



News from the Czech Center in the Museum District - September 2015



From the Heart of Europe to the Heart of Houston, The Czech Center Museum Houston

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November 14, 2015 The Czech Center Museum Houston's Annual Gala in Prague Hall. Watch for your invitation for the event of the year!
Visit of the former Lord Mayor Prague Tomáš Hudeček.

The Endowment for Perpetuity Fund Advances! Below are those embracing the CCMH's needs for future generations to help individuals realize heritage is important in their lives and this Museum connects People, Heritage, History and the World.

Great News for those who want to learn the Czech Language. Credit course or to audit. Help build Bridges. Join with Effie and Bill in the Rosene Scholarship fund with a donation!

Thanks to Friends of the Czech Center Museum Houston who have made a contribution to the CCMH Endowment Fund Appeal. We are grateful to those supporters who will help our museum remain one of Houston's treasured gems and who have recognized, in their generous and thoughtful gifts, this critical component of support to establish an Endowment to allow CCMH to continue its mission for future generations. The following 38 members and friends have rallied to this effort as we go to press:

Cathy Anderson, Alma Berger, Mary Boul, Richard Collins, Lillian Dulaney, Robert Dvorak, Caroline Freeman, Veronica Frost, Sarah George, Adelm Graham, Gerry Hamil, Purvis & Lynn Harper *in honor of James Ermis*, George Havlik, Marietta Hetmaniak, Anna Frances Hornak, Stella Hwang, Joseph Jankovic, Dennis Jasek, David Killen, KJZT 8 Liz Zemanek, Julie Kloess, Joseph Kocab, Marek Family Foundation, Michael McCarthy, Emma Montgomery, Theresa Parker, Amber Pastusek, Eric Pastusek, Sandra Pickett, Lorraine Rod Green Lilian Sorrels, Lana Sullenger & Laura Lancaster, Brian Vanicek, William Vavrik, Carolyn Zaskoda, Norman Zetka,

The Endowment will relieve the constant striving for funds over, above and beyond basic admission and membership dues. Building for future Generations. This effort continues, so please consider Gifts to the Endowment Fund at this time. You can pay online here: <http://www.czechcenter.org/endowment.html>, or make a check payable to CCMH.

2015 Calendar of Events

- October 24, 2015 Czech Oktoberfest, National Czech Slovak Day Democracy (October 28, 1918) First Republic. RSVP to 713-528-2060 or czech@czechcenter.org.
- November 7, 2015 Frank Firstensky Lecture at Czech Center Museum Houston regarding the Velvet Revolution events of November 17th. Time to be announced.
- **November 14, 2015 - The Czech Center Museum Houston's Annual Gala in Prague Hall. Please watch for your invitation. For information call 713-528-2060 or on the web at www.czechcenter.org.**
- November 17, 2015 Remembering the Velvet Revolution End of Communism in Czechoslovakia in 1989 leading eventually to second Republic 1992. A quiet celebration at 4:00pm with a glass of wine!
- December 6, 2015 Saint Nicholas Eve Celebration with the Bishop, Angel, and Devil, A Holiday Dinner for friends, families, and children. RSVP to 713-528-2060 or czech@czechcenter.org for more info.

Dear fellow Czechs and friends of the Czech Republic, As the Chair of the Advisory Board to the Czech Senate Committee on Overseas Czechs, allow me to inform you of a significant upcoming event, one which offers you a unique chance to directly participate in current Czech affairs. Sixty-five years ago, Dr. Milada Horakova, Czechoslovakia's leading political dissident, was sentenced to death by hanging in a Communist show trial. On November 16, 2015, on the eve of the anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, her monument will be unveiled on *Snemovni* (Parliament) street in Prague, where she will literally "oversee" the activities of Czech elected officials. As you may imagine, this hugely symbolic project is the culmination of many years of intense work and negotiations. A seven-member jury of leading architects, sculptors and professionals selected a winner from twenty-three qualified entries. The winning entry, by sculptor Joseph Faltus, is that of the witness stand from the trial. A sparrow symbolizing Milada Horakova sits on the microphone, ready to take flight. Etched on the marble floor below are her last words: "I'm falling, falling, I've lost this fight, I leave with honor. I love this country, this people. Foster well-being. I leave with no ill-feeling to you. I wish it for you, I wish that for you." Next to the monument will be a plaque with her final words translated into four languages. The monument is slightly larger than life scale, interactive, and extremely symbolic. Donors to this monument to a courageous woman will receive an original signed certificate confirming their participation in the realization of this project. This is truly a unique opportunity for all Czechs and supporters of the Czech nation. I am not alone when I state that this initiative, culminating in the unveiling of the monument, has great significance for the Czech people in their journey into democracy and in their search for national identity. Thank you very much for your kind consideration. Very Truly Yours, Dr. Martin Jan Stransky, Director, Stransky Foundation Fund. Click link for information to contribute:

