From the Chairman – Thank you again to all the Members, Friends, Volunteers, Contributors, Underwriters and especially to Lorraine Rod Green for insisting Bill and I be honored when we suggested she be the honoree and to all the attendees and silent auction bidders who made Gala 2016 a resounding success. We thank all above for allowing Bill Rosene and I volunteer Founders of this Museum, to begin a journey which evolved into 22 years volunteering service since 1995 working to arrive to where we are today. Bill had a job that he said one time, “I should be paying them to go to work” he enjoyed it so much! The same is like that with the Czech Center; we love the work so much we are paying to work here! Following research of museums, cathedrals, historical palaces in our European travels and especially in the Czech Republic to develop our vision for a similar fitting Baroque Palace in Houston, Texas for those of Czech heritage and others for celebrating their ancestors, those immigrants who came, stayed, made a difference in the state, in the USA and elsewhere as all immigrants did, making a home in a better place. We have been at the forefront in that time, first in fundraising, curating and collecting art objects and artifacts, then from design through construction to provide an elegant setting for caring people for special events to start with a four and a half million dollar campaign to build a home for future generations. We have enjoyed it for the last twenty-two years. The Museum continues its growth for the future! The Rosenes continue Volunteering with Passion. Thank you all for letting us take this journey. We have met so many fine persons in this journey, and we recently lost one of those dear, dear friends we have made along the way, Bettì Friedel Saunders.

The Czech Center Museum Houston invites you to join us to celebrate the 9th Annual Czech Oktober Fest October 28, 2016 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm Back by popular demand with dancing to the Rusty Steins, good Czech and German food provided by Rudi Lechner’s Restaurant, camaraderie, wine and Czech Beer and craft beer tastings provided by Karbach Brewing Company. We celebrate many events, and this is our most popular. Think wine harvests, beer brewing festivals, fun dance and sing to the great music of The Rusty Steins. Admission for all above $25.00. We also celebrate the historical circumstances acknowledging the founding of the state of Czechoslovakia on October 28, 1918 as Czech National Day. Book now by calling 713-528-2060 or email to events@czechcenter.org.
the front. This was followed by the dissemination of information recognizing Austro-Hungary's peace conditions. That evening the National Committee issued the first law on the establishment of an independent state. In this way two weeks before the end of the war to this day is known as the "First Republic" was founded. The term applies to the period from October 1918 then until the Munich Agreement of 1938.

We Welcome You to Josef Lada (1897 – 1957 Czechoslovakia) Artist, Illustrator, Writer, News and Book Caricaturist Art Show and Tell Saturday, October 22, 2016, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Czech Center Museum Houston at 4920 San Jacinto in the Museum District is one of three Texas Museums including La Grange and Temple to host this unique event. The Art and Artifacts come directly from Prague Museums of Art, Literature, Art Galleries and a private collection of grandson Martin Lada. Includes Reception and delightful Trunk Show and Sale of Lada cosmetics, children’s toys and activity books and an array of early Christmas shopping gifts benefiting the shopper, the receiver and the Museum. Narration and discussion is by Folk Artist Daniela Mahoney of Portland, Oregon and Susan Chandler, Temple Museum Director. We promise you an enjoyable visit. We appreciate notice of your attendance to 713-526-2060 or email events@czechcenter.org.

Josef Lada is best known as the illustrator of Jaroslav Hašek’s World War One novel The Good Soldier Švejk. Born in the small village of Hrusice in a cobbler’s family, he went to Prague at the age of 14 to become an apprentice binder. Entirely self-taught, he created his own style as a caricaturist for newspapers, and later as an illustrator. He created landscapes, created frescoes and designed costumes for plays and films. Over the years he created a series of paintings and drawings depicting traditional Czech occupations and wrote and illustrated the adventures of Míša, a little black cat who could talk. Lada produced nearly 600 cartoons of the Švejk characters, depicting Austria-Hungary officers and civil servants as incompetent, abusive and often drunk. All subsequent editions of Švejk used Lada's Illustrations, except for the 2008/2009 Czech edition illustrated by Petr Urban.

Betti Friedel Saunders September 9, 1924 - September 19, 2016 - Remembering Betti Friedel Saunders, Friend, Benefactor, Honorary Board Member of the Czech Center Museum Houston since November 26, 1998, with husband Charles, deceased since September 10, 2011. Charles was a prominent lawyer in the city, the longest living member of the famed Jaworski Law Firm. Closer to us he was the one who announced proudly at a Board Meeting in 1998, "I serve and have served on numerous Boards of our city's organizations but I know of none as solvent as the Czech Center Museum Houston." He taught Betti to be proud of her Czech heritage. They attended all events and without fail Charles would telephone if not that night, the next morning, “Well, Effie, we can chalk up another perfectly beautiful gathering at the Czech Center.” Always the optimist, always helpful to matters of development, administration, and growth. Betti was a beautiful, vivacious, petite activist and actress, theatre-oriented. She invited Effie and Bill Rose to accompany her on a theatre and museums trip to New York City. Active in Houston society, she happily donated one of her ball gowns, an Oscar de la Renta original, to the museum, besides their major gifts and donations of several pieces in our museum, étagères and a credenza in the foyer. They leave a lovely family. Betti is survived by their four children Melanie Walter-Mahoney and husband Tim, C. Stephen Saunders and wife Carol, all of Austin, Cindy Saunders Buggs and husband Bradley of Houston, Shelley Saunders Eatherly and husband Jeff of Asheville, North Carolina, 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and devoted daughter-in-love Patsy Saunders and our Czech Center memories. They will never be forgotten; their legacy and memories live on. Her life was celebrated 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial Drive. Effie M. Rose, Chairman/CEO

