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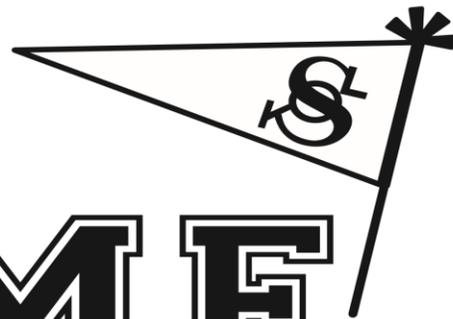
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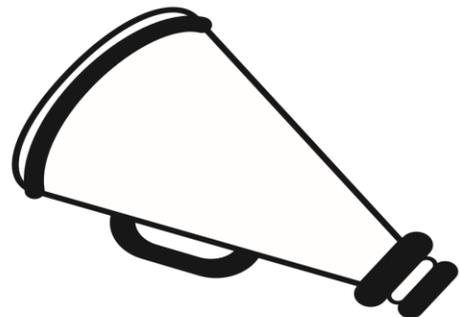
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HOME COMING



**13TH
ANNUAL EXHIBITION
MARCH 25, 2017
5:00 PM
RIVERSIDE-BROOKFIELD H.S.**



Dear Sokol Brothers and Sisters:



There is a lot of activity going on around Sokol Spirit as we all prepare for the March 25th Exhibition. Our theme this year is **Homecoming**, and we encourage all our members to not only come join us, but to also reach out to a friend or relative who was involved in the past, but doesn't come around these days. Exhibition will start at 5 PM on Saturday, March 25, at Riverside Brookfield High School, and of course we will have an after-party, with a Homecoming Dance theme, at our gym to follow. As with any Homecoming, if you have Spirit-themed, or any Sokol-themed clothes, we encourage you and your friends to wear some "spirit-wear". We have lots of surprises planned and this is a wonderful opportunity for our members to bring out some old friends to reminisce. You are welcome to bring out some old pictures to share. In fact, if you have an old Sokol picture, why not recreate it in current time, and bring both photos to share. We'll post them on the walls. I will be an enjoyable time for all.

Let's make this a real Homecoming!

We recently had some very successful and enjoyable events. The Pancake Breakfast in late January provided a hearty breakfast featuring not only the pancakes, but also sausage and scrambled eggs, and a new feature this year was the offer of Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. Following the breakfast, another Flapjack Open Volleyball Tournament was held in the gym. Folks stuck around all day to compete and socialize. Thank you to the men's club for organizing the pancake breakfast, and Brother Howie Maskill for organizing the volleyball tournament.

In February we had a Paint Night with about 20 people socializing and painting their own versions of a lakefront and skyline scene. Thanks to Kathy Barcal for planning the event. Photos in this newsletter.

World Beer Club had a special event on Friday, March 17 celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There was not only Irish themed beer tasting, but also Whiskey Flights, and Corned Beef and Cabbage. What more can you ask for?

First Friday Czech Movie Nights start at 7PM and include one Czech beer or other beverage, for just \$5. These are all very fine movies and include English subtitles, and if you want to stick around after the movie for some discussion, you are welcome. Upcoming features include April 7 "Something Like Happiness" Drama (2005), May 5 "Daisies" Comically Absurd, June 2 "Grapes" (2008) Comical Drama. Learn more about these movies on our website: www.sokolspirit.org

Saturday, April 8 at 7PM is Trivia Night, which is always a lot of fun. Just \$10 per person, and you bring your own snacks and beverages.

Save the date: Sunday, April 30 is the Membership Dinner, honoring our members and their membership anniversaries.

Finally, you may want to wear sunglasses when you come around Sokol Spirit these days. Congratulations to all our newly engaged members who have shimmering rings on their fingers. I'm afraid to name any for fear of missing someone!

NaZdar, Vera Wilt

2016 Annual Sokol Rhythmic Gymnastics Meet - "Rhythmic Superheroes" - December 11



This event was held on Sunday, December 11th at Elite Sports Complex – Home of Sokol Chicagoland. Sokol Spirit had participants from first and second class girls and we had one woman compete from our women's class!! Participants included: Madisyn and Kaitlyn Mazgay, Theresa Lemont, Val Spevacek, Alexia Perez, Avianna Johnston, Gwen Gronke, Anna Pachla and Amy Bazata. Congratulations to everyone!

Painting party - February 24

Oh What a Night! Look at the talent of these group of ladies!! These ladies attended the Paint Party in the downstairs hall of Sokol Spirit on February 24. This picture featured a beautiful landscape scene. Everyone got to show off their talent and take home a very personal souvenir. A good time was had by all!



Did you know? 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 sokolspirit.org.

