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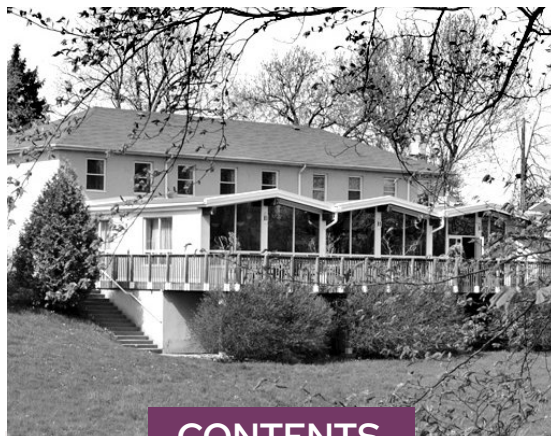
Mikuláš at Masaryktown

On December 1, MMI held their annual Mikuláš celebration in the Prague Restaurant and Café. The event started at 1:00pm and welcomed nearly 50 children from the community. The Czech-language teacher, Jari Campanelli joined by her students and a few of the other children present and performed various traditional Czech songs and dance routines for the many appreciative parents in attendance.

Peter Linhart embodied the spirit of Mikulas once again; this was Tommy Smetana's first time as the Čert and Chiara Matavka was the Anděl. Much



appreciation goes to Libuse Peichl for running the event and thank you to Nicolle Matavka who helped with distributing the gifts!



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Editor's Letter

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah! The fact that both holidays fell on December 25th is actually a relatively rare occurrence and has only happened five times since 1900, according to the Jewish Federations of North America: 1910, 1921, 1959, 2005 and 2024.

We had a very busy December as usual! Our feature article is MMI's annual Mikulas Celebration; followed by our Christmas Market on pages 4-5 and our Christmas Dinner on page 6.

Jari Campanelli has given us her semester-in-review for her in-person Czech-language classes for all to enjoy on page 7.

Sokol's annual Christmas market and Mikulas celebration was a lovely event that I had the privilege of attending on November 24th (page 11). Photos courtesy of Sokol Toronto with plenty more on their website: <http://www.sokolcanada.ca/toronto.html>

Czech language classes for the upcoming spring semester are listed on pages 8-10 as well as contact info for all the different locations offering classes. If we have missed any please contact us!

On page 12, Georgina Steinsky has summarized the recent ONCA legislation that has impacted MMI's Bylaws that needed to be updated to be in compliance.

More tasty recipes provided by Marketa's Kitchen on pages 13 and 14.

More recent developments at Masaryktown (including photos) are discussed on page 17.

At our recent Christmas market, two items were found. So please contact us at office@masaryktown.ca if either item belongs to you; page 17.

Please note that our library hours have changed in the new year and will be open for two hours at a time: from 5pm until 7pm.

And finally, Congratulations to Team Czechia who defeated Team Sweden 3-2 to take the Bronze medal in the world juniors championship in Ottawa on January 5th, 2025.

Karen Deschenes

Masaryk Memorial Institute **Library Open Hours**

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MMI Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market, held on December 8th, was moved to the MasarykPark Homes' community room and atrium! We were expecting a record number of vendors that we were not able to accommodate them all in our usual location at the Prague Restaurant. The event, which traditionally takes place on the second Sunday in December, was extremely well attended. The community room and atrium are very big and allow us to offer a dining area for the attendees to rest after shopping at our many vendor tables.

Marketa's Kitchen provided ready-to-serve food, as well as many of the other vendors and MMI had a liquor license to sell Czech beer, wine and Becherovka to attendees. Coffee and Tea were served by the ladies of MasarykPark Homes, helmed by Ann Marie Kotowich.

A special thank you to all of our vendors, who were busy cooking up a storm and creating special items for the event: Zabka European Deli, Moda Clara, Cedar Valley Greens, Moonlight Catering, Dusan Peterka, Eva Ziegler, HJS Creations, The Strudel Lady, Antelito Art, Candles by MnK, and Chiara.

MMI's next event is our annual Easter/Spring Market that will also be held at MasarykPark Homes on April 13th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Any vendors interested in participating please contact Karen at office@masaryktown.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!