<http://www.czechcenter.org/VerticalResponseEmails/more/stransky-fundation.html>

Ed: This bit of sad history about an era in the Czech Republic: The Czech Center Museum Houston is honored to have in its gift acquisition an original painting, a graphic in black and red with bursts of vibrant coloring of a vase of flowers. A profile of Milada Horakova purchased from the University of Houston arts department where in 1978, her husband Bohuslav Horak worked as assistant director of the fine arts department, an expert in lithography processing. Her family had of course dispersed from their homeland by necessity. **We welcome you to view** this extraordinary depiction which is interpretive of Milada's spirit and love of life and flowers while contemplating what happened to her in the communist show trial hanging. Effie M. Rosene



Pictured from left: Anna Hornak, Effie Rosene, Lilian Sorrels; standing Carol Vacca, Effie Rosene, Sharon Willis, Christy Sorrels; View of Coffee Set presented; Carol Vacca and Effie Rosene.

Coffee Set Collection Donated to the Czech Center Museum Houston by Benefactor Member Anna Frances Hornak in memory of her mother, Anna Drozd Hornak. Member Hornak was given the coffee set by Dr. and Mrs. Vaclav Bumba when she and her mother visited Brno in 1964. The Bumbas wished to make this gift because they believed it would be safe and appreciated in the United States and because they feared its safety by the occupying communists at that time. The value of the set rests not only in its beauty and as an expression of the talent and expertise of the Moravian artisans but also of its background and history. The coffee set was given to Dr. Bumba as an expression of love, appreciation and esteem that the people of Moravia had for him and for the years of work and support he had given them throughout his adult life as a government official. Dr. Bumba was the Government Counsel of the Land Office of Moravia and Silesia. His main concern and work as an official were the prosperity and well-being of the people of Moravia. Dr. Bumba's wife, Frantiska, was in her own right an avid scholar and historian of their Moravia. The background of the friendship began in the early 1900s when the Drozd and Hornk families were in the same area in Moravia as were the Bumbas. After WWI when Josef Hornak and Anna Drozd were married and decided to immigrate to the U.S., they called on Dr. Bumba to help them with all the complex details of the immigration process and travel in the postwar era, and the couple never ceased to be grateful for the time and help. They stayed in touch through long letters until 1964 when Anna and her mother visited them after forty years.

Ed: This beautiful set of handmade fine porcelain was made by the firm of Haas & Czizek in business since 1792 located in Horn Slavkov, Czech Republic.

Riders on the Orphan Trains: A Conference and Sharing Session at TCHCC's Bill and Betty Melnar Library, La Grange, Texas. Located next to the Fayette County Fairgrounds SATURDAY, October 31, 2015 9:00am to 7:30pm. Free registration / RSVP encouraged. Open to anyone who would like to share their stories of friends or relatives who were riders on the orphan train, as well as descendants, historians and genealogists. The National Orphan Train Museum is interested in documenting your family stories, which are an important part of our history. To schedule a video interview, please contact Alison Moore at orphantrain99@yahoo.com.