Katerina Knoy Donation of a Pilsenska Madonna to the Czech Center Museum. We are grateful for this beautiful version of painted porcelain ceramic which stands approximately eighteen inches high. It is a copy of an altar piece at St. Bartholomew. According to Ms. Knoy she purchased it in Stare Mesto Prague in 1998 while traveling the country. It traveled the country in her knapsack. The dominant of the city of Pízení is the spire of the Church of St. Bartholomew – the highest spire (103 m) in the Czech Republic. The pilgrims come here to visit the Madonna of Pilsen, the Gothic sculpture placed on the main altar. According to the legend, a blind man made this medieval work of so-called “beautiful style.” The legend says that the Virgin Mary asked him to make the sculpture and was guiding his hands during the work. Since she was content with the result, she gave him back his sight, so that he could see his beautiful work.

Cana Hauerland Rules on Networking: 1). It's okay to outgrow people - it means you're advancing in life and following your dreams. 2). There is an art of talking to people and bringing them into the fold - learn it and use it - this is your most powerful tool. 3). People should always talk and speak to you as you do to them and you should value this; in fact, at the Museum you should expect it. 4). Every culture matters; every person matters; every story matters. If you allow a person to come into your life or this Museum without learning about his or her history, legacy, culture, or country, as well as sharing your own, it's a loss to you and this Museum. Don't lose. Thank you. Ed: Cana spoke some good advice with these words at Gala 2016.
Day of Lilacs” with Czech Center Houston Museum: ON THE MORNING of May 6, 1945, Gen. George S. Patton’s Third Army rumbled into Pilsen’s Republic Square. Western Czechoslovakia was free at last from more than six years’ German occupation. The Czech people greeted their liberators with kisses and mountains of lilacs, piled high on American tanks, trucks, and jeeps. Seventy years later, May 2015, the city celebrated liberation again with ceremonies, food, drink, music, a miles-long Convoy of Freedom, American flags, kisses, and mountains of lilacs. Local photographer and friend of the Museum, Darrell Hancock, was there. On November 19, 2016 the Museum will open an exhibit of his photographs of the festival. He will also speak on the story of the liberation and Pilsen’s remarkable 2015 celebration, illustrated by never-to-be-forgotten images of thousands of Czech people waving American flags.

Help Spread the word about our Mission: The CCMH exists to celebrate culture, language, scholarship and arts preserving history and heritage, espousing the significance of knowing one’s ancestry that all roots are important to being a citizen of the world. It is our organization’s belief that education and charity are cornerstones to enhancing a Civil Society in these challenging times. Our Organization is a Museum and Cultural Center open six days a week where visitors, local and out-of-town, are attracted to the Center by its proximity to the other Museum District Museums and the Medical Center where we are sourced by maps, visitors’ guides, newspaper articles, notice of our events by email and our websites. All the organization’s events are open to the general public. We have noted that many persons of other heritage have developed their interest and have come to us via a love of Czech classical music composers, authors, history, art, military service, student exchange, and other exposure to the culture.

From the Editor Love Gifts! New in our Gift Shop: A great, fun read! The best seller New York authors Joe and John Gindele, Yorkville twins’ memoirs of brothers growing up in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s in New York City with Czech and German parents. Guaranteed to make you laugh, cry and think about America pride, immigrants leaving countries and how they experience the new one. An incredible literary piece about humanity worthy of gifting to anyone else you know even if they are not usually avid readers. It is Genealogy 101+ at a great $14.95!!! Gift Shop Love Gifts - If by chance you missed getting any or needing any, it is never too late to share love. We offer options from $6 to $15: magnets, books, ornaments, earnings even for your youngest shoppers. We offer a new permanent exhibit of Bobble Heads in our awesome museum for the young at heart. Ed: Effie Rosene

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Wish List for Capital Needs: The Czech Center Museum Houston has issued a call and appeal to contribute to a permanent Endowment to perpetuate this institution going forward and will recognize those who have made gifts as your legacy to this organization by a plaque in the foyer of the Center. We all want to be remembered for what we stand for and for the things that are important to us. Your legacy is what you leave for the future, leaving your mark and honoring what matters in your life.