MMI Christmas dinner

MMI's Christmas dinner was held on December 15th at St Wenceslaus. We had over 80 people attend the dinner this year which is a big increase over the last few years, ever since the pandemic affected the attendance numbers. We decided to move the location more out west as there is a very large group of Czechs and Slovaks who live out in the western regions of the GTA who are unable to make the trek to Masaryktown.

The event was catered by Marketa's Kitchen who provided the attendees with a feast: Pork schnitzel, breaded tilapia, potato salad, and homemade apple strudel. The portions were sizable as pictured here and tasted amazing!

As for entertainment, we were lucky once again to have the Fryta Sisters, Elizabeth and Lillian perform several songs and helped get us in the holiday spirits with: *Mary did you know?*; *Another Year has Gone By*; *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*; *Jak si krasne Nevinatko*; *Stedry Vecer Nastal*; *Dej Buh Stesti*; and *Slyste, slyste Pastuskove*.



John Holland and Grace Quincey were supposed to perform but had to cancel at the last moment due to illness. Emma Moss who was scheduled to accompany them on piano played several pieces for us during the dinner and after and was joined by her partner for a beautiful duet. Nicolle Mitacek, our versatile finance committee participant as well as a recent Czech-language teacher for our online classes also performed a wonderful piece on the piano to help round out the entertainment for the evening.

Dagmar Vavrusa held her now annual Christmas Quiz to everyone's delight and the evening ended with a raffle and the sing-along of traditional koledy leaving us all very satisfied and delighted!

A special thank you to Herb Dubsky who took on the mantle of master of ceremonies for the evening and to all the volunteers who helped set and clear the tables throughout the evening!



Česká škola v Torontu

Máme za sebou sice jen necelé čtyři měsíce, ale za to jsme odvedli velký kus práce v České škole v Torontu. Zavítali mezi nás noví žáci a rychle se začlenili. Děti si hravou formou rozvíjejí slovní zásobu a učí se tradičním českým básničkám, písničkám a tanečkům. Ke spštění také zařazujeme tradiční české hry, které jsou mezi dětmi velmi oblíbené.

Letos na hodinu Mikuláše také dorazil pan farář Jan David z farnosti kostela Sv. Václava v Torontu. Pověděl dětem o Mikuláši a také o adventu. Na závěr si děti vymalovaly Mikuláše.



Závěrečnou hodinu jsme tradičně hostili vánoční dílničky. Velký dík rodičům, kteří přispěli českými tradičními pochoutkami na společný stůl. Děti si vyrobily vánoční ozdoby, barevný řetěz na stromček a krájeli jablíčka pro štěstí. Žáci si také vyzkoušeli zdobení perníčků a lití olova. Na naší vánoční hodinu také zavítal co-prezident Masaryktownu Herb Dubský a předal dětem malé dárky.

Děti si vánoční vytváření s rodiči velmi užily.

Přejeme všem pohodové Vánoce a vše nejlepší do nového roku 2025.

Těšíme na vás v novém školním roce. Registrace do České školy v Torontu je zahájena. Můžete se přihlásit na <https://www.masaryktown.ca/czech-school>

Jari Campanelli
(učitelka České školy v Torontu)



Toronto Czech School Schedule

Spring 2025 Semester: 16 classes | Ages: 6 to 12 years

In-Person Classes

Saturday Mornings

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Instructor: Jari Campanelli

Dates:

January: 18, 25

February: 1, 8, 22

March: 1, 8, 22, 29

April: 5, 12, 26

May: 3, 10, 24, 31

Location:

St Wenceslaus Church

496 Gladstone Avenue

Toronto, ON M6H 3H9

Website: <http://katolik.ca/>

Fees: \$160 for the in-person classes (for the first child); \$80 (for the second child).