Visit to CCMH by former Lord Mayor of Prague: Through the courtesy of Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, Brian Vanicek, we were favored with a brief visit by Tomáš Hudeček, the former Lord Mayor of Prague where it was indeed an honor and our pleasure to have him for a brief visit at the Czech Center Museum Houston in Houston, Texas on Saturday evening, September 12, 2015. Bill and I both had such a stimulating conversation with him, and we could tell he was a teaching professor as he was proficient on many issues. We pointed out he had many achievements in his young life, and we were sure he would have many more. We told him we hope he would be good for his native country, the country of Effie's heritage, the Czech Republic. We also told him we hope he could tell we are very proud of the Czech Republic and our Czech ancestors. Also, I was happy I could discuss with him that we had raised monies for the flood damages in 2002 especially for the Prague Mestsky Urad and five towns including Pisek where bridges, churches, and schools were damaged when Bill Rosene, my husband, and I and yet another Board Member, Mr. Robert Dvorak, met with mayors in those towns and donated to them the U.S. Dollars we had raised and collected. We told him we hope when he comes again, he will give a lecture to our members. *Ed: We gave him our best regards for his future efforts on behalf of the Czech nation.*



Tomáš Hudeček (born May 10, 1979) is a Czech politician and university professor, deputy mayor of Prague November 24, 2011 to May 23, 2013, with the responsibilities of Mayor during days of flood in Prague and Mayor of Prague from June 20, 2013 to October 26, 2014. In 2010 he was elected to the Municipal Assembly in Prague as a candidate of the TOP 09 party and on November 24, 2011 he became a member of the executive council of Prague and the Deputy Mayor of Bohuslav Svoboda. He holds a Doctor of Science (RNDr.) and Ph.D. degree from Charles University and in 2003 began teaching at the Department of Applied Geo Informatics and Cartography Faculty of Natural Sciences of Charles University. He is a member of the Czech Geographical Society and co-author of twenty scientific publications and monographs, and he is also a lecturer in Public Administration and City Competitiveness at University of Economics and Czech Technical University in Prague.

Reminiscences of the Prague Flood of June 2, 2013: The historical center of Prague is under threat as the worst flood in decades cause chaos, claiming the lives of at least five people. Almost 2,700 people from low-lying areas of Czech Republic were evacuated, schools closed and transportation halted. The subway in the center of the capital was halted for the first time since massive floods hit the city in 2002. The disaster, caused by torrential rains, has prompted evacuation of hospitals, retirement homes and cultural institutions as well as the city zoo. Heavy rain over the weekend has resulted in flood warnings in west, north, central and south Bohemia.



One woman died after her home collapsed in Trebenice u Prahy, southwest of Prague. Later authorities discovered the dead body of a man, Czech public television reported. Separately, at least three other people were reported missing, two of them after their raft overturned on the River Berounka in central Bohemia. In Prague, rescue workers, aided by the army, have set up flood barriers. A state of emergency has been declared in the Czech Republic due to the threat of flooding, Prime Minister Petr Nečas announced in a televised address. He added that the government has allocated 300 million Czech Koruna (\$15 million) to battle the flooding. **"The situation is very serious,"** acting mayor Tomas Hudecek stated, as water levels in the Vltava, the river that flows through Prague, reached 1,513 cubic meters per second. During the 2002 floods, 5,000 cubic meters were flowing through the city every second, according to *The Prague Post*. The rising water levels have interrupted rail services between Bohemia and Moravia, with trains being stopped near Kolin. The flooding also partially damaged half of the 51 metro stations in Prague, with 17 of them submerged, local media Ceske Noviny reports, adding that the total damage was put at 73 billion Czech Koruna, about \$4 billion. Mr. Hudeček stated CCMH funds help preserve City Documents by a freezing process to stabilize them.

The Houston Historical Alliance invited us Saturday, September 12, 2015, to an extensive exhibit of Bobbie and John Nau's Texas Civil War Collection at their Silver Eagle Distribution Center with a presentation by curator Sally Anne Schmidt entitled, "Collecting the Civil War: Highlights from the Nau Collection," followed by a reception for attendees. Countless military portraits hung on gallery walls and artifacts, Civil war, military beautifully displayed including over 3,500 documents, letters from the Texas state's participants curated over many years for the collection. While we discovered no Czech immigrant participation, they of course did occur. The Naus are to be commended for their extensive collection of an event that touched so many. We were honored to be present at its viewing to the public in a beautifully designed architectural setting.