CCMH Capital Needs: Next Phase of Capital Improvement is a key component in using the building’s third floor for exhibitions and as a rentable venue for meetings, concerts and receptions, to provide restrooms finish and furnish office space, additional wiring for electric, telephone and Ethernet cabling, carpeting and ceiling finish. The outcome of this third phase will enable us to provide new and expanded members’ services with staff to archive, curate exhibitions and collate records.

Additional Capital Improvement Needs: Funding for: 1. A Czech and Slovak Cultural Garden to tell the story of migrants from the central European region of Bohemia and Moravia through a sculptured frieze depicting the history of the migration of Czechs to the United States with a proposed frieze with the busts of Bedrich Smetana, composer (1824-1884); Antonin Dvorak, composer (1841-1934); Tomas Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia (1850-1937); Vaclav Havel and others; 2. Enclosing the campus with a wrought iron fence; 3. Complete reparation of the Mural and consideration of indoor murals; cove painting decoration; 4. Purchase of the building fronting on Fannin street and immediately west not in existing CCMH property for storage and additional venue and office space; 5. Complete beautification of the grounds.

ALERT! COMING SOON!! We invite you to hear Darrell Hancock talk and exhibit TRAVEL BACK IN TIME, “To The
Reverend Joseph Louis Vrana, III, 76, passed away October 10, 2016. He was born in Houston, TX on December 21, 1939 to Joseph L. Vrana, Jr. and Helen Cyva Vrana. He attended high school in Crosby, and it was during this time he began to seriously consider the priesthood. After graduation he answered his calling to the priesthood and entered St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. He was among eight seminarians ordained by Bishop John L. Morkovsky on May 29, 1965 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Following his ordination, Father Joe was very happy to impart his priestly blessing to his parents, as their only child. His first assignment was at St. Mary's Co-Cathedral in Galveston then as associate pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Bay City. He served the parish for four years, serving as director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Youth Organization. He served on the Western Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Archdiocesan Galveston-Houston Marriage Policy Committee. He was appointed administrator of Holy Cross Parish in East Bernard in July 1975 and was appointed pastor on January 1, 1977, serving the parish for 10 1/2 years. On June 8, 1988, he was assigned as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Wharton and St. Joseph Mission in Boling. In 2006, he was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Nada and also, until 2009, as parochial administrator for St. John Nepomucene Parish in New Tallton. At St. Mary's Parish, he served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Confraternity of Christian Mother's Society, Nada K.J.T., K.J.Z.T. Society #17. Catholic Life Insurance and the Catholic Daughters of America Court #1595. Father Joe enjoyed deer and bird hunting, as well as fishing and gardening. On May 29, 2015, he celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Joe was preceded in death by his parents and aunt, Jane Cyva.

Please consider joining the tile holders shown who are awaiting to have their titles inscribed in the next Memorial/Honorary Tile installation. It is a way to celebrate and remember your heritage while you help grow the Museum. Honor a friend or loved one. Inscribe your name or your honoree’s name on a tile as a lasting and meaningful memento of thoughtfulness. It is for someone you love. It is for someone who made a difference. It is for you! Celebrate Honoring someone important in your life or your association with the Czech Center Museum Houston. Inscribe Your Name or your Honoree’s Name on a gold engraved black marble tile as a lasting and meaningful memento of thoughtfulness and support of the mission of this unique new site. Tile contribution by size: 12x12 $5,000 - gold frame surround; 12x12 $1,000; 8x12 $750; 6x12 $500; 4x12 $250.

WANTED: Water Color and Oil Artists: Check the view of Mikulov herein. We need paintings of Czech and Slovak scenes for display and sale. We know we must have some talented artists on board, or if you know one, not necessarily ethnically Czech or Slovak or any age, please let us know. We can supply subject matter that is meaningful and the rewards of doing this can be many along with name recognition. Please let us know if you are interested. Email us at czech@czechcenter.org or call 713-682-4608.

Contribute by becoming a Volunteer: Volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization and we have been honored to have some great ones. They have served a long time, but we need additional volunteers as some have retired for reasons of health or to care for loved ones. Volunteers participate in the cultural events and are the mainstay of these. Please call Eiffie to discuss a role you can play that will help the organization. It is an admirable profession! We need you!

You are welcome to view this organization’s IRS Form 990 available on the Guide Star 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/2011/760/496/2011-760496649-09e34299-9.pdf. Interested Members may also view financial records by appointment.

A ship engine failed; no one could fix it. Then they brought in a man with 40 yrs. on the job. He inspected the engine carefully, top to bottom. After looking things over, the guy reached into his bag and pulled out a small hammer. He gently tapped something. Instantly, the engine lurched into life. The engine was fixed! 7 Days later the owners got his bill for 10k. “What?!” the owners said. “You hardly did anything. Send us an itemized bill.” The reply simply said, “Tapping with a hammer - $2; Knowing where to tap - $9,998.” Don’t Ever Underestimate Experience.

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

"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

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

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