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## **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE FEE?**

The full three-day CGSI member or non-member fee entitles registrants to attend any of the 10 sessions on Thursday, the Regional Networking/Mixer Thursday night, any of the 12 sessions each day, Friday and Saturday, the Friday and Saturday lunches, and Friday evening's Grandma's Trunk and Parade of Kroje presentations.

Registrants may register at no cost to use the CGSI Traveling Library. The CGSI vendor room, which includes the Baine/Cincebeaux Mini Folk Dress Exhibit, is available to everyone, including the public.

Registrants also will receive a syllabus with speaker handouts and a welcome packet. All registrants will be required to wear a CGSI badge, which will hold their lunch tickets, and tickets purchased for **optional** evening meals.

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## **ACCOMMODATIONS/RESERVATIONS**

The **Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel**, 191 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146, is our host hotel. There are two Sheratons in the plaza, so be sure to check in at the Westport Chalet. A block of rooms has been reserved for Conference guests. The CGSI special room rate is \$105 per night (1-4 per room) for a standard room, or \$129 per night (1-2 per room) on the concierge level, plus applicable taxes. The special rate is available Sunday, October 23, through Monday, October 31. Room types include double double (236) or king with full sleeper sofa (48). Reservations must be made by September 28, 2011 to ensure the group rate. Concierge level offers weekday continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Reserve early as room types are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Plan to include time for the Wednesday and Thursday tours, or for independent research. The hotel is a non-smoking environment in all rooms and venues.

Reservations can be made by calling (314) 434-5010 or **1-800-822-3535** and identifying yourself as being with the Czechoslovak Genealogical Conference. Or you may register via the Internet by accessing a special Sheraton Westport Chalet reservation's page on the CGSI Conference Page through the CGSI website at [www.cgsi.org](http://www.cgsi.org).

The **Sheraton Westport Chalet** has complimentary airport transportation (see below). There are 18 restaurants and entertainment venues within the Westport complex. Visit their website at [www.westportstl.com](http://www.westportstl.com). Complimentary garage and surface parking is available as well as in-room Starbucks coffee. Same day laundry and valet service are offered for a fee.

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## **TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE**

### **By Car**

The Sheraton Westport Chalet is conveniently located near Highway I-270 and Page Avenue. It is eight miles from Lambert—St. Louis International Airport and eight miles (15 minutes) from historic St. Charles. If traveling from the west going towards St. Louis, take Highway 364/64, or if coming from the south or southwest take Highway 44 to Highway 270 North. Print a route from MapQuest or Google, or bring road maps as directional guides before leaving home.

### **By Air**

Travelers will arrive at Lambert—St. Louis International Airport (eight miles on I-70 W and I-270 S). From the airport you can catch the **Sheraton Westport Chalet's** complimentary van after calling the hotel for pickup. Make certain that you provide the full hotel name as there is also a Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel within the Westport Plaza complex. For your convenience, phone centers are in the lower-level baggage claim at doors 12, 17 and 18. The airport is served by American, Continental, Delta, Southwest, United, US Airways, Frontier, Alaska Air, Air Tran and others.

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## **REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN**

Conference check-in will open at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, for persons attending Thursday's breakout sessions or planning to use the Traveling Library. Check-in will also be available on Friday and Saturday mornings. Day-of-conference registration for walk-ins will be available; however, lunches and speaker handout material may not be available depending on the numbers. Persons arriving for tours will receive temporary nametags, and they can check in later to obtain their conference badges, meal tickets, and other material.

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## **VENDOR ROOM**

You can browse through a wide selection of genealogical books, supplies, t-shirts, ethnic products, folk art, music tapes/CDs, collectibles, travel and professional research information. The CGSI will have a full complement of items, including our *History of Slovaks in America*, *History of Czechs in America*, and many other hard-to-locate ethnic books and items. Some of our speakers, supporting organizations, and other businesses will also have sales items. The vendor area is open to the general public.

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## **CGSI TRAVELING LIBRARY**

A select number of our most used library reference books and maps will be available for on-site research. We will also have books on the Czechs and Slovaks of St. Louis and nearby areas based on availability in our collection. Popular items include, 1651 Religious Census, 1653 Berni Rula census (both cover only Bohemia), Leo Baca's nine-volume *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists*, gazetteers, auto atlases, *History of Czechs in America*, *History of Slovaks in America*, CGSI published surname indexes, and the St. John Nepomuk Czech Catholic, Holy Trinity Slovak Catholic and St. Lucas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church histories.

Reservation tickets for individual library sessions will be available at the registration table. Session times will coincide with the presentations given on Thursday through Saturday. The library **will** be closed during the lunch period. Volunteers will be available to assist in explaining reference material. Translators will be available upon advance request to review materials you have photocopied.

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## **MINI EXHIBIT FROM BAINE/ CINCEBEAUX CZECH AND SLOVAK FOLK DRESS COLLECTION**

Helene Baine Cincebeaux, from Rochester, New York will provide detailed information about each of the folk dress outfits, headdresses, scarves and other articles of clothing in her mini exhibit. If you have questions about what material went into making a specific item, when it was created, what occasions it would have been worn, or what area of the Czech or Slovak Republic it was made, be sure to ask.

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**TRANSLATION SERVICE**


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Persons fluent in Czech, Slovak and German will be available to help translate brief documents or summarize longer documents, time permitting. The translators will charge a fee for their services. A sign-up process will be used for different language needs. If you know now that you need assistance, make a notation on the registration form. If you want to volunteer your language skills please let us know. Translators will be working in the Networking/Hospitality Room.

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**NETWORKING ROOM**


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The Networking Room will be used for translation assistance, sharing information with fellow researchers, small group discussions, to post messages regarding surnames and villages, or to locate a fellow registrant who may share a common surname or village.