Online Classes

Saturday Mornings

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Instructor: Ivanka Kaufman

Dates:

January: 18, 25

February: 1, 8, 22

March: 1, 8, 22, 29

April: 5, 12, 26

May: 3, 10, 24, 31

Tuesday Evenings

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Instructor: Lenka Garcia

Dates:

January: 14, 21, 28

February: 4, 11, 18, 25

March: 4, 11, 25

April: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

May: 6



MMI CZECH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

ČESKÁ ŠKOLA

Registration open December 1!
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<https://calgaryczechschool.ca/>

Contact: admin@calgaryczechschool.ca

Kitchener Czech Language Classes:

<https://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/programsandcourses/il/elementary/>

Contact: helena.klapetek@wcdsb.ca

Montreal Czech Language Classes:

<https://ceskaskolamontreal.wixsite.com/my-site>

Contact: ceskaskolamontreal@gmail.com

Ottawa Czech Language Classes:

www.skolaottawa.ca

Contact: konverzacecso@gmail.com

Toronto Czech Language Classes:

<https://www.masaryktown.ca/czech-school>

Contact: Office@masaryktown.ca

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January 6 – February 26, 2025

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COURSES

Beginner 1: Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

No or very limited knowledge of the language. Level A0.

Beginner 2: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Minimal knowledge of the language. Level A1.

Intermediate: Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM OR 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Knowledge of frequently used expressions from various areas related to everyday life, basic communication ability, and the ability to write simple messages. Level A2.

Advanced: Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Everyday communication ability, ability to write simple texts on various topics. Levels B1 and B2.

Please note: The courses will not run with fewer than 4 students.

ABOUT THE COURSES

- Small groups from 4 to 8 students
- Teaching focused on communication
- Grammar practiced using real situations and texts
- Individual consultation with the course organizer before the start of the course
- New Czech friends

TEACHERS

Renata Smolíková

(Wednesday: Beginner 1, Beginner 2, Intermediate)

Pavel Oškrkaný

(Monday: Beginner 2, Tuesday: Beginner 1, Advanced)

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FEES

- The total price for eight weeks of classes is **\$130**.
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- Payment must be made before the start of the course. The fee of \$114 will be refunded if you decide to drop the course during the first week of classes.
- All payments must be made by e-transfer to the following email: konverzacecso@gmail.com

CONTACT

Renata Smolíková

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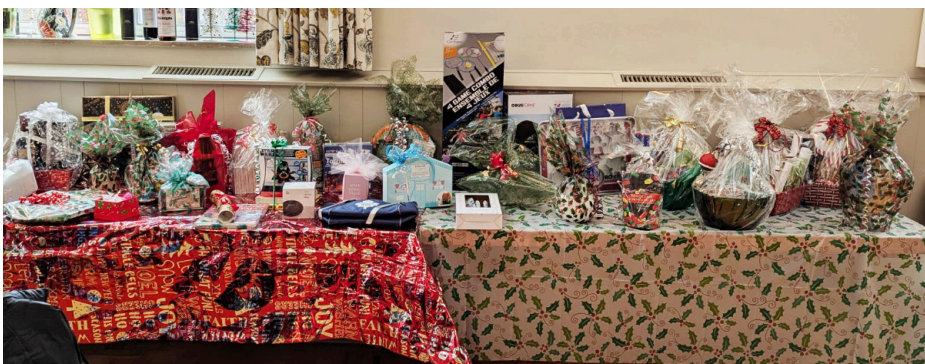


Sokol Mikuláš and Christmas Market

Another successful Christmas Mikulas and market has come to a close. Sokol's annual event, which was held at St Wenceslaus church from 12pm-3pm was well attended. The weather was very mild that day and no doubt contributed to the good turnout. All the familiar faces were there! There were 58 prizes being raffled off many of which are donated to Sokol by its loyal members; Connie, who is in charge of wrapping the prizes (a daunting task but she admitted to me it was something she enjoys doing) got lots of help this year.

On the menu were Svitckova and bread dump-lings (the dumplings were made by Marketa's kitchen) and were delicious.

Robert Tmej tended bar while Iva Adamo happily informed me that they had sold out of all the food!





Key highlights of the ONCA-compliant documents include:

- **Affirmation of the MMI mission:**

(a) To preserve, perpetuate, celebrate, commemorate and study the tradition, history, language, literature, culture and the arts of the Czech Republic and Slovakia;

(b) To operate and maintain a park, greenspace and related amenities and recreational facilities for the promotion of Czech and Slovak culture and heritage and to enable the general public to gain an appreciation thereof through use of the facilities; and

(c) To operate, directly or indirectly, housing accommodation, as well as related facilities, programs and support services.