John L. Nau, III of Houston, Texas is the owner of the collection. He has been fascinated with all aspects of the Civil War since childhood, began collecting at an early age and has expanded the collection significantly in the past. Nau has a particular interest in items with a known provenance and groups of items that can be identified to a specific soldier or regiment. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History with an emphasis in American history. His commitment to history continues through Dr. Gary Gallagher, who is the John L. Nau III Professor in the History of American Civil War at the

University of Virginia. Nau is the former chairman of the Civil War Trust and the federal Advisory council on Historic Preservation. Through his tireless historic preservation efforts and his passion to create a comprehensive collection of Civil War artifacts and documents, Nau works to ensure that both the historic landscape and the tangible material culture of the Civil War era are safeguarded for future generations.

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The Museum of Fine Arts presented a program of "The Habsburgs: Dangerous Liaisons, Fate, and Demise - A Story Told through the Music of Bohemian Composers" Sunday, September 13, 2015 by classical pianist Fabio Banegas Jiricek performing at the Museum celebrating the final day of the spectacular exhibition *Habsburg Splendor: Masterpieces from Vienna's Imperial Collections*. His multimedia concert addressed the role of music through the historical eras of Austria's Habsburg Dynasty. The program included a repertoire of Bohemian composers, combined with musical interpretations, visual illustrations, and witty commentary. That Sunday was the close of the splendid Hapsburg collection from the Vienna Exhibit, showed this brilliant young Czech Classical Pianist was recognizably proud of Czech heritage, speaking some words in Czech intermittently, backed up by his good English with an Argentinean accent and excellent presentation curated by Dr. Michael Willen MFA Curator to further enhance the Hapsburg Exhibit as it related to Austria and its then numerous annexed holdings such as Bohemia, Moravia, Czech Republic, Silesia, Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina and currently Croatia, Fabio's lovely interpretation of music of the 1700s – 1800s of Czech maestro composers Leopold Kozeluch (1747 – 1810), Jan Ladislav Dusik (1769 – 1812), Josef Suk (1874 – 1907), Bedrich Smetana (1824 – 1884), Leos Janacek (1854 – 1928). While the story was built on many tragedies of Life in the Hapsburg Dynasty, it ended with Josef Suk's love song opus 7, no. 1 the beautiful *Pisen Lasky*.



Ed. Czech-Argentine pianist Fabio Banegas Jiricek has performed solo recitals in Argentina, Europe, and the United States, and he has been a soloist with the Claremont Symphony Orchestra, among others. He is the artist-in-residence for the music section of UCLA's Faculty Women's Club, where he showcases Czech and Argentine composers in their respective cultural contexts. We cannot thank MFA enough for this production and are so honored to have had a brief private visit of Fabio Jiricik to our Czech Center Museum Houston where he left a few notes on our beautiful Czech made baby-grand Petrof piano! We hope to see him again. He left us to teach a class of music students. Effie Rosene

For your Viewing and Listening Pleasure at the Czech Center Museum Houston:

- **CCMH Foyer.** Art Nouveau Beveled glass doors and windows; The 1850 palace low-boy chest with Hanak Biblical Times Ceramics Art Collection by Czech Karel Hanak, highly awarded academic artist for bringing past history to the future; A gemstone globe on the antique lawyer's desk; The Pekar family gold table holds ceramics and awards.
- **Wenceslas Chapel.** Czech Crystal Chandeliers, Stained Glass Windows, Antique Castles/Chateau furniture and paintings; King Wenceslas on his horse is as on Wenceslas Square in Prague.
- **Brno Gallery.** Porcelain and numerous collections, paintings, and antique furniture with King Rudolf II to greet you!
- **The Presidents Room** includes the Ermis ceramics collection; Rev. Paul Chovanec Moser collection; Eggermann, Bohemian crystal; Brychta figures and Hoffman boudoir pieces and the Presidents' portraits.
- **Prague International Museum Gift Shop.** A collection of heirlooms, antiques and only twenty items left of 100 year-old collection, jewelry, art.
- **Grand Staircase Landing and Pilsen Hall** features magnificent artworks of Houston's own John Pavlicek, his art showing regularly at Gremillion Gallery.
- **Prague Hall Ballroom** filled with permanent exhibits of Czech Masters Alfons Mucha, father of the Art Nouveau Movement and Czech born American international artist to presidents, royalty and art patrons of all ages, Kamil Kubik Impressionist of landscape and cityscape paintings plus more Crystal Chandeliers and Petrof baby grand piano.
- **Pilsen Hall** features Roy Cullen's Prague International Ballet in Houston debut photo gallery; Folk Art *Galerie* with 1750s era village wedding and models with festival dress and permanent exhibit of the Ottervik Collection of 1,289 pieces of Czechoslovakian Art Glass/Ceramics 1918 – 1938. Note the two Special Effects Photography by Czech/Slovak born New York artist Jaroslav Pecha on the west wall.
- **Comenius Library.** A permanent exhibit of early Czech immigrant rancher/farmer/photos who came to America from *VelkyUjezd*, Czech lands then Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1903 – the Frank Joseph Tomek family to Cameron, Texas.