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**PARADE OF KROJE**


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The CGSI will hold a fashion show of participants wearing the folk dress (costume) from the area of their ancestors, whether antique or modern reproduction. We encourage anyone who owns a kroj, or a piece of an outfit to participate. This is a very colorful event. Helene Cincebeaux, emcee, will describe each outfit and mention where it originates. To register, send e-mail to helenezx@aol.com.

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**TOUR INFORMATION —  
OCTOBER 26 AND 27**


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**Tour No. 1, Wednesday, October 26  
Czech and Slovak Neighborhood Tour—  
“Meet Me In Historic St. Louis!”**

Limited to first 55 registrants  
(repeated on Thursday, October 27)

**Departure: Sheraton Westport Chalet—8:30 a.m.**  
**Return: Sheraton Westport Chalet—4 p.m.**

Tour price of \$49 per person includes deluxe motor coach, guide fee, driver gratuity, lunch and admissions.

This culturally diverse tour will include several drive-bys of historic locations: the St. Louis levee, located next to the Gateway Arch grounds, where the Bohemian Jews and Czechs first landed in St. Louis; the Bohemian Jews' first meeting place in 1849; Jacob Mottl's Tavern in 1854; the first Sokol meeting in the United States in 1865, and more.

Highlighting the tour will be four ethnic stops:

St. John Nepomuk Czech Church, the first Czech Catholic Church in America, founded in 1854.

The former home of Holy Trinity Slovak Catholic Church, now known as the 9th Street Abbey.

The American-Czech Educational Center, home to the St. Louis lodges of the CSA Fraternal Life, Sokol St. Louis, and American Legion Post #481. A Czech and Slovak buffet lunch will be served there. Menu includes soup, Chlebičky, Prague Ham Salad served with black bread, Nitra Salad, Potato Cakes, Sausage and Cheese Platter served with hearty rye.

St. Lucas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church. Slovak pastries along with coffee and tea will be served.

**Tour No. 2, Wednesday, October 26  
Special Collections Department,  
St. Louis County Library**

Limited to the first 35 registrants

**Departure: Sheraton Westport Chalet—8:30 a.m.**  
**Return Trips: 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.**

Extra staff and volunteers will be available on the day of the visit. The \$25 tour cost includes all costs and gratuities that will be incurred for the day, except for lunch. You may stay either a half day (12:30 p.m.) or full day (4 p.m.). Lunch will be on your own. There are restaurants within walking distance, but small group transportation will also be made available. A list of restaurants will be distributed on the bus.

The Special Collections Department houses the substantial genealogical research collection built by the St. Louis County Library. Also available are collections from other organizations including the St. Louis Genealogical Society Collection and the National Genealogical Society Collection. They have on microfilm all of the parish registers for the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Belleville in Illinois. Other important resources include St. Louis birth, marriage, death and cemetery records, in addition to city directories and plat and ward maps.

**Tour No. 3, Thursday, October 27  
Czech and Slovak Neighborhood Tour—  
“Meet Me In Historic St. Louis!”**

Limited to first 55 registrants  
(repeat of Tour No. 1) Times the same

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**THURSDAY OCTOBER 27**


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**8:45 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**On-Site Registration and Check-In  
9 a.m.—5 p.m.**

**Vendor Room  
Mini Exhibit from Baine/Cincebeaux  
Czech and Slovak  
Folk Dress Collection**

**9:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**CGSI Traveling Library**

(Library use coincides with breakout session times)

**Breakout 1  
9:15–10:15 a.m.**

**TH1 Resources for Czech Research  
at the St. Louis County Library  
Larry Franke**

This presentation describes resources available for researching St. Louis ancestors in the Special Collections Department, St. Louis County Library. Such resources comprise St. Louis birth, marriage, death and cemetery records. Czech-specific resources include:

Books, such as Leo Baca's nine-volume *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists*, as well as others on Czech-American history, genealogical research methodology, vital records and bilingual dictionaries, and the Czech Freethinker newspaper, *St. Louiske Listy*.

Microfilmed parish registers for the Czech and Slovak Catholic parishes: St. John Nepomuk, St. Wenceslaus, and Holy Trinity Slovak in St. Louis; St. John Lateran in Rock Creek, Jefferson, Missouri; St. Mary in Hawk Point, Lincoln, Missouri; and Ss. Cyril and Methodius (includes both Czech and Slovak) in East St. Louis, St. Clair, Illinois.

**TH2 The Altar of our Freedom:  
Czech Service and Sacrifice  
in the American Civil War  
Tom Pearson**

This talk uses book, microfilm, manuscript, and Internet sources to explore the service and sacrifice of Midwestern Czech immigrants in the American Civil War (1861-1865).

Discussion will also cover recruiting and enlistment, compiled military service records, bounty payments, the postwar federal pension system, and sources of death and burial information for Civil War soldiers and veterans.

## Breakout 2 10:30–11:30 a.m.

### TH3 Beginning Genealogy *Lisa A. Alzo*

Curious about your roots but don't know where to begin? This workshop will show you how to "jumpstart your genealogy!" Learn the basics and how to investigate your family's history using traditional research methods and the Internet.

The first half of this workshop will cover how and where to begin your research, how to find and locate home and family sources, interview relatives, put together a family tree utilizing the latest genealogical tools and references, use technology to streamline the process of entering and recording data, store and preserve old documents, photographs, and organize your information. Tips on online searching as well as locating paper records will also be presented.

The second half of this workshop will address long-distance research, planning genealogical research trips, how to build a "genealogy team" through networking with other researchers and experts, and tips for sharing your research and writing your family's story. Key strategies for overcoming the most common "brick walls" will also be discussed.

