic variety of Czech in Texas* (*Naše řeč* [Our Speech] 2021).





Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Event Center Presents

Slavnost

"May Fest"

Sunday May 21, 2023

Meal Served starting at 11:30 a.m.

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(Continuation from the cover)

ROBERT AND CAROL SVRCEK
TCHCC 2023 TOCA Recipients

Carol and Robert Svrcek have been volunteering at TCHCC for over 15 years. Carol is always on hand to help where needed during our events and is usually one of the last ones in kitchen cleaning up after a long day of serving food. Robert now serves as chairman of our food service at events. He can also cook great hamburgers on a grill. His planning and coordination have been a tremendous help especially during Slav-nost and the Heritage Festival. He also is on hand anytime we call him and is known to wear many hats in volunteering for TCHCC. We greatly appreciate the time that both have devoted to promoting our Czech heritage and developing the Czech Center here in La Grange.

They are both proud Czech Texans. Robert's ancestors emigrated from Trojanovice, Moravia in 1881. Robert's grandfather, Robert Minarcik, was a World War I veteran.

He was gassed by the Germans and never fully recovered. Unfortunately, Robert did not know him.

Carol's father, Ludwig Sulak, was a World War II veteran who served in France and Belgium. He once saved his lost starving platoon because he was the only one who knew how to butcher. He too suffered the effects of service with bad circulation in his legs and shrapnel in his head.

Robert and Carol, married for 41 years, have three children: Chad & his wife Adrian, Lesley and Travis of La Grange and two grandchildren. Robert retired from HEB where he served as Unit Director of the La Grange HEB Store for 27 years. Robert and Carol began volunteering after he retired from HEB. Carol retired after working since age 15. She worked as a secretary for insurance agencies and other offices. Both remember their early jobs of picking cotton. Carol has long been a coordinator for the Sacred Heart Church with Second Chance Emporium since 2008 and currently helps the other churches when needed. Carol is a member of CDA and serves as Vice-President of the Sacred Heart Altar Society.

They are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of La Grange and Sts. Peter and Paul of Plum. Robert is Rosary leader before Mass. He is also a past Grand Knight of the La Grange K of C Council. He is a member of the 4th Degree and is co-chair of work group #5 for the past 39 years. He works with A.M.E.N. All of the family are members of KJT.

We thank Carol and Robert for sharing their expertise and time to promote Czech heritage for future generations, their commitment to their church, and the work they do in the community.



RVOS DONATION

RVOS - Farm Mutual Insurance Company presented a donation of \$5,000.00 to TCHCC.
L-R Front: Dennis Vanek, John Bartos, Retta Slavik Chandler, Tom Stavinotha, Irene Sulak,
Kenny Sulak. Back row: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Wilson, J. G. Hrncir

TEXAS BLACKSMITH CONFERENCE & TEXAS ANTIQUE GAS ENGINE REUNION

January 28 & 29, 2023

The conference was held on the grounds of TCHCC and consisted of exhibitors, displays and demonstrations of blacksmithing and antique engines. Live music, vendors, concessions and a live auction were all part of the day.

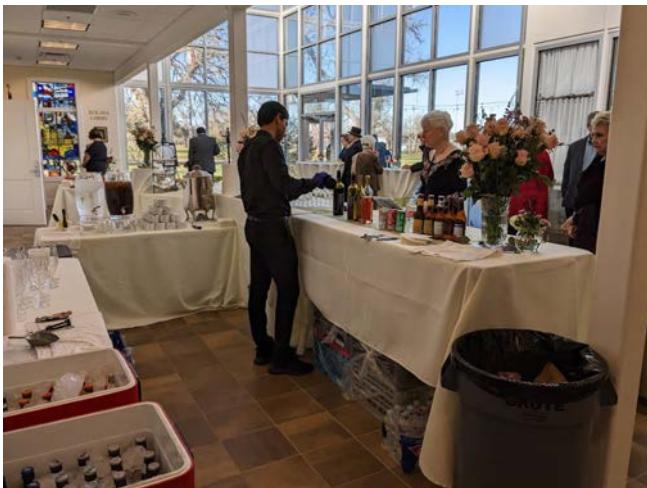




On March 28 & 29 volunteers began construction on the Blacksmith Museum. Pictured bottom left: Walt Walicek, Mark Hermes, Reinhard Mueller, John Bartos and Sue Archer. Reinhard and Sue came down from Wisconsin to volunteer their time.

ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER AND CONCERT

The dinner and concert was held in the Hanslik Hall on February 11, 2023. The event began at 4 PM with appetizers, drinks and socializing. After a catered dinner prepared by Celebrations Events & Catering of La Grange and wine provided by Rohan Meadery, Blue Mule Winery, and Rosemary's Vineyard & Winery, John Dujka performed symphonies and Czech songs on the grand piano to the delight of all attending.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY





2023 TOCA Awards Appreciation

The Annual TOCA Awards Appreciation Reception and Dinner was held in the Fair Pavilion on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Texans of Czech Ancestry was founded in 1986 by Calvin Chervenka, Glenn Hutka, and Jerry Valchar. The organization continues to recognize valued volunteers yearly.

This year's presentation was conducted by Past President Tom Stavinoha. Sponsors included RVOS - sponsor of the hall rental; SPJST- sponsor of the wine and cheese table; KJT- sponsor of the beer table; and KJZT Family Life music provided by Henry and Susan Machicek.

NOT PRESENT TO RECEIVE HER AWARD WAS CYNTHIA PUSTEJOVSKY, RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD FROM CEFT.