- **Holding of meetings and communication with members by electronic communication;**

- **Greater rigor and transparency in financial reporting: Members must receive full financial statements each year, and, and audit is required if the organization has above a certain level of funding;**

- **Greater clarity about requirements for membership in MMI and the rights of members; and,**

- **Legal definition of Officers of the Corporation and a new nomenclature for head of the organization – Chair instead of President;**

- **Definition of the duties of directors and legal protections for them when they act appropriately.**

What comes to mind when you hear or read about Masaryk Memorial Institute (MMI)? Possibly Masaryktown – the 22 acres of land MMI owns and maintains in Scarborough? Or, our monthly digital Newsletter “Novy Domov 2.0”? Our Czech language school? Events like Czech and Slovak Festival in the early summer? Most people would associate us with activities like this. But in order for us to legally operate in Ontario, MMI must have a set of rules which set out how we will carry out these activities. These rules are set out under a law passed in 2010 by the Ontario legislature called “the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act” (also known as ONCA) which took effect in 2021 and gave organizations three years to implement its requirements.

As stated by the Government of Ontario on its website:

ONCA “provides Ontario not-for-profit corporations, including charitable corporations, with a modern legal framework to meet the needs of today’s not-for-profit sector. It sets out how not-for-profit corporations are created, governed and dissolved.”

In MMI’s case this meant work for our Board of Directors, and ultimately, consultation with, and asking for, the agreement of our members. Starting mid-2024 a 5-person committee of Board members, with the help of a lawyer specialized in this area of law, spent many hours reviewing our existing rules of operation – including an important set of documents known as by-laws. They created new wording which met ONCA requirements which, on September 18, MMI’s Board of Directors approved. Over thirty percent of our members attended and also approved at a special virtual ZOOM meeting on November 17, after a November 3 ZOOM information meeting to which all MMI members in good standing were invited.

Practically speaking, MMI already had put into place many of the practices required by ONCA. However, it is important that they are now present in MMI’s legal documentation. All the documents are available on our website for those who are interested in greater detail.

Thank you to our Board Members who worked hard to prepare the new documents and to the MMI Members who joined in for the special meetings to review and vote on them.

Georgina Steinsky,
Co-Chair, MMI

December 28, 2024

Knedlo Zelo

Knedlíky:

1 kg hrubé mouky

1 rohlík nakrájený na kostičky (můžeme použít i starší)

500 ml mléka

20 g čerstvého droždí

1 vejce

Špetka cukru

Zelí:

2 lžíce vepřového sádla

100 g nakrájené slaniny (na kostičky)

2 nadrobno nakrájené cibule

1 kysaného zelí (ze sáčku nebo sklenice)

2 lžíce hrubé mouky

4 lžíce cukru

100 ml octu

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Maso:

1,25 kg vepřové krkovice, v celku

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1 lžíce hladké mouky

5 stroužků česneku (prolisovaného)

2 nadrobno nakrájené cibule

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2. Mezitím co se předehřívá trouba si krkovičce osolíme, opepříme, posypeme kmínem a ze všech stran potřeme prolisovaným česnekem.

3. Na dno pekáčku dáme 2 nadrobno nakrájené cibule a na ní dame maso. Podlijeme sklenicí vody a dame péct až do změknutí masa (přibližně tři hodiny).

4. Mezitím co se nám peče maso si připravíme knedlíky, do mísy dame mouku, sůl, vejce, špetku cukru a soli, rozdrobíme droždí a zalijeme vlažným mlékem.

5. Necháme přibližně 5 minut stat, aby se nám probudili kvasinky a uhněteme těsto. Nakonec přidáme nakrájený rohlík a pořádně těsto propracujeme a necháme hodinu kynout na teplém místě pod utěrkou.

6. Těsto rozdělíme na 3-4 stejné díly (podle toho jak moc nám nakynulo) a vytvarujeme z nich šišky – tvar knedlíku.

7. Knedlíky uvaříme ve vroucí vodě. Vaříme je přibližně 20 minut (v půlce knedlíky otočíme na druhou stranu). Nakonec je vyndáme a párkrát propícháme vidličkou, aby z nich odešla pára.