### TH4 Czechoslovak Ethnic Foods *Sidonka Lee*

This discussion of Slovak recipes brought to America from the old country and their evolution and survival in modern times will cover:

The importance of the home garden, including information on fruits and vegetables grown, preserved and prepared; edible plants, mushrooms, berries and nuts harvested in the wild; hunting and fishing for the family larder; the backyard "farm" and its importance to the family; and food and nutrition, the benefits of eating seasonally

Traditions brought to America, including holiday food fare, everyday foods, traditional meals and desserts, and how food plays an important role in traditions

Slovak food fare, including homemade is best, discussion of homemade traditional foods, soups, salads, breads and pancakes, main courses and side dishes, dumplings, vegetables and rice, desserts, and beverages

## Lunch (on your own, not in Conference fee) 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Breakout 3 1–2 p.m.

#### TH5 Bohemian Jews in St. Louis *Donald Makovsky*

The history of Jewish people in St. Louis is nearly as old as the history of the city itself. Jewish immigrants from the town of Svihov were among the founders of the first synagogue in St. Louis in the mid-19th century.

Prominent Bohemian Jews were leaders in the St. Louis community in business, social, and religious areas and left their mark on the region to this day. As St. Louis grew to become a major American city, its Jewish citizens were there at every step, contributing not only skills and cultural diversity, but landmarks and icons that define St. Louis as clearly as the Gateway Arch.

This presentation will focus on those early immigrants and highlight their contributions to the city.

#### TH 6 Austrian, Bohemian, Czech— The ABCs of Glass Collecting *Deborah Truitt*

Whenever someone advertises the sale of a "Bohemian" decanter or vase, most Americans envision the red-stained glass with wheel-engraved stag and castle scene. In reality, Bohemian glass companies produced everything in every conceivable style, from utilitarian household glass, to artistic vases, to limited-production sculptures, to fragile figurines, to magnificent crystal chandeliers.

The foundation of the Bohemian glass industry was the potash-chalk formula that provided an extremely clear and wonderfully hard glass called Bohemian crystal. It was so desirable that in the early 18th century, Silesian glass factories demanded a ban on the import of Bohemian crystal. But the engravers and painters loved working with this glass so much that smugglers carried Bohemian crystal blanks over the Giant Mountains in defiance of the ban.

Important contributors in Bohemian blown glass—including Riedel, Loetz, and Moser—will be discussed, as well as pressed glass contributors, Inwald, Schlevogt, and Hoffmann.

## Breakout 4 2:15–3:15 p.m.

### TH 7 Genealogical Research at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center *Dennis Northcott*

The Missouri Historical Society (now known as the Missouri History Museum) was founded in 1866, and since that time has been collecting books, documents, photographs, artifacts, and other items to document the history of St. Louis, the state of Missouri, and the 19th-century American West.

Among the collections are countless items of value to genealogists researching St. Louis-area ancestors, including Bohemian Jews, Czechs and Slovaks.

Associate archivist Dennis Northcott will show examples of some of the most valuable genealogical resources housed at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center. Learn about the genealogical information that can be mined from the records of Civil War veterans' associations, company employee magazines, school yearbooks and graduation programs, records of clubs and societies, local census records, and much more. Dennis will also provide guidance for accessing these collections.

### TH 8 Beginning Slovak Genealogy *Lisa A. Alzo*

Nearly 620,000 Slovaks came to the United States during the period of "mass migration" (1880-1914), and with a vast number of Americans claiming Slovak ancestry today, the interest in Slovak genealogy is greatly increasing. This presentation will provide an overview of how to begin the research process using both traditional and online sources.

Learn how to identify your ancestral village, locate and interpret vital records, trace ancestors through census and immigration records, and utilize the Family History Library. Participants will receive tips for contacting possible relatives, writing to Slovak archives, and finding and hiring professional researchers.

The basics of organizing your research and strategies for overcoming the most common pitfalls and problems specific to researching Slovak ancestors will also be discussed.

## Breakout 5 3:30–4:30 p.m.

### TH 9 Czechoslovak Embroideries: A Visual Language *Sidonka Lee*

This presentation will focus on:

Ancient motifs and patterns and their meaning and translation in textiles

Fabric iconography

Identification, description, and the interpretation of images

The Goddess Motif and its evolution after Christianity

Traditions involving textiles and cloths

For the most part, history has been written mostly by men, about men's activities, and women's stories were only partially recorded and preserved. But from ancient times, women have also recorded their stories, using visual symbols: on eggs, in straw work, in folk painting, and on fabric. While we can still read the incomplete written histories, we have forgotten how to decode the visual language used on fabric and thus, early women's stories are largely unread.

### TH 10 Tracking St. Louis Land Ownership and Occupancy *Dan Vornberg*

This talk will outline the processes of using city directories to identify where Bohemian immigrants lived, then using the assessment records and deeds to understand ownership succession and rental.

There are rich sources of surveys, subdivision layouts and insurance maps that add to the understanding of a family's circumstances and neighborhood. The speaker will use the property occupied by several Czech families:

Joseph Behm, a day laborer who moved to Jefferson County to farm

Josef Mottl, who ran the tavern where the CSPS was founded

Frank Matoushek, who built a cooperage business

Moritz and Jetta Freund, a Bohemian Jewish family, who developed a prominent bakery business, to illustrate the available resources

The presentation will also mention where each type of record can be found.

## 7–9 p.m.

### Regional Networking Sessions and Mixer

Attendees will break out into groups based on the region of the Czech or Slovak Republics that their immigrant ancestors lived. Three meeting rooms will be available, for Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, with each room containing multiple tables for smaller group discussions.

