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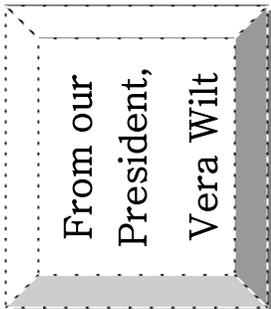
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Check out our website:

**[www.sokolspirit.org](http://www.sokolspirit.org)**



Dear Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

The Sokol Year is in full swing, with classes, social activities and fundraising.

First, I want to extend my personal, and the unit's deepest gratitude to the hardworking people who ran a successful **Rummage Sale** on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Committee: Meribeth Tooke, Dorothy Becker, Lisa Kotynek, Chris Lanzel, Wendy Sanders, John Tooke and Elaine Zitko, report that this year's results were very good. Too many factors, however, have made it more difficult and frustrating every year to set up and run a successful event. Many of our members are probably not aware how much work there

still is at the end of a sale. The items worth saving for another sale had been packed and stored each year, while many other items were packed up and delivered to charitable organizations for resale or other use. Now that they have decided this was the last sale, everything has been so distributed, with just the "fine goods" that will still be available for sale at another Sokol Spirit event noted below, which will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Whatever items are still left after that will also be donated to other organizations. The committee estimates that since these sales were established by Sokol Brookfield at least 35 years ago, nearly \$100,000 was raised for the unit.

Thank you the committee as well as to all who have made this fundraiser possible over the years, whether by planning the event, baking for the café, putting out the items, pricing, donating items, setting up tables, packing up the leftovers, sharing with other organizations, promoting the event, working during the sale, or even patronizing the sale and finding treasures. **Sokol Spirit is very grateful for all your hard work and dedication.**

There are other events coming up that are promoted in this newsletter, including **Spaghetti Dinner**, the **Wreath Sale**, **Falcon Key Club**, and a Vendor Fair.

The **Vendor Fair** is a new event this year, so let me explain what to expect. On November 21, in our lower level hall, from 9AM to 3PM you will have the opportunity to find many of the items you may be used to seeing only at home parties, or online. The vendors offer many different wares from food to make-up, jewelry to candles and everything in between. These will also be some craft items, Czech items, fresh bakery, and other items for sale. There will also be a raffle, lunch and beverages available, so come to shop, and spend the day. Admission is free, but bring your wallet because you will want to start your Christmas Shopping here.

Falcon Key Club is still available if you want to be a sponsor of our unit without eating, shopping or taking a chance on winning something. Holiday Greetings will appear in our next issue, so consider extending good wishes this way.

Check out our website: [sokolspirit.org](http://sokolspirit.org) to see the latest and greatest things going on at Sokol Spirit.

May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## Fun at Oktoberfest – September 12



## 2015 Farmer's Market



I want to send a quick “thank you” shout out to the members who helped with promoting Sokol Spirit this summer at the farmer’s market. This is a large undertaking, and requires a lot of man power, but it’s worth getting involved with our community. I truly appreciate the volunteers who spent their Saturday mornings, (rain or shine!) promoting our organization!

THANKS!-Cassie Croft

*Speaking of the Farmer's Market:*

*Q: What is a vampire's favorite fruit? A: A nectarine!*

*Q: What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit? A: STRAW-berries*

*Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school? A: Spelling.*

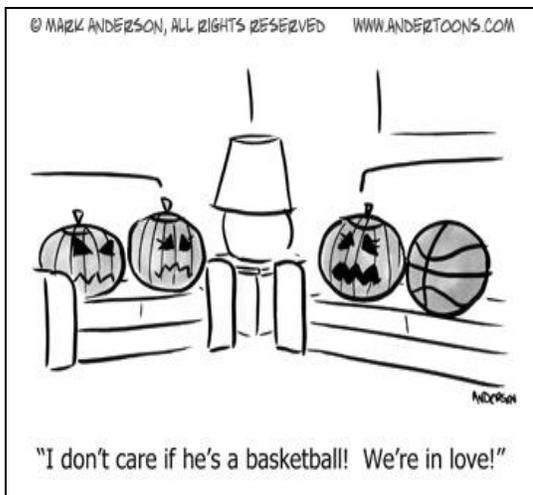
## Juniors at the Memorial Day parade – Bohemian National Cemetery



