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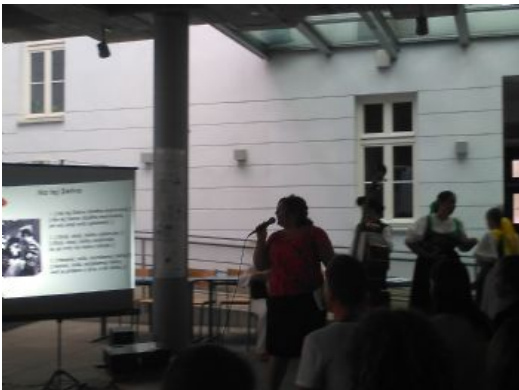
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Singers don't dance & dancers don't sing?

Saturday, August 06, 2016

That was the situation in our community theater group in Ohio. Not true in Slovakia!

After Friday's classes were done for the day, at 4:30 we went to a folk singing workshop.



It was optional, but everyone was there. The words were on the screen and we sang along with a traditional band. The leader had a great voice and was very enthusiastic acting out the text for those not proficient in Slovak.

Then we had a buffet dinner of traditional food. I didn't take a picture because students descend on a buffet like locusts in a field of grain.

Afterwards there was dancing . I've mentioned before that dancing of any sort (even zumba) isn't my thing, but I joined right in. Just about everyone did - except DH. His valid excuse was that he would take pictures.

So here's documentation that I really got out there. I'm in the white pants and red top somewhere in the group.

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Yes, EVERYONE participated. This lady is the director of the whole summer program



This is best described as repeated squat-kick. Good thing I got a lot of squat practice back home.



Here's my rear end with my right hand holding tightly to a 25 year old Italian guy



Lots of arm overhead while spinning around individually



A bunch of guys spontaneously got together to do special steps in the middle



After the dancing DH and I walked over to the medieval city wall where a Rusyn band was performing. My grandparents were Rusyn - an ethnic group from eastern Slovakia, actually from the Carpathian mountains. They are a minority in all those countries of that mountain region - Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, Hungary and Romania.



Finally this is what fuels all this activity.

A typical lunch in the school cafeteria. I chose the stuffed eggplant with broccoli soup, salad and roll. Oh yeah, potatoes too. There are always potatoes, in every form imaginable.



The previous evening we ate in a restaurant along the Danube. This is the biggest pork schnitzel I have ever seen.



I didn't run this morning because we have an entire day (9 - 6) on a WALKING tour of the city including the castle located WAY up above the river. Time to get ready for that.

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Wonderful fun!
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Sounds like a wonderful vacation! :-)
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What a wonderful time!
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KRISSEY82

That looks fun! Wow---that is quite the pork schnitzel! I'm wishing for eggplant now...
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WOOFERCOALBOY

Looks like you're having a marvelous time!
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SMILINGEYES2

Dancing is not just great exercise but builds relationships and lifts mood. The food sounds wonderful.
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PHEBESS

Love that you are jumping into your class and the culture with both feet!!! Best way to experience it, definitely!



And that schnitzel is enough for several meals!
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CD4114015
HOW amazing your times are!
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PEGGYO
have a great time
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SYLPHINPROGRESS
What a wonderful experience you're having on all fronts. This is so exciting. And you got in on the dancing at full throttle. I'm so proud of you, sheyna maidel (that's my best Hindi). Regards to Joe.




the closest thing to the Carpathians
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SLENDERELLA61
Marvelous pictures! Marvelous experience!! Thanks so much for sharing.
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MISCHAKEO
That dancing looks fun..and everyone participates. Have fun on the walking tour.
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DEBVNE
I love that you danced! Unless you are a professional, dance to me simply means feeling the beat and enjoying the music! Way to enjoy the moment!!!



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WATERMELLEN
Oh, the joie de vivre (or whatever that translates into in Slovak!!)
And you're right in there, squeezing out all the joy!
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LIVEDAILY
You danced!! And you had fun!! Yay!! That really looked like a great time! Potatoes...for some reason, potatoes must have grown prodigiously well in that region of the world. I grew up eating lots of potatoes too! Grandparents were from Poland and Ukraine. And, yes, that IS the biggest pork schnitzel I have ever seen!! I bet is was delicious! Enjoy the walking tour!
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GINIEMIE
Fun! Sounds good and the food looks yummy.



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HOLLYM48
What an awesome trip you are on. What fun to join in and dance. Thanks for sharing all of this with us!
Have a great day today walking on the tour.
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SUNNYBEACHGIRL
Folk dancing is a fun group activity.
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AQUAGIRL08
Sounds wonderful! Strap on those walking shoes and have a great time!
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CD15520036
It looks like so much fun!
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ONEKIDSMOM
Lace up those hiking shoes and have a blast!
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DR1939
Looks like an interesting course.
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DOVESEYES
Wow what a wonderful time you are having !!!
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HELEN_BRU
Amazing all the ways they know how to cook with potatoes. Used to love my mother's liver dumplings she would put in a soup. Thanks for all the memories!
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MARYJEANSL
The food looks yummy - although there is rather too much of it! - and everything you are doing sounds like so much fun! I hope the walking tour went well.
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RALPHDB
Glad you had such a joyful event.
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JEANKNEE
Oh my word! The pork snitzel is HUGE!
Looks like a very enjoyable experience. Hope you enjoyed your walking tour.
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