

Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club



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**Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club, CAGC, c/o Frank Vogel, P.O. Box 11201, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1201**  
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The Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club (CAGC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, dedicated to genealogical research of peoples of the geographical area formerly known as Czechoslovakia. CAGC encourages cooperative research, but does not provide professional (for fee) research services. Meetings are held the first Sunday of the following months: February, April, June, October and December, 1:30 - 4:00 PM. Normal meeting place is Jagerhaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92806 (Ball Road west of 57 Fwy.). One meeting is at Czech Point Restaurant, 1981 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Seating limited; reservations required; guests welcome. For information/reservations contact Annette Gathright by Friday preceding the meeting at 714.970.8935 or E-mail at anettka@aol.com.

President's Message

Greetings to all CAGC members, and friends.

For those following what has been happening this year involving CAGC, you will see that many of us were busy with Czech related events. To start the year, we had our annual dinner at the Czech Point Restaurant. Thirty-three people met at the restaurant to enjoy a great Czech meal. Mark, the new owner, was busy seeing to it that we had all the hospitality they could offer. It is amazing to me that so many of us like duck.... duck fixed Czech style at that! The second favorite was the Prague pork roast with dumplings. Richard Duree, director of the Dunaj Dance Group, and dance ethnologist, came to tell us a bit about how he got involved in dancing and in particular about his dance group. Other guests included members of the Los Angeles Sokol, and CAGC members who would otherwise not get to too many of our meetings because they live on the NW side of town.

The big event that we were involved in occurred in February. Last year, John Kracha, head of the CGSI board of directors, asked CAGC members for their assistance in putting on the CGSI 2005 Winter Symposium. The result was that many of us played a part in this event. The committee, consisting of John Kracha, Jim Kallal, Frank Vogel, Chuck Pospishil, John Sustacek and myself, were assisted at the various events by a large crew of volunteers organized by John Sustacek. I want to personally thank every one on the committee for their efforts. Jim Kallal's military training helped keep us focused and on track for all events. All the other committee members diligently kept on top of all the issues that came up. The speakers were all terrific. The result was that all those attending had a great time. I also want to welcome all those who joined CAGC in conjunction with the symposium.

Now it is time to look to our own organization and put our energies into it. We need to take advantage of all the great publicity we got during the symposium and the contacts we made with others in this area interested in genealogy. To this end, I will be working on establishing a Web site that will tell those who search the Internet that we exist. We are also adding to our mailing list those who attended the symposium but are not members. Perhaps they will join us sometime at one of our meetings and will join our group. Another thing I would like to

do is organize a small workshop for members and for anyone interested in genealogical research of the Czechoslovak area. The workshop would include problem solving and help for researchers in all of the different regions.

We are also in need of help from our current members to populate our officer contingent. Currently, Chuck Pospishil, George Matas, and I are carrying the flag. But, we will need additional 'officers-in-waiting' to fill the pipeline stated by our Bylaws, and keeping the organization going. Anyone interested can talk to me, or any of the past presidents to find out just what it entails. If you would like to help with any of the projects or establish your own, please contact me to discuss them.

You will most likely be getting this about Easter, so I would like to wish you and your families greetings of the season! May you have a blessed holiday and enjoy whatever activity you have planned. I hope to see you on 3 April at our next meeting at the Jagerhaus!

Annette Gathright
2005 President
Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club

Membership Report

As of 23 March we had 34 active members (that is members who have paid their 2005 dues).

Welcome to new members: Ms. Janice DeNardo, Mr. John L. Dranchak, Mrs. Beverly Evans, Ms. Joann Jindrick, Ms. Judy M. Jiru, Mr. Robert Malinzak, Mrs. Ann E. Tress

We hope to see you all at future meetings. If you decide to attend a meeting please be prepared to tell us a little bit about yourself and what surnames and ancestral villages you are researching. If you aren't doing any research but just want to meet some very nice people from the Czech lands come to the meetings anyway! We try to make the programs fun and interesting for everyone.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year per household and are to be paid to the club treasurer at the January meeting. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now by submitting your check or cash to the club treasurer. The club does not have a formal banking account; therefore checks should be made payable to Chuck Pospishil and mailed to CAGC, c/o Frank Vogel, P.O. Box 11201, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1201. Please mark "Attention: Chuck Pospishil" on the lower left corner of the envelope.

Members in good standing receive the newsletter, access to private CAGC Web site at MyFamily.com, meeting notices and periodic mailings from the club, handouts from meeting presentations and programs and receipt of genealogical research assistance from club members.