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PAST PRESIDENT TOM STAVINOHA.



ST MARY MAGDALENE CHAPEL MUSEUM

St. Mary Magdalene Chapel that was built on the site of TCHCC had a private viewing on March 12, 2023. The event was held to recognize the monetary donors Benjamin and Doris Koliba. The chapel was built by Weaver & Jacobs Construction Company, Cuero, Texas. The history of the chapel was presented to the board members, volunteers and guests.

TCHCC President Retta Chandler read a history of the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene which is fashioned after the one in Mnisi, Novy Jicin, Czech Republic. Rev. Stephen Nesrsta offered the opening and closing prayers and offered an insight into the life of Mary Magdalene. Special guests were George Kalisek and Ernest Chaloupka, Jr. who built the altars.

A reception followed in the Hanslik Hall with Czech delicacies prepared and served by Pavla Van Bibber. In the foyer, Irene Cerny provided the wonderful background music. The Chapel Museum will be open to the public at the Mayfest/Slavnost event on May 21, 2023 when it will join all of the other museum buildings on the grounds and further provide a history of the Czech Texas immigrants.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHAPEL MUSEUM LA GRANGE, TEXAS

Kaple Máří Magdalény is in the village of Mniší and was dedicated in 1891. The village is linked to the activities of the Cistercian monks in the local area (hence the name of the village) and is dated to the end of the 13th century when it was established by Cistercian Monks. Mnich is Czech for monks, hence the name. The village belonged to the Hukvaldy manor, where peasants worked for the nobility.

The village of Mniší belonged to the parish of Příborská and the dead were buried in the cemetery in Větřkovice, a neighboring village. From 1891, Mniší was added to the church in Vlčovice and the village had its own cemetery with a new chapel built on the initiative of Příbor priest Cyril Stojan. Parishioners attended the Vlčovice church until 1891 when the cemetery and the new Chapel of Mary Magdalene was consecrated on November 22, 1891 and dedicated to this patron saint of the village.

The main altar of the chapel in La Grange was modeled after late 18th century wooden altars found in many Moravian villages.

There are many early immigrants to Texas from Mniší including Jakub Holub, Jakub Pustejovsky, and Valentine Haidusek. This chapel, built on the grounds of TCHCC, has as its benefactor, a man whose ancestors also emigrated to Texas from Mniší. Benjamin Koliba's great grandfather Jiri Koliba and wife Anna Pustejovsky left from house #19 and arrived in New Orleans on November 11, 1880 on the Nurnberg. It was Benjamin and the late Doris Koliba's desire to fashion a chapel in Texas after the one in his ancestral village that would honor their ancestors and one that would carry on the rich tradition of the Czech immigrants who left their homeland, never to return, and begin a new life in Texas.



St. Mary Magdalene Chapel, Mniší



St. Mary Magdalene Chapel, La Grange



Donors: Ben & Doris Sykora Koliba

A PICTURESQUE DONATION



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
WAYMOND DAVIS

Top Left: Anna Marie Wier has gifted TCHCC with a painting of the Lone Oak Tree that dominates the TCHCC grounds. She previously produced a drawing of the site (See Spring 2021 edition of Nas Cesky Zivot to view the drawing). We thank her immensely. Top Right L-R: Harry Schilling, Cheryl Wier Schilling, Anna Marie Wier, Susan Wier Moore, and Brendan Moore.

MUSEUM DONATIONS

Julie Ardery & Bill Bishop: 2 CDs of Czech music

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David Chroust: Czech related books and files

Roger Kolar: Czech related books and files

Diane McRae: 30 hand made Czech information posters by Anna Spenser, 1 book

Charlotte Martin: Janish Family History

Rev. Stephen Nesrsta: Books from estate of Msgr. Emilian Foltyn

Geraldine O'Day: Czech dishes

Hattie Poole: Crystal vases and books

Bill Schovajsa: Book

Katherine Svatek: Corn grinder with wheel and shaft with pulley

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 11 & 12 "PRESERVING THE CZECH LANGUAGE AROUND THE WORLD - THE TEXAS CZECH LEGACY PROJECT". Presenter Dr. Lida Cope. Thursday 6 PM, Friday 2 PM in Hanslik Hall

May 21 TCHCC SLAVNOST "MAY FEST" AND IMMIGRANT RECOGNITION CEREMONY
Tribute to the Czech Immigrants to Texas - 10:30 AM
Immigrant Wall Stone Recognitions and Wreath Laying
Fried Chicken Dinner \$12.00
Music by Donnie Wavra & Friends Orchestra 11:30 AM - 4 PM
Booths by Czech Founded Organizations, Concessions, May Pole Dance, Car Show, & More!

October 20-21 TCHCC HERITAGE FEST.
Friday: Music on the Deck 4-9:30 PM. Chicken & Dumplings served at 5:30 PM
Saturday: Hospoda Entertainment- Jodie Mikula Orchestra, Car Show, Antique Farm Show, Demonstrations, Children's Activities, Food, Drinks, & More.
Amphitheater 7-9:30 PM: The Legend Series Featuring Bob Wills 55th Anniversary Tour Show
Fireworks Finale 9:30 PM

December 2 TCHCC ANNUAL GALA - Pavilion Hall 6-9:30 PM
2023 Honorees, Catered Meal, Silent Auction, Raffle, Music & More!

December 9 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - 10 AM - 3 PM
Svacina in the Hanslik Hall, Vintage Decorations, Czech Village Decorated, Gift Shop Specials