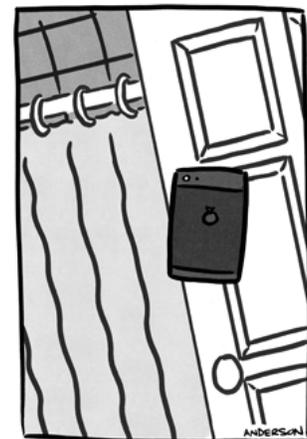
### From the Youth Ambassador

Hope you are all enjoying your classes. For those who have just joined, keep an eye out in the mail around mid-November for a special arrival. For those returning, in the same time frame, you will be getting the next sticker for your passports. Your first newsletter will arrive with all kinds of fun information. Hopefully some of you had the chance to sign up for some of our 150th Anniversary events. If so, can't wait to see you there. Some classes may also be having special 150 activities - be sure to ask your instructor. Many of you have successfully completed your first competition, and I have seen the results, great job by all of you!!! As you continue to prepare for the next events and learn new routines and skills, take a moment to think about how many classes of kids have gone before you. You and your parents are part of an organization that started in the U.S. back in the 1800's!!!! Tell that to your history teachers. We are glad to have you and your family with us at this time of celebration and encourage you to tell your friends. Continued success in your classes, both at Sokol and school and I look forward to seeing many of you soon!!! NAZDAR. Linda Baran

### Junior board update



Our Spook House during the Kids Halloween Party was a blast and frightfully successful. Our next fundraiser will be our annual Rake-a-Thon to be held on Saturday, November 21st. If you'd like to support us AND get your leaves removed, it could be a win, win. There will be a sign-up sheet at the gym or contact Linda Baran, Jr. Board Advisor, [lindabaran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindabaran@sbcglobal.net). We have several exciting fundraisers planned for early next year. Look for details in the next newsletter and around the gym. As always, thank you for all your continued support.



*Q: What is a mummy's favorite type of music? A: Wrap.*

## Track and Field Competition – October 3



Many of the members of our Sokol classes participated in the Track and Field earlier this month at Sokol Tabor. They all worked hard and tried their best. Congratulations to all competitors. We are proud of you.

And one thing is for sure: our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls and boys are always serious and never silly . . .

*Thanks to Carolyn Morriss for these and Oktoberfest photos.*



## Attention Members!!!

Did you know that as a member you can use our hall for personal parties? The asking donation for use of the hall has been lowered to \$100. The only stipulation is that you clean up after your event and leave the hall in the same, or better, shape than when you found it. Call Bro. Mark Shrofe for more information at 708-485-9663 and leave a message, or visit our website sokolsprit.org.

### Open Enrollment Continues for the Falcon Key Club

Please remember the Falcon Key Club in your end-of-year donations. The 2016 enrollment continues through the end of December. Please send donations of \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$125 per person to Dorothy Becker at 340 Lake Shore Drive North, Barrington, IL 60010 by December 31 to ensure your name is included in our Exhibition ad book. Join the group who want to do a little extra to help keep our Spirit alive. Thank you!



### Annual Holiday Wreath Sale

Wreaths provided by Hiawatha Wreath Company



It is already that time of year again-yes, time to order our holiday wreaths! For 29 years Hiawatha Wreath Company has provided us with beautiful, natural wreaths, garlands and centerpieces to decorate our homes with. The best thing about ordering these wreaths is that Sokol Spirit will be able to keep a percentage of the money collected to use towards improvements to our unit! This wreath sale is always a great fundraiser for our gym, and I hope to make this process smooth for all of you. Below is an order form with the prices of the available products. Encourage your friends and families to order too!

Thank you for taking part in this fundraiser! If you have questions please feel free to contact me at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com) or call (708) 268-0048.

Thank you, Cassie Croft

P.S. The wreath sale pick-up date will be Saturday, **November 28** from 12:00-2:00 pm.

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*You may use this as the order form. Circle the product(s) and be sure to indicate quantity.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| 24" Balsam Wreath -- \$16                     | 36" Noble Fir Wreath -- \$39.50             | Noble Swag -- \$15                        |
| 36" Balsam Wreath -- \$23                     | Balsam Bouquet -- \$13                      | 12" Noble wreath with a 6" candle -- \$22 |
| 48" Balsam Wreath -- \$31.50                  | Garland (25ft. Balsam) -- \$25              | Fire starter basket -- \$19               |
| 60" Balsam Wreath -- \$36.50                  | Indoor Evergreen Basket Centerpiece -- \$21 | 32" Evergreen Holiday Planter -- \$27     |
| 12" Noble Fir (indoor/outdoor) Wreath -- \$18 | 48" Evergreen Mantelpiece -- \$36           |   |
| 20" Noble Fir Wreath -- \$21.50               | Yule Log -- \$18                            |   |

Please send your order forms and payment to Sokol Spirit. All orders will be due no later than **November 7, 2015**. Paying by check? Make all checks payable to Sokol Spirit.