Are your 2005 dues paid? Can't remember? Send an e-mail to Annette or Chuck or log on to the Web site at www.MyFamily.com. Click on your name to see your dues status. If there is an error please contact VP/Treasurer Chuck Pospishil.

Highlights From the 23 January Meeting

The first regularly scheduled meeting of 2005 was held at 2:00 PM the Czech Point Restaurant, 1981 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA on Sunday, January 23. Thirty-three members, friends and guests came out for the first meeting of the year. New Members: Robert and Judith Malinzak. Guests: Allen and Lupe Drysch, Richard Duree, Rocky and Kathy Hanken, Andrew and Larry Haraksin, John Krato, Bill and Natalie Zelenka (five others were incognito and failed to sign in).

Annette Gathright presided over the meeting, introduced guests, and provided opening remarks.

New CAGC officers were announced. Chuck Pospishil is the new Vice-President, George Matas is the incoming Secretary. Annette solicited nominations/volunteers for two entry-level board members to serve as alternates for 2005. The club needs participatory membership if it's to survive and grow! There are no prerequisites to serve as a club officer. If interested contact Annette.

Annette gave a short overview of the CGSI 2005 Winter Symposium scheduled for 12 February.

Annette discussed the CAGC member database that the club management is developing. Labeled the 3-R's Book, for Roster, Research and Resources. So far we've received little response from members. Primary purpose of the database is to help members with their research. Without knowledge of the surnames, ancestral villages and related information they are looking for; others can't pass on information when they run across it in the course of doing their own research.

Chuck Pospishil gave the Secretary's report.

John Sustacek asked club members to volunteer to help at the CGSI 2005 Winter Symposium to be held 11-12 February 2005 at the Orange Family History Center.

Richard Duree, director of the folk dance group "Dunaj" talked about the dances they perform and how he became interested in folk dances of central Europe. The Dunaj Dance Group will be the post dinner entertainment at the CGSI 2005 Winter Symposium.

Program For 3 April Meeting

The 3 April meeting will be held at 1:30 PM at the Jagerhaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92806 (Ball Road west of 57 Fwy.). Seating is limited, therefore reservations are required and guests are welcome. For information/reservations contact Annette Gathright by Friday preceding the meeting at 714.970.8935 or E-mail at anetka@aol.com.

Czech Genealogical Society International Board of Directors Chairman John Kracha will give a round up of the CGSI 2005 Winter Symposium that was held February 12th at the Orange Family History Center in Orange, CA. John has been involved in all four CGSI Winter Symposiums and is in a good position to tell us how this last one measured up to the others. In addition, he'll talk about what is happening in CGSI - the upcoming conference in Czech Republic and Slovakia and the status of genealogy research in the archives in the Czech Republic.

Czech News

New Addition to Czech National Library – Chronicle of Dalimil

The Czech National Library recently acquired a unique medieval manuscript –the Chronicle of Dalimil – that relates the history of Bohemia. The manuscript, which dates from around 1340, was purchased at a rare book auction in Paris for nine million crowns. It tells the stories of King Borivoj the First, his grandson – Good King Wenceslas – and of other medieval royals. For more info go to <http://www.radio.cz/en/article/64514>

Source: *Radio Prague Online Newsletter*, 18 March 2005

Czech & Slovak Culture

Easter in the Czech Republic

The following Web sites provide a good overview of the traditions and customs followed in the Czech Republic during the Easter holiday:

http://www.myczechrepublic.com/czech_culture/czech_holidays/easter/index.html

<http://www.radio.cz/en/html/easter.html>

The Web

Web cams

Check out what's happening in your favorite town using real time web cams:

World Live Webcam Directory: <http://www.worldlive.cz/en/>

Czech Republic Webcams: <http://www.worldlive.cz/en/webcams-29-czech-republic>

Prague – Charles Bridge: <http://www.lavka.cz/webcam.asp>

Czech Webcams: <http://www.dobruska2003.com/>

Calculators for Genealogists

Calculate the Relationship Between Two People - Select the relationship of each person to their common ancestor. <http://www.iroots.net/tools/cusncalc/>

Birthdate Calculator - If you know the age and date of death, this site can tell you the birth date.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnkin/bdate2.htm>

Life Expectancy Calculator - Calculates life expectancy, based upon ancestry, diet, exercise, exposure to smoke (both primary and second-hand), and much more. The calculator is based on a poll of many centenarians and can be found at <http://www.agingresearch.org/calculator>.

Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 10 January 2005 and 21 March 2005

Photographs of Cities

Independent photographer's shots taken around the world. Countries are indexed, and then go to various cities within the country. USA is indexed by state in alphabetical order - then cities. <http://www.worldcityphotos.org>

Source: Thanks to CAGC member Shirley Fraser for submitting this piece.

The CAGC Calendar

- March 27, 2005 Czech Catholic Mass at 1:15 PM, at the John Paul II Polish Center. Lunch after the service for only \$8.00 or Czech-style hot dogs for \$4.00 (including Czech dessert and coffee). Czech or American beer and soft drinks for extra charge. For further information contact Rodger Visek at 626.288.9414 or Frank Vogel at 714.542.3002 or by E-mail at fjvogel@hotmail.com
- April 3, 2005 Regularly scheduled CAGC meeting at 1:30 PM at Jagerhaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92806 (Ball Road west of 57 Fwy.). For more information about the Jagerhaus Restaurant call 714.520.9500 or go their Web site at <http://www.jagerhaus.net/>. Reservations are required please contact Annette Gathright at 714.970.8935 or E-mail at anettka@aol.com.
- April 10, 2005 American Sokol Los Angeles Spring Czech-Moravian-Slovak Lunch and Dance 11:30 AM TO 5:00 PM, San Fernando Elks Lodge, 804 Pico Street, San Fernando, CA. For more information call Eva Pilik at 323.876.0583 or E-mail ASLA4u2@aol.com
- May 21, 2005 Duquesne University Tamburitzans will be performing at 7:00 PM at Servite Theatre, 1952 West La Palma Ave., Anaheim, California 92801. Tickets are \$10 - \$25 and can be ordered by calling 714.832.7470 or 714.531.6610. For more information go to www.tamburitzans.duq.edu and www.annunciationbyzantine.org.
- June 5, 2005 Regularly scheduled CAGC meeting at 1:30 PM at Jagerhaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92806 (Ball Road west of 57 Fwy.). For more information about the Jagerhaus Restaurant call 714.520.9500 or go to their Web site at <http://www.jagerhaus.net/>. Reservations are required please contact Annette Gathright at 714.970.8935 or E-mail at anettka@aol.com.

The CGSI Winter Symposium

Orange Family History Center, Orange, California
12 February 2005

On Saturday, 12 February 2005 the 4th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Winter Symposium was held at the Orange Family History Center in Orange, California. A networking/socializing session was held the night before at the Anaheim/Orange County DoubleTree Hotel.

There were approximately 40 for the networking session on Friday evening. Seasonal rain showers scared off some locals who would've normally braved the freeways.

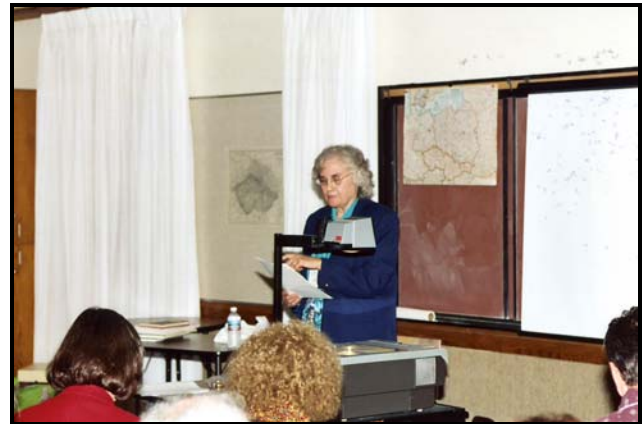
For the record, a total of 90 people, counting volunteers and speakers, registered for the symposium.

Symposium registrants staying at the DoubleTree Hotel were able to ride the hotel shuttle bus to and from the Orange Family History Center with ease and plenty of time to take in all the presentations. Approximately 20 people used the shuttle to commute to the Orange Family History Center.



Jim Kallal gives opening remarks.

Jim Kallal, CAGC President for 2004 served as Master of Ceremonies, introduced John Kracha, Chairman of the CGSI Board of Directors who in turn introduced Gene Akasmit, CGSI President. After opening remarks and some final instructions speaker presentations began at 8:30 AM.



Beth McCarty, Director of the Orange Family History Center speaks on using Family History Library resources for Czechoslovak research.

The Orange Family History Center, with its more than adequate classrooms and conference facilities, turned out to be the perfect venue for the symposium.

There were ten presentations (two per hour), each lasting about 45 minutes with 15 minutes for questions and answers.



Dawn Thurston spoke on writing a family history people will want to read.

The speakers and the presentations were all very professional and well received by symposium attendees.

CAGC 2005 President Annette Gathright spoke on her experiences with family history research in the Czech Archives.