8. Nyní máme čas na zelí – na rozehřátém sádle si osmažíme slaninu s kmínem a cibulí. Přidáme zelí ze sáčku nebo sklenice (včetně nálevu).

9. Zelí přivedeme k varu a přidáme 4 lžíce cukru, 100 ml octu a dle chuti sůl. Vše promícháme a vaříme přibližně 15 minut, na závěr poprášíme moukou a promícháme.

10. Upečené maso vyndáme z pekáčku na talíř a z cibule si připravíme sos k masu. Obsah pekáčku přendáme do hrnce a dame na plotnu (případně vaříme v pekáči).

11. Necháme z cibule odpařit vodu, přidáme lžíce hladké mouky a vše lehce osmažíme a ihned zalijeme 200 ml studené vody. Necháme 15-20 minut povařit.

12. Nakrájíme maso, knedlíky a můžeme servírovat společně se zelím.



Čočková polévka

Ingredience: (4 porce)

250g čočky,
4 brambory,
2 rajčata,
2 párky,
1 cibule,
1 lžíce červené papriky,
olej-podle potřeby,
sůl-podle chuti.

Postup přípravy:

Čočku namočíme 2 hodiny předem. Rajčata a brambory nakrájíme na kostičky.

Na drobno nakrájenou cibuli osmahneme, přidáme papriku a krátce zasmažíme, podlijeme vodou a dusíme do poloměkka. (nesolíme!!!)

Přidáme rajčata a brambory, osolíme a dovaříme doměkka.

Nakonec přidáme párky nakrájené na kolečka (můžeme je předem opéct) a už jen prohřejeme.

V talíři posypeme nasekanou petrželkou.

Rýžový nákyp

1 hrnek rýže
2–3 hrnky mléka
špetka soli
kousek celé skořice
100 g Hery
3 vejce
5 lžic moučkového cukru
1 vanilkový cukr
500 g konzervovaného ovoce (meruňky, švestky)
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Postup přípravy:

Mléko zahřejeme, osolíme, vsypeme rýži, přidáme špetku soli a skořici. Za stálého míchání přivedeme směs k varu, zmírníme a uvaříme doměkka. Během vaření je třeba rýži často míchat a případně dolévat mléko. Uvařená rýže by měla být mazlavá. Rýži odstavíme.

Žloutky ušleháme se změkklým tukem do pěny a vmícháme je do zchladlé rýže. Z bílků vyšleháme sníh a 2/3 dávky zlehka vmícháme k rýži.

Do vymazaného pekáče rozetřeme vrstvu rýže, poklademe okapaným ovocem, opět vrstvu rýže, navrch zbytek ovoce a 1/3 sněhu. Pečeme ve vyhřáté troubě při 200 °C dozlatova.



Než se nákyp zapeče, svaříme kompotovou šťávu na konzistenci sirupu, kterým poléváme jednotlivé porce nákypu.

*Marketa's
Kitchen*

This month in history

Jan 1, 1993

Czechoslovakia separates into
Czech Republic (Bohemia) & Slovakia

Jan 17, 1996

The Czech Republic applies for
membership of the European Union.



Karel Čapek, a Czech writer, playwright, critic and journalist was born on **January 9, 1890** in the village of Malé Svatoňovice in the Bohemian mountains and died on December 25, 1938 in Prague of pneumonia at 48 years of age.

He has become best known for his science fiction, including his novel *War with the Newts* (1936) and play *R.U.R.* (Rossum's Universal Robots, 1920), which introduced the word robot.

Though nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature seven times, Čapek never received it.

(Source: Wikipedia)



Jaroslav Hašek, was a Czech writer, humorist, satirist, journalist, bohemian, first anarchist and then communist, and commissar of the Red Army against the Czechoslovak Legion.

He was born on April 30, 1883 in Prague and died on **January 3, 1923** of heart disease in Lipnice at 39 years of age.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Hašek lived with the cartoonist Josef Lada, who later illustrated the *Good Soldier Švejk*, an unfinished collection of farcical incidents about a soldier in World War I and a satire on the ineptitude of authority figures. The novel has been translated into about 60 languages, making it the most translated novel in Czech literature.