We will assign a moderator to each table who is knowledgeable about the area. While in your group you will share information and make possible family connections. If more than one regional area applies, you are free to move from group to group.

A cash bar will be available for beverages. Please e-mail your village name(s) and district town to [conferencechair@cgsi.org](mailto:conferencechair@cgsi.org) so we can determine regional signage for the breakout tables.

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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 28

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### 7:30–9:15 a.m.

#### Registration and Check-in

### 8–9:15 a.m.

#### Keynote Address and Opening Session

#### Singing of Czech, Moravian and Slovak National Anthems, and Star Spangled Banner

#### *Meet Me in Historic St. Louis* by Joan Huisinga—a physical and social history of the development of St. Louis through the World's Fair of 1904.

#### General Announcements

### Breakout 1

#### 9:30–10:45 a.m.

#### F1 Reconstruct Your Ancestral Village *Margo Smith*

Family history is more than a set of charts of names, dates, and places. Enhance your understanding of the context of your family history by reconstructing the population of your ancestral village through time using available parish, tax, and census records, nobility investigations, etc.

This presentation demonstrates such a reconstruction: for the village of Polerieka, Slovakia. Available Slovak source records can be used to create a spreadsheet revealing six conclusions that will be discussed.

#### F2 Siller's Pamatnik and What We Know Today about First Czech Protestants in the USA

##### *Jan Dus*

This presentation compares what we can learn from Siller's Pamatnik (*Memorial of Czech Protestant Congregations in North America*) and what we can learn from other sources. Topics to be discussed include:

The speaker's translation of the book from Czech to English, including the book's format, language, and what might be lost in the translation

Using Pamatnik as a genealogical resource

Comparing Pamatnik information with alternate sources, including local and regional histories and official congregational histories

#### F3 Keys to American Records of Our Czech Ancestors: Tools for Genealogists Who Don't Speak Czech—Part I *Carol Jean Smetana*

Czech immigrants often gravitated to ethnic enclaves with fellow countrymen and women.

These Czech-speaking communities had their own churches, social organizations, and newspapers. Therefore, researching a Czech-American family in the United States must include the use of Czech-language records.

Czech language structure and grammar differs significantly from that of the English language. Without knowing about the differences, family historians may fail to locate relevant records and might get incomplete information or draw erroneous conclusions. Solutions to obtaining correct names and information will be explored.

### 10:45–11 a.m. Morning Break

## Breakout 2 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

### F4 History of the St. Lucas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis *Steve Kulifay*

This talk focuses on the formation and history of St. Lucas church, the only Slovak protestant institution in St. Louis. However, the St. Lucas church ministry also served other small settlements in the region. One of those churches, St. John's in Granite City, Illinois, is still in existence.

The presentation also discusses the interaction of these various congregations as well as a survey of the parish records and published histories. The growth and movement of St. Lucas as well as the state of the church today in South St. Louis will also be reviewed.

### F5 Documenting Czech Immigrant Arrivals *Leo Baca*

Czech-American genealogists and family historians invariably reach the point of asking how their ancestors came to America. What was the name of the ship? When did they immigrate? How long was the voyage? What did the ship look like? What was the port of entry?

Answering these questions requires a significant amount of research. The sources for immigration dates include oral history, census records, naturalization records, newspapers, and Internet sources, including the Ellis Island Data Base and the Texas Seaport Museum.

### F6 BallinStadt—Hamburg Emigration Museum *Rebekka Geitner*

The Hamburg Emigration Museum focuses on the stories and destinies of more than five million European emigrants, allowing visitors to learn about their hopes, dreams, and desires. Museum visitors come face-to-face with the fate of individual emigrants.

The museum combines interactive elements with historical documents and exhibits to create a deeply moving experience for everyone. Original letters and photographs taken from family albums provide a deep personal insight into historical events. The BallinStadt has always seen challenge in reducing the distance between visitor and exhibit.

## Lunch 12:15–1:45 p.m.

## Breakout 3 2–3:15 p.m.

### F7 Immigrating and Growing Up in a St. Louis Slovak Lutheran Community *Bill and Joyce Kolnik*

Joyce Kolnik will discuss a St. Louis Slovak church group that emigrated at the turn of the 20th century and why they chose to relocate. She will review the journey and their settlement in St. Louis, including early occupations. How did women adjust to city life? What was the interaction like between Slovak Lutherans, Slovak Catholics, and Czechs?

Bill, a first-generation American of Slovak immigrant parents, will relay a personal experience viewpoint of growing up in a Slavic neighborhood, including religious, cultural, educational, social, and family life. His comments will be highlighted with photographic images.

### F8 Immigrant Steamships 1890–1950 *Paul Valasek*

This presentation displays the major trans-Atlantic steamship companies, ports, and ships that our ancestors chose for their “trip of a lifetime.” Emphasis is placed on pure steamships, but discussions will start with the first sail/steam ship, the Savannah, in 1819.

Also considered are some of the memorabilia, paperwork, documents, and visuals that are available to enhance our knowledge of the immigrant's trip and to complement our family trees.

### F9 Sedlak, Pasekar, Fleishhacker or Inquilius? Let Us Get Acquainted with the Professions of Our Czech Ancestors *Miroslav Koudelka*

The presentation will introduce the expressions appearing in records for our Czech ancestors referring to a person's profession and/or social status. With an emphasis on the period of mass migration to America, it will deal with a majority of the population, which was engaged in farming, explaining all categories from the top layer owning a whole plot of land down to subtenants.

Because records in the Czech Republic were written in ancient Czech, German, or Latin, all those language forms will be included.