Notes from our Scholarship Awardees

"Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of your 2015 scholarships. I appreciate your generosity and your willingness to help our youth further their education. I will be attending Sul Ross State University to major in biology in hopes of attending dental school in the future. Thank you again." Sincerely, Grace Jahn

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Mary Karele Milligan Scholarship. The scholarship will help greatly in my higher education endeavors. It is such an honor to be receiving a scholarship from an organization that appreciates the Czech heritage as much as I do. Thank you!" Morgan Sullins

"Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for your scholarship award. I am blessed to receive it out of a field of so many deserving applicants. Now that I am attending a college so far from home, I will require as much help as possible. And I will be able to put this scholarship to a good use. I wanted to thank the scholarship board and the organization as a whole for your contribution to my education. With your help, I will be able to achieve my educational goals to try to make the world a better Place." With Deep Thanks, Eric B. Johnson, Jr.

Great News for those who want to learn the Czech Language! There is now a chance to study the Czech language in a college setting! Informed us of a wonderful new class that will be offered at Blinn College: The course CZEC 1411 will be offered via distance learning. Participants from all over Texas and the nation who are interested in learning the CZEC language can participate in a live class on their own computers. We believe this is an important effort to preserve Czech heritage. Students will learn fundamental Czech language skills that include listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing as well as basic vocabulary, grammatical structures and Czech culture. For questions or information concerning the next offering, call Becky Garlick, 979-743-5222, Director of the Schulenburg Campus of Blinn College.

Czech Recipe. "Roast pork (veprova pecene)": The Czech Republic and Slovakia are noted for their hearty, wholesome meals. The food staples are provided principally by farmland and include milk, cheese, livestock, wheat, fruit and root vegetables. This recipe is a traditional Czech meal usually served on Sundays. Be sure to serve it with Knedliky - Czech Dumpling with Sauerkraut (Zeli) from this site, and a nice Czech pilsner. Don't skip the caraway or the beer. They make this dish what it is!
Ingredients: 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon prepared mustard, 2 tablespoons caraway seeds, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons ground black pepper, 5 pounds pork shoulder blade



roast, 3 medium onions, chopped, 1/2 cup beer, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 2 tablespoons butter.

In a bowl, form a paste using the vegetable oil, mustard, caraway seeds, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Rub over the pork roast, and let sit about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Arrange the onions in the bottom of a large roasting pan. Pour in the beer. Place the roast, fat side down, on top of the onions. Cover the pan with foil. Roast 1 hour in the preheated oven. Remove foil, turn roast, and score the fat. Continue roasting 2 1/2 hours or to a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees F (63 degrees C). Remove from heat, reserving pan juices, and let sit about 20 minutes before slicing thinly. In a saucepan, bring the reserved pan juices to a boil. Mix in the butter and cornstarch to thicken, reduce heat, and simmer 5 to 10 minutes. Serve with the sliced pork.