(Source: Wikipedia)



Karel Poláček was a Czech writer, humorist and journalist of Jewish descent.

He was born on 22 March 1892 in Rychnov nad Kněžnou into the family of a Jewish merchant.

Josef Čapek offered him support in 1920 and Poláček began contributing to a satirical magazine; *Nebojsa* (*Dreadnought*). In 1922, the Čapek brothers introduced him to the editor of *Lidové noviny* (a popular newspaper of that time). The newspaper published his feature stories and very popular series called "Soudničky" ("Judges"; generally humorous stories about the court system.). His work was published in this newspaper until the Nazi occupation came and it was forbidden under the Nuremberg Laws.

During the Nazi occupation, in 1941, Poláček's humorous novel *Hostinec U kamenného stolu* (*Tavern with a Stone Table*) was published under the name of the painter Vlastimil Rada. It was made into a movie in 1949. After the WWII, a novel about his childhood in Rychnov nad Kněžnou, *Bylo nás pět* (*There Were Five Of Us*) was published.

On July 5 1943, he was transported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp and then transferred to Auschwitz. He died in the Gleiwitz camp on **January 21, 1945, he was 52.**

(Source: Wikipedia)



Jaroslav Seifert was born on 23 September 1901 in Žižkov, a suburb of Prague in what was then part of Austria-Hungary. Seifert's first collection of poems was published in 1921. He was a Czech writer, poet and journalist.

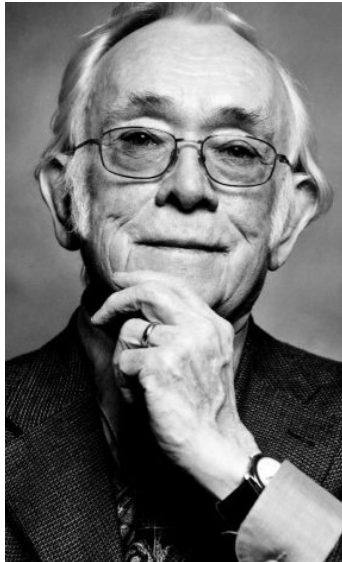
During the 1920s he was considered a leading representative of the Czechoslovak artistic avant-garde.

In 1949 Seifert left journalism and began to devote himself exclusively to literature. His poetry was awarded important state prizes in 1936, 1955, and 1968, and in 1967 he was designated National Artist. He was the official Chairman of the Czechoslovak Writer's Union for several years (1968–70). In 1977 he was one of the signatories of Charter 77 in opposition to the government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.[2]

Seifert was awarded the 1984 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his poetry which endowed with freshness, sensuality and rich inventiveness provides a liberating image of the indomitable spirit and versatility of man".

He died in Prague on **10 January 1986**; he was then 84 years of age.

(Source: Wikipedia)



Josef Škvorecký CM was born on September 27, 1924 in Náchod, Czechoslovakia. He was a Czech-Canadian writer and publisher. He spent half of his life in Canada, publishing and supporting banned Czech literature during the communist era. Škvorecký was awarded the Neustadt International Prize for Literature in 1980. He and his wife were long-time supporters of Czech dissident writers before the fall of communism in that country.

After the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia that year, Škvorecký and his wife, writer and actress Zdena Salivarová, fled to Canada.

In 1971, he and his wife founded **68 Publishers** which, over the next 20 years, published banned Czech and Slovak books. The imprint became an important mouthpiece for dissident writers, such as Václav Havel, Milan Kundera, and Ludvík Vaculík, among many others. For providing this critical literary outlet, the president of post-Communist Czechoslovakia, Václav Havel, later awarded the couple the Order of the White Lion in 1990.

He taught at the Department of English at the University of Toronto where he was eventually appointed Professor Emeritus of English and Film.

On **January 3, 2012** he died in Toronto, aged 87.