Annette Gathright introduced Paul Bingham who gave a presentation on history and research of Tatra people.

Nancy Revak gave a presentation on the Rusyns of Slovakia.



Nancy Revak



The speaker has their undivided attention.

Peter Mirejovsky, who spoke on the history of an eastern Bohemian school, came all the way from Camrose, Alberta, Canada.



Peter Mirejovsky

A box lunch catered by a local deli was distributed at Noon at the Orange Family History Center.



Judy Broberg, Carol Mikulchik and Linda Ivanov

There were many opportunities for researchers to network with fellow genealogists.



CAGC member Rosemary Ford networking.

Interest was high, Q&A sessions after presentations often encroached on the next speaker's time. Helene Cincebeaux's presentation covered Czech and Slovak life events and genealogy.



An attendee asks Helene Cincebeaux about her paper.

Even other speakers got involved in the Q&A sessions after the presentations.



Helene Cincebeaux and Paul Bingham

Gerry Parupsky and his wife, from CGSI headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota, set up merchandise tables at the networking session at the DoubleTree Hotel on Friday evening, at the Orange Family History Center on Saturday and finally at the dinner at the hotel on Saturday evening.



Attendees checking out the CGSI merchandise table.



Paul Bingham downs his Tatra attire.

Randy Schoenberg gave a presentation on beginning research in Czech-Jewish genealogy.



Randy Schoenberg

CAGC members Jim Kallal, John Sustacek and Frank Vogel shared experiences they encountered in publishing their family histories.



Frank Vogel, John Sustacek and Jim Kallal



Barbara Bumbera Nash, Gerry Parupsky, Robert Krejci and Dave Pavelka.

Several CAGC members served as volunteers during the two-day event. CAGC members at the Friday networking session were Jennifer Beatty, Helen Ruatti, Jim and Becky Zapalac. On Saturday at the Orange Family History Center Jennifer Beatty, Judy Broberg, Shirley Fraser, Carol Mikulchik, Helen Ruatti, Glenn Wasz and Kathy Wolleson helped make the symposium a success.



Volunteers Helen Ruatti and Shirley Fraser.

The Orange Symposium Planning and Organizing team was led by co-chairs Annette Gathright and Jim Kallal and were assisted by CAGC volunteers Chuck Pospishil, John Sustacek and Frank Vogel. John Kracha, Chairman of the CGSI Board of Directors shared his expertise with the team and guided them through the symposium planning process. John also gave a presentation on using the Internet for Czechoslovak genealogical research.



John Kracha



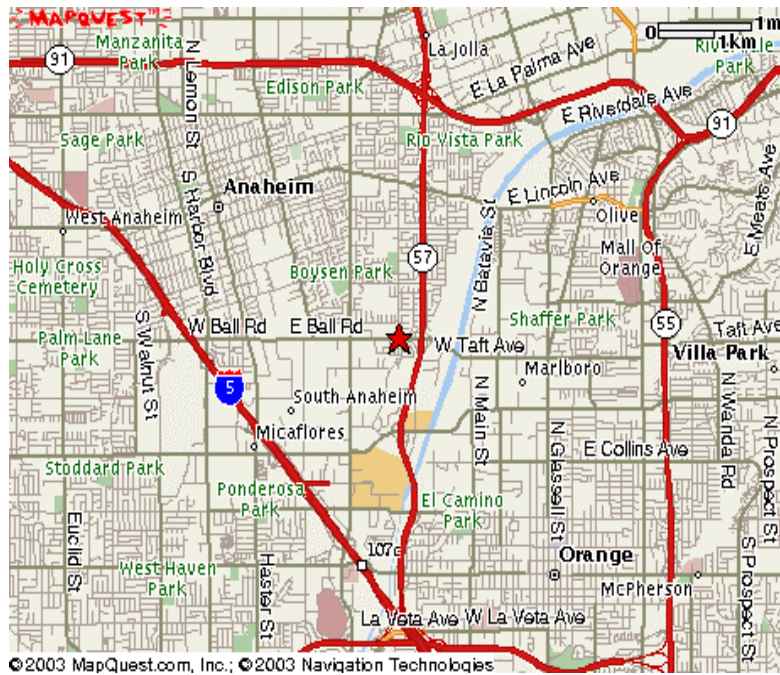
Presentations and speakers were very good.

Feedback received by symposium organizers relative to the overall symposium has been very positive and more importantly, a good time was had by all!



Frank Vogel and Jim Kallal.

Photo credits: Chuck Pospishil



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