## 3:15–3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break

## Breakout 4 3:30–4:45 p.m.

### F10 Slovakia in the 19th and Beginning of the 20th Century *Michal Razus*

Slovakia in the 19th century was still part of the Kingdom of Hungary, where it had been incorporated between the 10th and 11th centuries. This multinational empire comprised such nations and ethnic groups as Austrians Germans, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Rusyns, and others.

The presentation will explore the Slovak National Movement, the national awakening that occurred in the 18th century, focusing on its initial gains, the effect of the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867, which resulted in greater Hungarian oppression of the Slovaks, and other events leading up to and including World War I.

### F11 St. Louis Czech History: CSPS and Sokol Lead the Way *Deborah Zeman and Mary Ann Sulz*

America's fraternal benefit system reaches over nine million people across a wide variety of societies and members.

It began with a small group of Czech immigrants in St. Louis in 1854 who came together to provide financial support and social activities for each other and their families, establishing the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolecnost (CSPS).

The Sokol movement began in 1862 in Prague, and the first Sokol unit in the United States was formed in St. Louis in 1865 to serve as a physical culture and character-building society.

### F12 Early History of Christians and Jews in the Czech Lands and Slovakia (from Cyril and Methodius until 1781) *Jan Dus*

This presentation offers an overview of early Czech and Slovak religious history, covering:

The beginnings of Christianity with Konstantine and Method in 863, the Great Moravian Empire, and the Bishopric in 973 with its genealogical implications

Medieval times, covering 1230-1526, including the role of Charles IV

The Renaissance, covering the 1400s and 1500s and including the Reformation with Jan Hus burned at the stake in 1415 and the Husite Movement and the Unity of Brethren

The Thirty Years War and recatholization from 1618-1648, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire

**6–7 p.m.****Dinner**

Roast pork with apple chutney, mashed potatoes, red cabbage, sliced green beans, tossed salad with poppyseed vinaigrette dressing, strawberry roulade

Vegetarian or special dietary substitute available.

**7 p.m.****Grandma's Trunk**

A program created by Louise Wessinger of St. Paul, Minnesota to commemorate her Bohemian family's immigrant experience from the port of Baltimore to Minnesota in 1871, using video images and role play. The family trunk and its contents are key parts of the presentation.

**8:15 p.m.****Parade of Kroje**

A fashion show of conference participants showcasing folk costume from various areas of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Emcee will be Helene Baine Cincebeaux of Rochester, NY. All who own a kroj are encouraged to participate. To register, send e-mail to helenezx@aol.com.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29****7:30–8 a.m.****Registration and Check-in****Breakout 1****8–9:15 a.m.****S1 Slovak Lutheran Villages in Western Slovakia****Joyce Kolnik**

The following topics will be presented:

Local culture and folklore, including examples of holiday customs and traditions

Livelihood and everyday life in a Slovak village and home during the 20th century

Examples of village dress and handicraft

The presentation will also include photos of the villages, maps of the area, the churches, cemeteries, farms, gardens and homes, old and new. These are based on the presenter's multiple visits to her and her husband's ancestral villages.

**S2 What a Czech-American Genealogist Should Know about the History of the Czech Lands****Miroslav Koudelka**

Topics to be discussed include:

An outline of the territory and political structure of the country in its historical development (Great Moravian Empire, Czech Kingdom, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Czecho-Slovakia, Czech Republic)

The evolution of the country's population structure (Celtic and Germanic tribes, arrival of Slavic population, etc.)

Turning points of the Slavs' religious history

Social changes before and during the emigration period, including the abolition of serfdom in 1781 and the 1848/49 revolution

The emergence of documents for genealogical research

**S3 Meet Me in St. Louie, Louie, Meet Me at the ... Austrian Glass and Ceramics Exhibit**  
**Deborah Truitt**

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held in St. Louis in 1904, attracted exhibitors from around the world. The Austro-Hungarian Empire sent representatives of its most successful commercial industries, including the glass and ceramics industries of Bohemia.

The expanding population of the United States offered a tremendous opportunity for financial gain by creating a demand for these products. The exposition attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors, who reacted positively to the elegantly crafted items and left with a favorable impression of the Bohemian lands, which led to purchases of these goods by US dealers.

**Breakout 2**  
**9:30–10:45 a.m.****S4 Life in War and Peace in East Slovakia during the 19th Century**  
**Michal Razus**

Illustration of the selected topics include examples from the villages of Brezovka, Dravce, Sedlice, Nizny Hrusov and other towns of St. Louis' Catholic Slovaks. Main topics are:

Slovaks in Austro-Hungarian army, particularly during the 1848 revolution and the 1866 Austro-Prussian War, military and life in the army including soldiers, ranks, uniforms, weapons, military service, and conscription.

Health, including the cholera epidemic in 1830s, when peasants thought the nobility were trying to poison them.

Machines and inventions resulting in the industrial revolution in this agricultural country

**S5 St. Louis: Cradle of the Czech Catholic Experience in America**  
**June Sommer**

St. John Nepomuk Church, the first Czech Catholic Church in America, was organized in 1854 specifically for Czech immigrants arriving in St. Louis.

This presentation will trace the early Czech immigrants and the historical development of St. John Nepomuk Parish.

In addition three Missouri corporations they formed will be addressed:

The Bohemian Literary Society of St. Louis

The Bohemian Roman Catholic First Central Union

The Hessoun Bohemian Catholic Orphanage

The presentation will explore and discuss how to access the unique publications and the parish records created by the Czech Catholic immigrants in St. Louis.

**S6 Tracing the 20th Century Immigrant**  
**Paul Valasek**

This presentation offers a methodological approach to tracing ancestors in spite of lack of documentation, varied family stories, elusiveness, and the confusion that our ancestors exhibited accidentally as well as deliberately. Case studies discuss what some have called "the stowaway who married the orphaned alien."