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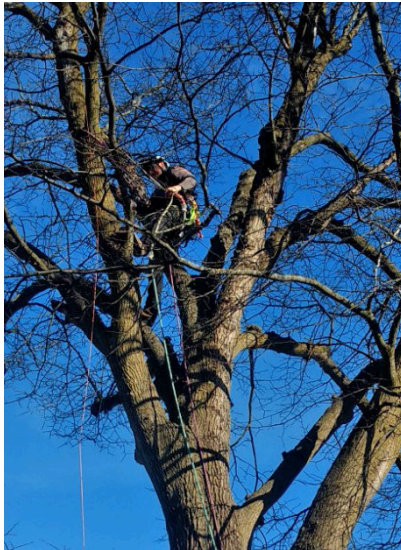
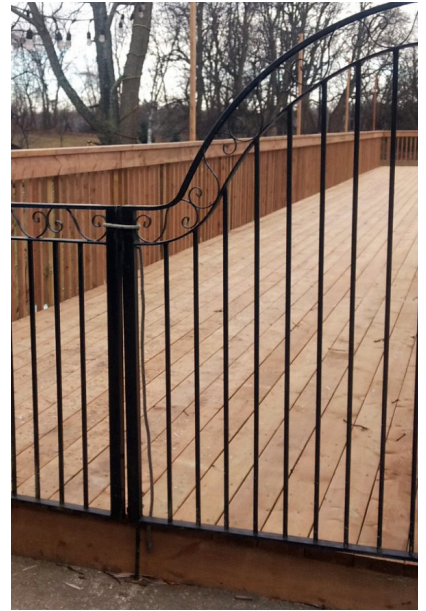
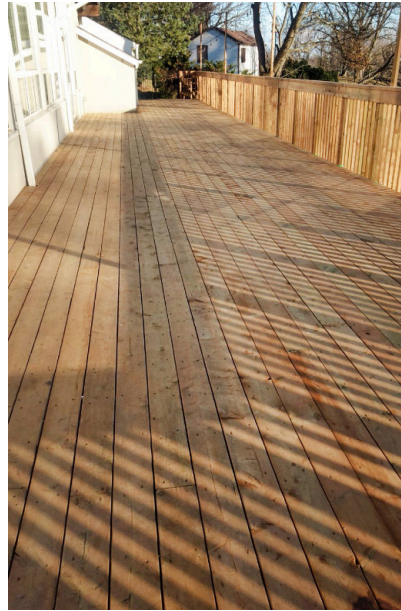
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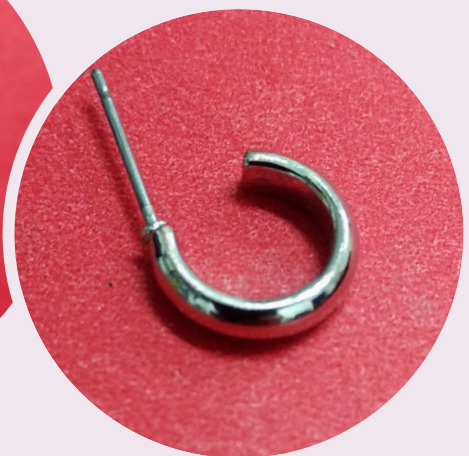
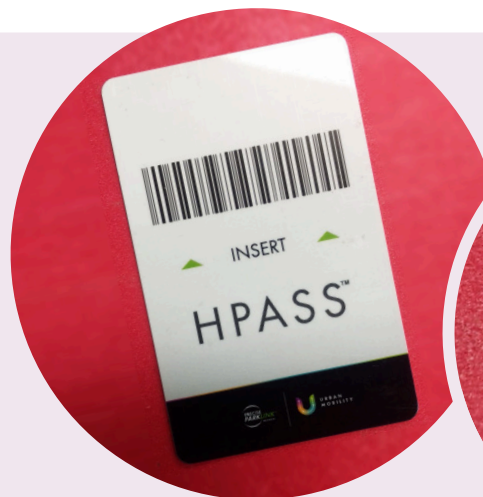
We are pleased to announce that the rebuild of the patio/deck for the Prague Restaurant and Café is finally complete! Marianna is looking forward to opening up the deck for reservations once the weather is warmer. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We have some sad news, one of our large trees had to be taken down as it was at risk of falling on the roof of the office building at Masaryktown. As you can see by the photos, the tree was completely hollow. Our plan is to convert the pieces into flower pots when the weather improves. Several dead branches from some of the other trees on the upper part of the property also needed to be removed for safety reasons.