The CCMH Member's loan investment program was instigated in 2010 as a way to retire the building's bank mortgage with its required monthly payment. From its members, CCMH received sufficient funds from seventeen persons which were used for this purpose. Since that auspicious beginning, eight very generous individuals have forgiven or donated \$165,000 or 26% of the funds initially received. These were Cynthia Gdula and Charles Westervelt, Marek Family Companies, Laverne Nash, Ed and Sandra Pickett, Mary and Frank Pokluda Jr., Wesley Pustejovsky, Lorraine Rod Green and Effie and Bill Rosene. The Picketts and Rosenes donated the interest on their loans to the Center. The certificates issued for the remaining eleven loans will terminate in 2015 to be replaced with new certificates, if the holder so indicates. The CCMH's Board of Directors has authorized the continuation of the Loan Program with issued certificates receiving a 3% interest return on their investment with funds received in this new program to be placed in the Center's Endowment for Perpetuity Investment Fund. *If you are interested in joining with us in this program, please call. Your investment in this matter is highly important and beneficial to you and the Czech Center Museum Houston.*

We Need Volunteers: We honor them, not just today, but every day, our Volunteers, members of the Czech Center Museum Houston Guild. They Tend the Prague International Gift Shop, give Docent Historical Tours, Meet every visitor to the CCMH from around the world, and Answer every telephone call for its execution. We Educate all who enter, the importance of embracing their heritage from wherever, to know who they are, as the roots to being a citizen of the world, not only as Texans or as Americans. Volunteers are unpaid, yet give financial and charitable support to help grow our institution to be enjoyed by others via education, service, the arts, culture, history and heritage. We honor our Ancestors in whose memory the CCMH was built, to remember they came to America through great trials and tribulations, stayed, and made a difference, as all immigrant groups have. We honor all our Members, Friends, Board Members and past Board Members. **We honor their "stepping up" in great attitude and aptitude to administer the Museum's needs. Please join us in any hours or days you can commit to this special group. Call 713-528-2060 or 713-682-4608. Thank you.**

NEW! Read a virtual *Docent Historical Tour* of the Czech Center Museum Houston by clicking following link: <http://www.czechcenter.org/VerticalResponseEmails/pdfs/Docent-Tour-Czechvar.pdf>

Good Reads Available at our Prague International Gift Shop:

Texas Czech Bands by CCMH Members Jimmy Brosch with Theresa Cernoch Parker.

Rustic Baroque - A novel by Jiri Hajicek - Set in South Bohemia about a decade after the Velvet Revolution.

Border Crossings - A Memoir that Reads Like a Thriller! By Charles Novacek.

Prague, My Long Journey Home - by Charles Ota Heller. A memoir of Survival, Denial and Redemption. Providing a window into one Czech American's experiences!

The Czech Pioneers of the Southwest by Dr. Henry R. Maresh - a must read for research of your genealogy.

Living Longer Than Hate - W. J. Bill Morgan's life, a Story of Survival and Success by C.S. Ragsdale.

Fields of Light, A Son Remembers His Heroic Father by CCMH Member Joseph Hurka.

Žižka the One-Eyed - A grizzled warrior, he rose from service as a mere bodyguard at the court of King Wenceslas to lead armies of peasant men and women. By Jim Fuxa, CCMH member.

For information on these books and to order call 713-528-2060 or visit our website.

You are welcome to view this organization's IRS Form 990 available on the Guidestar website. Note this organization's name on filing was the Czech Cultural and Community Center, which now does business as the Czech Center Museum Houston. <http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2011/760/496/2011-760496649-08e34299-9.pdf>

Interested Members may also view financial records by appointment.

Czech Language Online Daily: It would be impossible not to learn from these simple distinct lessons. Try it now!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bY9cp7r2CZc>.



Mural of Prague Bridge
A Houston Cultural Destination Point:
Czech Center Museum Houston and the Charles Bridge of Prague
at 4920 San Jacinto and Wichita in the Museum District!

"When we build let us think that we build forever. Let not it be such for present delight or for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will think of us for. And Let us think, as we lay stone upon stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, 'See this our father did for us.'"
John Ruskin



An Irish Toast: There are good ships, and there are wood ships, The ships that sail the sea, But the best ships are Friendships – And may they always be.

Sayings for your consideration: "Time goes by so fast; people go in and out of your life. You must never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to you." Anonymous. "Those that say that individuals are not capable of changing anything are only looking for excuses." Vaclav Havel. "To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." Chinese and Czech Proverb.

Questions or comments or to be removed, please email first and last name to
Effie M. Rosene, Chair/CEO on behalf of Board of Directors, Volunteers and Members and Friends.

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