

Thanksgiving

Gala Charity Dinner

FRIDAY
November 22, 2019

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DoubleTree by Hilton
Hotel, Bratislava

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VORNA

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ESOT

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PLUO BIO

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Radisson

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SUBWAY

TATRAEA

Whirlpool

WINE EXPERT

WOLF

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TOMBOLA CONTRIBUTORS

During the years, the annual Thanksgiving Gala Charity Dinner has become one of the staple events for AmCham - something the members look forward to weeks before it takes place and then talk about long after. The evening program itself has also acquired an established structure with a strong focus on tradition as well as the charity aspect.

However, this doesn't mean that there is no effort to improve. On the contrary - every single detail is evaluated and minor adjustments are made to make the overall experience better. At the same time, new performers are invited and new activities are introduced for the guests to maintain a certain aspect of surprise and make the evening

even more memorable. This year's opening act - a UV show by Dreamdancers - was very colorful and energetic, setting the tone for the evening. Moderators Vera Wister and Tomáš Polaček guided the guest through the official part of the program and announced all the acts.

Two important awards were also presented during the program. AmCham's President and Managing Director of AT&T Global Network Services Slovakia, s.r.o, Gabriel Galgóci, accepted the award for the winner of AmCham's Halloween Blood Donation Competition on behalf of AT&T Slovakia. It is awarded to the most active company whose employees donated the largest amount

of blood during the blood donations which took place in October. Peter Kolesár, Associate Partner at Civitta Slovakia, was the recipient of the 2019 AmCham award for his long-term support of AmCham's activities, his active participation and the willingness to always help out. The recipient of this award is traditionally selected by AmCham staff.

The room was humming with anticipation as the waiters started serving the traditional American Thanksgiving feast, the highlight of the evening for many guests. Over the years, the menu has been prepared with almost obsessive care and expert skill and is carefully tested each year before the event. In accordance with the spirit of Thanksgiving, the

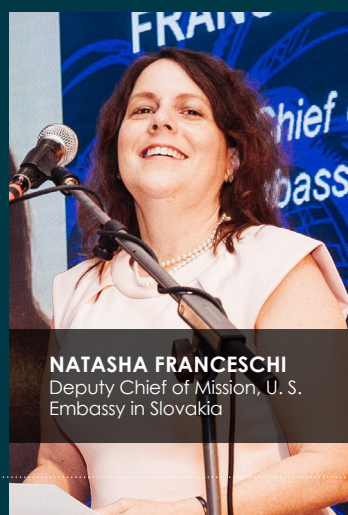
guests at each table become a closely cooperating group as the dishes with food are being passed around and the most experienced or courageous member of the group carves the turkey. This tradition helps create an almost family-like atmosphere at each table whether the diners are long-time friends or have just met for the first time.

After their very successful premiere last year, The Backwards have earned the position of the musical headliner for the second straight year. The combination of their energizing performance and the fact that songs by The Beatles are known practically all around the world proved to provide the needed motivation for the guests to leave their tables and move to the dance floor. Other musical performances included an electrifying demonstration of skill by Miriam Kaiser Trio or a selection of beautiful songs by BL Gospel. Later on, the musical menu was left in charge of the DJ, who managed to keep the dance floor full well past midnight.

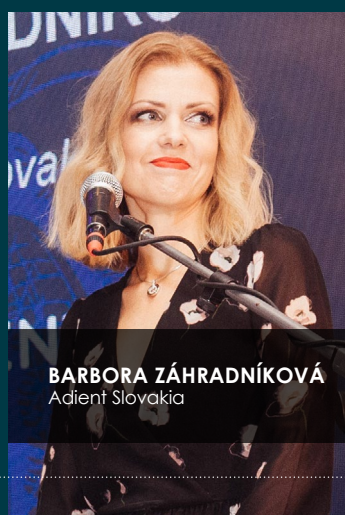
The guests were invited to explore the hallways of DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel which offered numerous tasty temptations and fun activities. It took some time and effort to explore all the options, as people were drawn into interesting conversations in spontaneously



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formed small groups. The social and networking aspect of this event remains very strong as it is a great occasion to meet old friends and acquaintances or make new ones. Besides good company, the guests also had a chance to enjoy some carefully selected treats, including exclusive coffee or liquors and spirits, or take part in gourmet and wine tasting. The traditional cocktail bar with endless supplies introduced a new cocktail menu, while the very popular whiskey, cognac & cigar bar offered a more private atmosphere for talks.

As usual, during the entire evening, the guests had the possibility to buy tombola tickets. Two plane tickets to the destination of the winner's dreams and a long list of other attractive prizes provided sufficient motivation, but the real goal was to support a good cause and help out those who need it much more.

All the proceeds went to the charity chosen as this year's recipient – Good Shepherd in Kláštor pod Znievom. In a little over a decade, Vladimír Maslák, the founder of Good Shepherd, managed to create a community where individuals who found themselves in a very difficult situation are able to put their life together, regain self-confidence and improve their mental and physical health. It is an amazing example of how a determined individual can

change the lives of hundreds of people by giving them a second chance and inspiring others as well. The community currently houses over 430 individuals who work in different projects related to the community's activities. Their motto summarizes their approach very well - We live in the present, having learned our lessons from the past. Thanks to the wonderful contribution of its members, AmCham, through its Annual Thanksgiving Charity Drive, was able to donate 12,500 EUR to support their efforts.

Being thankful for what you have and being generous to share with those who were less fortunate has always been the main message of the Thanksgiving Gala Charity Dinner. It is great to see that although the evening itself is a joyful occasion offering great food and entertainment, its real purpose remains clear and strong.



Peter Kolesár of Civitta Slovakia accepting the 2019 AmCham Award



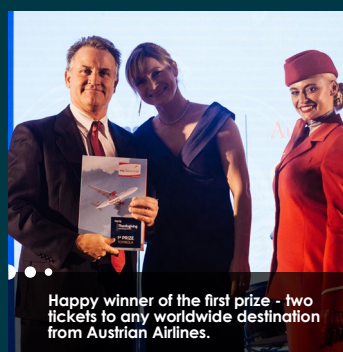
Gabriel Galgóci of AT&T Slovakia, receiving the award for the 2019 Blood Donation winner



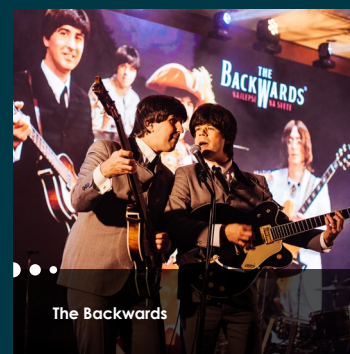
BL Gospel



AmCham staff with Vladimír Maslák of OZ Dobry pastier



Happy winner of the first prize - two tickets to any worldwide destination from Austrian Airlines.



The Backwards



Vladimír Maslák of OZ Dobry pastier accepting the symbolic Charity Drive check.