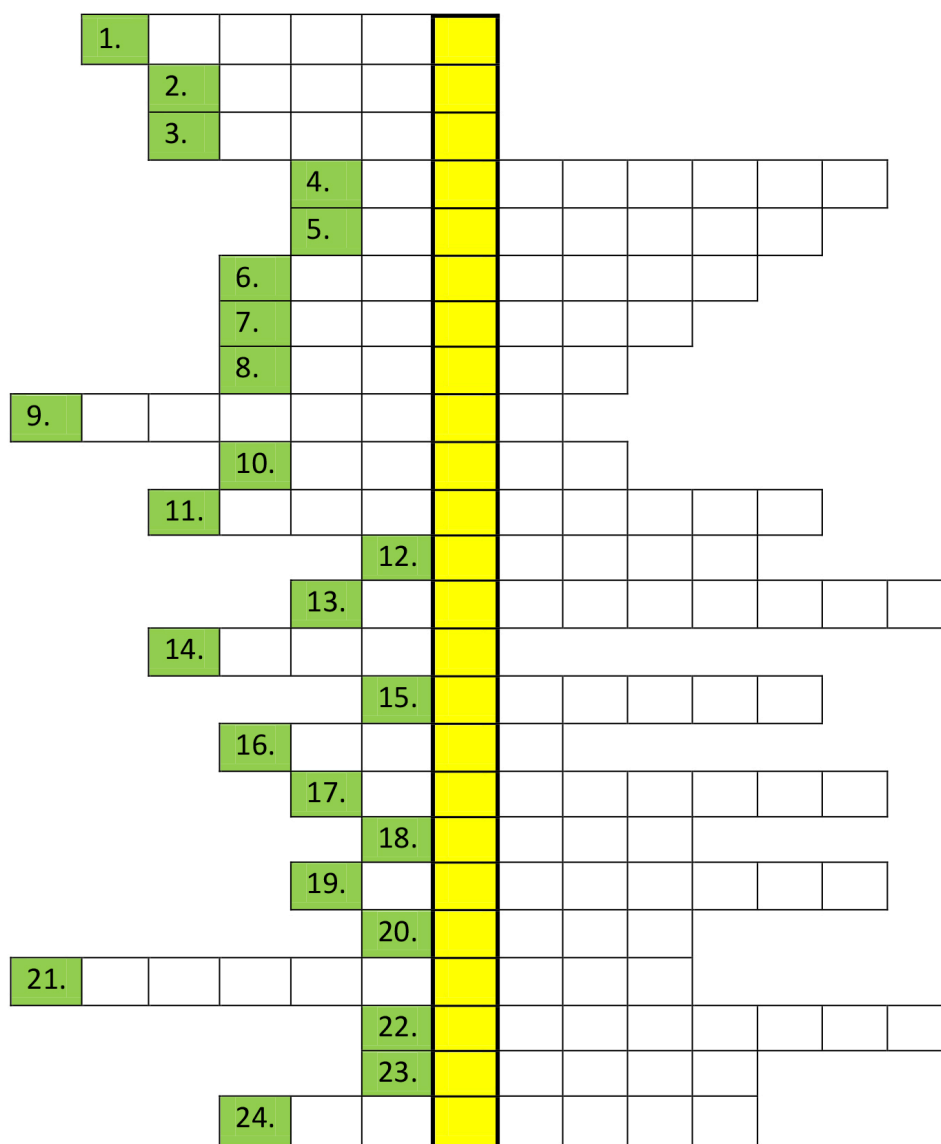


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12.	Teplý zimní plášť	24.	Drobné sladké pečivo na Vánoce

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Apr 13 (Sun) @ 10am - 2pm	Easter/Spring Market (MMI event)	Masarykpark Homes Atrium 452 Scarborough Golf Club road
May 4 (Sun) @ 1pm	MMI Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Online (ZOOM)
Jun 21 (Sat) @ TBD	Czech and Slovak Festival	Masaryktown Park (Main Level) 450 Scarborough Golf Cl Rd
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