**10:45–11 a.m.**  
**Morning Break**

### Breakout 3 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

#### S7 Application of the 1767-1772 Tax List to Family History Research *Margo Smith*

These tax materials are especially insightful because they resulted from Empress Maria Theresa's efforts to reform the feudal system, including classification of cultivated lands and standardization of serf duties and responsibilities. These tax records are available on microfilm at the LDS Family History Centers.

This presentation will discuss the processes for researching noble as well as serf families and the type of data available for each. The talk also focuses on the robota system and what was required of the nobles for their serfs.

#### S8 Current History of Christians and Jews in the Czech Lands and Slovakia (from 1781 until Today) *Jan Dus*

What is the history of Christians and Jews in our area? This presentation briefly summarizes:

Czech and Slovak religious history, starting with the Edict of Toleration, which reestablished Protestant and Jewish congregations

The awakening and the shock of modernity (aftermath of WWI and away from Rome)

World War II and communism

What should a genealogist know?

Establishment of archives, with town halls taking control in 1949 and all registers to State Archives in 1952

What were churches like after 1989?

#### S9 The Interactive Genealogist: Using Web 2.0 to Find Your Ancestors *Lisa A. Alzo*

Genealogical research in the 21st century is no longer just a solitary activity performed in the dark corner of a library or courthouse. Technology and the Internet have opened up the world to family history sleuths.

This session will cover many of the most popular electronic communications for genealogists including Blogs, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Wikis, and other social media, as well as how to utilize the new interactive components of some of the large online databases. This session is designed for the experienced genealogist.

### Lunch 12:15–1:45 p.m.

### Breakout 4 2–3:15 p.m.

#### S10 Eastern European Emigration Via Hamburg *Rebekka Geitner*

As in western European countries, emigration from Austria-Hungary initiated in families from rural areas. Twice as many men as women emigrated, and one-fourth of the emigrants eventually returned home.

For most emigrants from Eastern Europe, arrival in Hamburg was preceded by an arduous journey lasting several days. This was followed by endless waiting while emigration formalities and checks were performed.

Most emigrants from Austria-Hungary (around three million) went to the United States, compared with 358,000 to Argentina, 138,000 to Canada, 64,000 to Brazil, and 4,000 to Australia.

#### S11 Keys to American Records of Our Czech Ancestors: Tools for Genealogists Who Don't Speak Czech—Part II *Carol Jean Smetana*

This session, building on tools presented in the first session, will begin with a brief review of the Czech alphabet and pronunciation, and the gender properties of nouns.

This is followed by a discussion of the most difficult aspect of the Czech language: Czech nouns, including people and place names, are declined. This means that a Czech proper name changes its spelling depending on how it is used in a sentence. Declensions also affect the names of months and the presentation of dates in the Czech language.

These language nuances are illustrated by examples from advertisements, tombstones, and Czech-language obituaries.

#### S12 How to Research Czech Birth/Marriage/Death Registers on the Internet: A Practical Lesson *Miroslav Koudelka*

This presentation addresses how to determine the archive where your village's records should be available and how many of the registers from particular archives are available online.

The speaker will illustrate the different kinds of software for online records that are used at particular archives.

Finally, the group will undertake a (successful) attempt to research a concrete family. Guided by the speaker, attendees will suggest each of the steps of online research and try to decipher and understand the data.

### 3:30–4:30 p.m. CGSI Membership Meeting

### 5:45–7 p.m. Dinner

Roast beef with sour cream dill gravy, potatoes, baby carrots w/ brown sugar, caesar salad, lemon poppyseed torte.

Vegetarian or special dietary substitute available.

### 7–9 p.m. Ethnic Dancing and Singing Entertainment

#### Omladina Moravian Dancers of Chicago

#### Joe Polach and the Czech Express

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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### 8–11 a.m. CGSI Board of Directors' Meeting

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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For Conference questions not covered in this booklet, please email Paul Makousky at PaulMCzech@comcast.net or call (651) 739-7543 evenings or weekends. The member rate applies if you join the CGSI when you register for the Conference. All tickets will be held at the hotel and distributed with your ID badge.

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CGSI will hold a silent auction using items donated by various businesses and individuals. Details of the auction will be available at the Registration desk. If you would like to donate something, please contact Paul Makousky using the information in the section above.

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#### CANCELLATION POLICY

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Cancellations for any reason accompanied by a written notice and received before September 27, 2011 are eligible for a full refund. No cancellations will be accepted after September 27, except for death of a family member or major illness to yourself or a close family member. Refunds, minus a \$25 cancellation fee will be issued upon written notice and explanation.

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**CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**


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**Lisa A. Alzo, MFA**, grew up in Duquesne, PA, and now resides in Ithaca, NY. The author of nine books and numerous magazine articles, Lisa serves on the Board of Directors for CGSI and writes the "Genealogy360" column for the CGSI publication *Naše rodina*. She teaches online genealogy courses for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, and is a frequently invited speaker for national conferences and for genealogical and historical societies. During 2011 Lisa created a Czech and Slovak Genealogy Research course to be presented as a Webinar through Family Tree University. She will serve as Co-Chair of CGSI's 2012 Salt Lake City Symposium. Lisa can be reached through her web site, [www.lisaalzo.com](http://www.lisaalzo.com).

**Leo Baca**, is a fourth-generation Czech Texan whose primary interests lie in documenting the arrival of Czech immigrants to America. Leo's other interests include researching Valachian history and the application of genetics to traditional genealogical research. Leo has conducted Czech genealogical research for over 25 years and has published the nine-volume series *Czech Immigration Passenger Lists*. Leo is currently engaged in a Czech genetic genealogy project with over 200 participants. He has been a regular speaker at CGSI conferences and has also contributed articles to the society's *Nase Rodina*. In October of 2003 Leo received the CGSI's Distinguished Achievement Award for his contributions to the field of Czech genealogy.