## Sokol Spirit Offers to the Community

### CPR/AED and Choking Relief Certification Course (Renewal & New)

**SATURDAY, November 7, 2015 9 – 11:30am in the gym at**

**SOKOL SPIRIT, 3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois 60513**

Sokol Spirit is a 501C3 not-for-profit Illinois corporation operating since 1929.

**Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED Usage & Choking Relief Course Certification Included**

**\$22 per person in advance (by November 5<sup>th</sup>) minimum 8 participants**

This course is coordinated in conjunction with the American Heart Association. Successful completion of this course includes Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED Certification valid for two years.



To register send check to Sokol Spirit's address above.

The check is made payable to Sokol Spirit. Registrants need to provide; Name, home address, phone, e-mail and indicate if this is a renewal of certification. The

certification card will be mailed to you. Any questions please

Call Meribeth Tooke, Education Dir. At 708/354-9126 or [mktooke830@gmail.com](mailto:mktooke830@gmail.com)

SOKOL SPIRIT IS A 501C3 Not-for-Profit corporation registered with the State of Illinois and operating in the community since 1929 in their present building with classes in fitness, gymnastics and the Czech language and culture. The training booklet is \$12. Please indicate interest on registration and bring check or cash payable to the instructor.

## Spaghetti Dinner – November 7



Adults

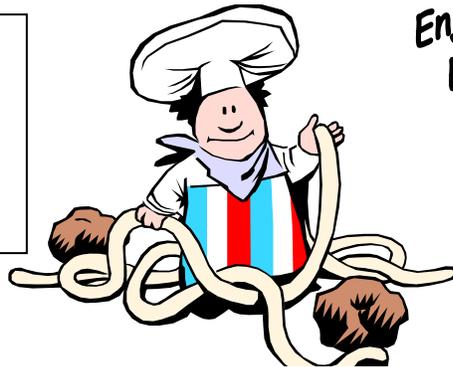
\$8.00

Children Under 12

\$4.00

*Enjoy the Strolling  
Entertainment*

**ALL YOU CAN  
EAT!!!**



4:00pm – 7:00pm at Sokol Spirit

Come enjoy a delicious meal with good friends!!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

*Q: What do ghosts eat for supper? A: Spooketi*



## World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

**November 20**

**December 18**



Join Sokol Spirit once a month as we enjoy the vast variety of the Beers from around the World. \$10 Cover Charge Per Participant (must be 21 or older) includes a Flight of 6 Beers. Each month will feature beers/tasters from a different region. Beers will be rated by all tasters. Receive Punch card to earn a free month. Food item tasters will be coordinated with the featured region. **RSVP Appreciated 3 Days Prior to Each Event** 708-692-8350

[info@sokolspirit.org](mailto:info@sokolspirit.org)



Catch the  
**"HOLIDAY SPIRIT"**  
 @  
**SOKOL SPIRIT!**

Join us for a fun-filled day  
 of shopping and spirits on...

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
 3909 S. Prairie Ave., Brookfield - Lower Hall

We'll have...  
**Partylite Candles, Rodan & Fields, Tupperware,**  
**My Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, and much, much more!**  
 Food, Drinks for everyone!  
 Raffle prizes too!

Hope you can join us!



## SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644



← We would like to extend our congratulations to Jessica Rus (our Sokol member) and Louie Dietz on the arrival of their daughter, *Teagan Jo*. Teagan entered the world on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:22 p.m. weighing in at 6 lbs and 19.25 inches tall! Congratulations also to Diane Rus and Doris Barda, the grandma (Babi) and great grandma (Babi, too!)

→ Sis. Jan Babka Schreier, Minnetonka, MN, umpired for the seventh year at the U.S. Tennis Open in New York this past September. Among many assignments, one of her games was calling lines for one of Andy Murray's matches. Interesting life, being a tennis official. Her stories are many.



### ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

*In Memory of Maxine Lichterman* from MaryAnn Satek . . . . . \$15.00

*In Memory of Anthony Faassen* from MaryAnn Satek. . . . \$25.00

*Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items to the attention of  
 Kathe Heetel, 1233 Woodside, LaGrange Park, IL 60526*



## CZECH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION CLASSES

Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie, Brookfield

**MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR:** Session I: September 14 – November 2, 2015 **8 weeks** \$155 per Session/Minimum 3 students. Session II: January 11, 2016 – February 29; Session III: April 4, 2016 -May 23; Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) Note: Translations offered following class-appointment preferred

**WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR:** Session I: September 16 – December 10, 2015 (11/25 skip) **12 Wks** \$140 per Student/Minimum 5 students. Session II: January 6, 2016 – March 23; Session III: April 6, 2016 – June 22. Textbook: Basic Czech

**Please Note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened. Discount with advance payment, please ASK. If paid in advance, please mail check to Sokol Spirit c/o Czech Language Class.**

## CZECH CULTURAL CLASSES in the English Language

**3rd TUESDAYS of the Month 7:00-8:30pm starting September 15 through June 21, 2016** \$5 per person includes 1<sup>st</sup> pilsner, water bottle, or pop free NOTE: Extra fees apply when there is a hands-on activity...please preregister so supplies can be ordered and you are not disappointed. Sept: St. Wenceslav and his murderous family; Oct: Czech Beer story; Nov. Czechoslovak Communist Alphabet (1945-89); Dec: Christmas Gingerbread making; Jan.: Czech History Monuments-Vysehrad, Prague Castle, Karlstejn, Hora Rip; Feb. Bozena Nemcova and Revival movement; March: Easter traditions-egg decorating+; April: Folklore/Open-air museums; May: Maj-month of Lovers; June: Unesco Sites JOIN US IN LIVELY CONVERSATION and perhaps learning new family traditions.....**Questions? Email [czechclass@sokolspirit.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirit.org)**

**Sokol Spirit First Friday Czech Films**....from Sokol Spirit’s Foreign Language Committee **The series** continues this Fall ... a \$5 donation with free pilsner, water, or pop. Each film has handouts and is accompanied by our head Czech language teacher, Pavlina Dropka, except where indicated.

**November 6 Secluded, Near Woods/Na samote u lesa** (G; 92 minutes; 1976) Ulrich and Vera Bench travel to the countryside with their children Peter and Susanna to look for a cottage to purchase.

**December 4 Old Believers**-3 film documentaries in B/W on the Ruthian orthodox religious persecution Filmed from 1984 to 2001 (G; 100 minutes w filmmaker interview B/W)

**February 5 Cunning Little Vixen** Opera by Leos Janacek done in comic strip animation by Rudolf Tesnochlídek (G; 98 minutes; 2009 w 8 minute interview with animator)

**March 4 Beauty in Trouble/Kraska v nesnázích** (R; 109 minutes; 2009) Surviving 2002 Floods

**April 1 Alois Nebel**-Animation (PG-13; 84 minutes; 2013) Railway station life at the end of the Cold War

**May 6 The Valley of the Bees/ Udolí Včel** (PG-13; 96 minutes; 1967 B/W) 13<sup>th</sup> century historical drama

**June 3 Capricious Summer/Rozmarne Leto** (PG; 74 minutes; 1967) Romantic Comedy between friends at the Lake cottage.

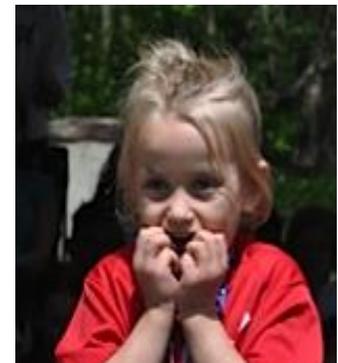
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Our Sokol families are awesome! Got any good news to share? Did your kid accomplish something great? Did you? Graduation? Anniversary or Birthday? Special event? Drop me a note and maybe a photo and it may be included in a future newsletter.

*We can't wait to hear from you!*

**Spiritnews@hotmail.com**





## Calendar of Events

Fall 2015:

**November 6** – First Friday film

**November 6, 10, 20, 24 and ????** – Men's Volleyball (see details in this newsletter)

**November 7** – CPR/AED and Choking Relief Certification, Spaghetti Dinner

**November 13-15**- American Sokol 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events

**November 20** – World Beer Club

**November 21** – Holiday Spirit Vendor Fair

First Wednesday Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm

Third Monday Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm



*"If you don't believe in yourself, who will?"*

**Save the Dates:**

**Starting December 18** – Holiday Break

**January 4, 2016** – Classes resume

**March 3** – Your newsletter's 29<sup>th</sup> bday again

**March 5** - Sokol Spirit Exhibition (tentative)



Don't forget to check in at the gym: [www.facebook.com/sokolspirit](http://www.facebook.com/sokolspirit)



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