**Rev. Jan Dus** was born in Brno, Moravia in 1968. He was only six months old when the Russians invaded Czechoslovakia in August 1968, but it was surely the major political event influencing his childhood. Jan comes from a practicing Presbyterian family, quite an exception during those times. He began studying theology in 1987, and after graduating in Prague, he became a minister of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. Most of his ministry has been spent in Policka in the Moravian-Bohemian Highlands. Jan also offers a variety of services relating to genealogical research and genealogical trips. His first language is Czech, but he is also fluent in English, German, and French; colloquial in Russian; and learning Spanish.

**Larry Franke** is a reference librarian in Special Collections at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, where he helps patrons with genealogical and historical research, and teaches classes on how to use genealogy databases. He has a BA in

French and English from Harding University and an MA in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Larry is the head of the St. Louis Genealogical Society's French Special Interest Group and occasionally teaches genealogy classes. He has volunteered at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, translating historical Louisiana Territory documents from French into English.

**Rebekka Geitner** has been a historian at the Betriebsgesellschaft BallinStadt mbH (BallinStadt Emigration Museum) since July 1, 2007. Born in 1984 in Bremerhaven, Germany, she studied cultural sciences and received her bachelor of arts degree in 2009 at the FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany. Subjects she has written about include, "From Lodging at the Harbour Front to Hapag's Emigration Halls on Veddel Island," "The Roaring Twenties"—Reasons for Emigration to the USA in the 1920s," and "Emigration Via Hamburg: Medical Treatment of Emigrants in the Early 20th Century." Rebekka has also written about emigration to South American countries.

**Bill Kolnik** is a first-generation American whose first language at home was Slovak. His parents were from Kostolne, a small rural village in western Slovakia. His father was a tailor and his paternal grandmother, who was raised on a farm, also served as the village midwife. Bill started and finished his early education in public schools, but attended St. Lucas Lutheran School from fifth to eighth grade, where he also studied Slovak along with other subjects. After serving in the Korean Conflict, Bill graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a major in geography. He is retired from the US Defense Mapping Industry.

**Joyce Ochodnický Kolnik**, is a second-generation American of Slovak descent on her father's side. Joyce was educated in the Lutheran school system, which is particularly strong in St. Louis. She went on to nursing school at the Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis. She is now retired from nursing. Her grandfather, Stefan Ochodnický, was raised in Moravske Lieskove, married and immigrated in 1906 in his early 20s. After landing in New York, he and his traveling companions came to St. Louis. He settled and sent for his wife the following year. One of his jobs was working in brick-making, which was a large industry in St. Louis.

**Dr. Miroslav "Mirek" Koudelka** studied teaching Czech and history, and later English at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic and at Komenský University in

Bratislava, Slovakia. He holds a degree in teaching history and an advanced degree in Czechoslovak history. Has been working as a professional genealogist since 1993, when he quit his teaching career. Mirek translated Dr. Jan Habenicht's *History of Czechs in America* into English. He has also been a frequent contributor to various genealogical periodicals. Mirek has presented for past CGSI conferences and various other genealogy and history events in the US, Czech Republic and Slovakia. Besides his research projects, he serves as a guide and interpreter.

**Steve Kulifay** is a descendent of several of the founders of St. Lucas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis, which began in March 1906. He has a firsthand knowledge of St. Lucas' culture and history from his own family, but he also has an intense interest in church history and the families that were its members. Steve is the historian and archivist at St. Lucas and has written a series of history pamphlets about his church. He also serves as a volunteer at the annual St. Lucas Slovak church festival in early November. Steve has served as vice president of Our Redeemer Cemetery, Inc. on Mackenzie Road in St. Louis.

**Sidonka Lee**, Slovak master folk artist, was raised in a Slovak neighborhood in Milwaukee's Menomonee River Valley. Her grandmothers, Anna Wadina and Johanna Biksadski, emigrated from Slovakia and continued to practice the traditional arts of baking, egg decorating, folk painting, lace making, straw weaving and corn-husk work. At the age of three, she began to ask to help them make Slovak dumplings. At age 12 she began assisting her grandmother Johanna Biksadski at presentations and gradually took over the class instruction. Sidonka is featured in the books *Czechoslovak Culture and Slovak American Touches* by Toni Brendel, and in 2010 she wrote her own book, *Slovak Recipes in 2010*.

**Don Makovsky** is a noted Jewish historian, teacher and author. He grew up in St. Louis and is a member of Young Israel and Agudas Israel. He is currently an adjunct professor of American history at St. Charles Community College and teaches American Jewish history at Oasis. Makovsky received his BA and MA degrees in history from Washington University and was the founder of the Jewish archives at the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library in the Jewish Federation Kopolow Building. He also appeared in the 2008 documentary "St. Louis Stories: The Jewish Americans" on KETC-TV, St. Louis' Public Television station.

**Dennis Northcott** is a native of St. Louis and graduate of Washington University. He has served on the Missouri History Museum staff since 1989 and currently is an associate archivist at the Library and Research Center. He has compiled numerous guides to the museum's manuscript collections, including an inventory of the extensive Civil War holdings. He is the creator of the online Genealogy and Local History index, a popular site for researching St. Louis ancestors. Dennis frequently gives presentations and workshops on genealogy and house history research.

**Tom Pearson** has worked as a reference librarian at Central Library in downtown St. Louis since 1989, first in the History & Genealogy Department and currently in the Rare Books Department. Tom is editor of the St. Clair County (IL) Genealogical Society Newsletter and the Show Me State Genealogical News, the newsletter of the Missouri State Genealogical Assn. He is also blogmaster of MoSGA Messenger, the Official Blog of the Missouri State Genealogical Association. Tom has given programs on genealogy and Civil War history at numerous local public libraries, and for many area societies. He holds a BA in history from Eureka College (IL), and an MS in library science from the University of Illinois.

**Michal Razus** is a professional genealogy researcher from Presov, Slovakia. He provides in-depth assistance to people who seek their ancestors and roots in Slovakia. Michal specializes in archive research, relative search, ancestry tours and other facilitating services. In 2002, while he was finishing his degree in Slovak history and Slovak language and literature at the University of Presov, he obtained his first experience with this kind of work. Michal has visited the United States twice, once as a student and again as a host interpreter for a client. He was selected by the CGSI in late 2008 as regional representative for the Slovak Republic, where his role is to establish an awareness of the CGSI in Slovakia and identify possible networking.

**Carol Jean Smetana** was inspired to study genealogy after hearing a family tale that her grandfather had traveled to Mexico as a young man to fight with Pancho Villa. This interest became a passion during the months she worked as an assistant director on *Roots: The Next Generations*, the second television miniseries based on Alex Haley's acclaimed book, and she began to research her own roots. She learned the Czech language in Prague while serving as a foreign service officer at the US

Embassy there. She has conducted research in major archives throughout the United States and in Europe, including several trips to the T ebon regional archives in southern Czech Republic to research her Bohemian ancestors.

**Margo L. Smith** is professor emerita of anthropology at Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago. During her career, she served as a tenured professor of anthropology and international/intercultural studies, department chair of anthropology, and in the central university administration reporting to the president. She came to Slovak research through her husband, who is of Slovak ancestry. Since late 2002, she has devoted herself full-time to family history research, particularly in the Turiec Valley. She made her first trip to Slovakia in 2003. She has authored a few articles on Slovak research, plus the 600-page book, *In Search of a Family: Turiec, Slovak Republic*, where she discusses more than 90 families from the 17th–20th centuries.

**June M. Sommer** holds a BS degree, magna cum laude, in genealogy from Brigham Young University and an MA in library science from the University of Missouri—Columbia. She is a charter member of the Missouri State Genealogical Association and was awarded an honorary life membership by the St. Louis Genealogical Society. June is a retired branch manager for the St. Louis County Library. She has researched and written extensively about the Czech experience in Missouri, including articles for the CGSI's quarterly, *Naše rodina*. June presented "Czech Settlement and Sources for Research in St. Louis, Missouri" at the 1993 CGSI Conference held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Mary Ann Sulz** is a 60-year member of Sokol St. Louis and the American Sokol Organization. She chaired and was active in numerous Sokol St. Louis positions, including president, women's director of gymnastics, Board of Instructor member, junior girl instructor, and children's camping counselor. She recently relinquished her office as secretary of CSA Lodge Missouri No. 1, but is still currently active in the Czech School Board as delegate to the American-Czech Educational Center Board of Directors, and choir member and director of the St. John Nepomuk Chapel Czech choir.

**Deborah Truitt** is an avocational researcher on Bohemian glass. With her late husband Robert, she wrote 3 books and over 20 articles about the Bohemian glass industry, production of individual companies, making glass, and different types of decoration. The Truitts traveled to Bohemia 12

times to conduct research for their books *Collectible Bohemian Glass, 1880-1940* and *Collectible Bohemian Glass, Volume II, 1915-1945*. She remains involved in research about Bohemian glass. Currently she is involved in a project to photograph 288 glass Design Books dating from 1860, created at the Harrach glassworks. Deborah is president of the Czechoslovakian Collectors Association.

**Paul S. Valasek** is a three-time graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, earning his Doctorate in Dentistry in 1984. Paul's first of numerous trips to Europe was in 1974 with his immigrant grandfather Joseph Valasek, a major turning point in his life. He has written numerous articles for genealogical publications and has lectured internationally. Paul has served as president of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, founder and treasurer/editor of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois, founding member of the Moravian Historical Society, and a founding member of the popular Polish American website, [www.PolishRoots.org](http://www.PolishRoots.org).

**Dan Vornberg's** ancestry is one-quarter Bohemian, one-quarter mid 19th century German immigrant, and one-half descended from Colonial British Isles immigrants who migrated across the United States in the 18th and 19th century, finally settling in Missouri. He began researching his Czech ancestry in the late 1970s, working through the process of corresponding with the Embassy in Washington and working with a native Czech Republic researcher. He visited his ancestor's homeland in 1994. Dan is active in the St. Louis Genealogical Society and in the Jefferson County Genealogical Society, located south of St. Louis. This is where some of his ancestors migrated to the Rock Creek Bohemian farming area, where a Czech Catholic Church community was established.

**Deborah Zeman** is a fourth-generation member of CSA Fraternal Life, which has its roots in the CSPA. She has served as its president, vice president, and director and is currently the vice president of Lodge Washington No. 30 in St. Louis. She is also a past director of the CGSI. Deb is actively involved with the American-Czech Educational Center in St. Louis, including their annual Czech Festival. She contributed the article *Since 1854: America's Fraternal Benefit Societies Start with the Czechs in St. Louis*. Deborah is a member of the CGSI's 2011 St. Louis Conference's Local Planning Committee.

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Registration is not required to purchase tickets for meals or entertainment. If a guest is attending, please submit a registration form for each guest (refer to website for full menus).

**Friday October 28**

Dinner: \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Roast pork with apple chutney  
(Parade of Kroje included)*

Grandma's Trunk/Parade of Kroje only \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Roast beef with gravy*

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