Central District Skills Clinic - January 13-15 - Sokol Tabor



Everyone had a great time at the 2017 Central District Skills Clinic held January 13-15, 2017 at Sokol Tabor. 49 children participated in the Clinic; 8 from Sokol Spirit (Cole Heetel (2B); Madisyn Mazgay, Kaitlyn Mazgay and Scarlet Pajer (2G); and Michael Barcal, Jake Heetel, Max Pajer and Joe Franco (JB)). Also, Spirit instructors Alix Wilt, Kandi Pajer and Tom Pajer participated as coaches/instructors at the weekend Clinic. Several Spirit kids received awards for their participation: Jake Heetel ("Best Form"), Scarlet Pajer ("Most Enthusiastic"), Cole Heetel ("Best Newcomer"), and Michael Barcal was recognized for his many years of continuous participation in the Clinic. Above is a photo of all participants; below are a few photos of our Spirit gang. To view more group, unit and activity photos from throughout the weekend, like the "Central District - American Sokol Organization" page on Facebook and view the album titled "CD 2017 Skills Clinic."



Pancake & Egg Breakfast / Flapjack Open Volleyball Tournament – January 29



Thanks to the Men's Club and all those who planned, helped out and supported the annual Pancake and Egg Breakfast. This year's breakfast was very successful and well-attended . . . and, of course, delicious! After 31 people powered up with a great breakfast, they took to the court and competed in the 2nd annual Flapjack Volleyball Tournament in the Spirit gym, organized by Bro. Howie Maskill. It was a co-ed, blind draw tournament that started in early afternoon and went into the evening. The winning team is pictured left, which includes three Spirit members: Bros. Howie Maskill, Jimmy Hedderman and John Bazata. Thanks for making it a great day!

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A. Analysis of Income & Expenses

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| 1. Social Security | 2. Pension |
| a. Early retirement benefits | a. Maximization of income |
| b. Taxation | b. Monthly income alternatives |
| c. Continuation of employment | 3. Future inflated needs |
| d. Widow/widower benefits | 4. Taxable, tax deferred and |
| e. Divorced spouse | tax free alternatives |
| 5. Debt reduction/consolidation | |

B. Current Retirement Plans Analysis

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| 1. Deductible -vs- non-deductible
IRA contributions | 6. IRA/Rollover beneficiary
alternatives |
| 2. IRA Consolidation | 7. IRA/Rollover 70 1/2 minimum
withdrawal amounts |
| 3. IRA/Rollover investment alternatives | 8. Stock rollover |
| 4. Pre 59 1/2 IRA/Rollover maximum
withdrawal limitations | 9. T S A |
| 5. Rollover -vs- forward averaging | |

C. Estate Planning

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| 1. Probate avoidance | 2. Gifting |
| 3. Estate taxation | 4. Estate liquidity |

D. Taxes

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| 1. Personal | 3. Corporate |
| 2. Business | 4. Estate & Inheritance |

E. Accounting

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| 1. Payroll forms | 2. General ledger | 3. Financial Statements |
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F. Real Estate

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| 1. Real estate appraisal | 2. Real estate affordability analysis |
| 3. Real estate brokerage service | 4. Early mortgage retirement |

G. Risk Management Analysis

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| 1. Continuation of group plans | 3. Individual health plans |
| 2. Survivor/dependent income protection | 4. Long term care protection |
| 5. Medigap protection | |



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644

Our sympathy to the family of Bro. Charles (Chas) Schultz who passed away February 23, 2017. Chas was a member of Sokol for over 73 years and a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He most recently lived in Naperville, but was a former resident of Berwyn and Chicago. He is survived by wife Sis. Gloria Schultz, two daughters, a son-in-law, and granddaughter. Chas was a well-known member of Sokol who was a loyal supporter of Sokol Spirit events. He will be missed.



Best wishes to Sis. Keg and Bro. Chuck Rocush who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 21, 2017. The couple celebrated in style, surrounded by family and many friends, in a celebration in our very own Sokol Spirit hall. Everyone had a great time at this milestone celebration. Best wishes to you both!

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Happy News comes in twos: Best wishes to Sis. Ashley Croft and Matthew Petkus (Sokol Tabor) on their engagement, and to Sis. Alix Wilt and Kenny Fron Jr. (Sokol Tabor) on their engagement. We wish them much happiness!

Continued get well wishes to Sis. Ellie Babka. . .we miss seeing you around. (By the way, Ellie is the "Instructor of the month". See the Sokol Spirit web page (www.sokolspirit.org) for info).

If you have any news to share, want to wish someone well or brag about a special occasion, please contact Sis. Kathe Heetel at spiritnews@hotmail.com. If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please send the text and any photos to me. We've had well-wishes in the Sunshine Report - announcements about graduations, engagements, marriages, births, and anniversaries. Did your kid do something great at school? Did he/she/you participate in a contest or sporting event? How about something that made you proud of someone? There is no donation required to post an announcement, so please email me at spiritnews@hotmail.com with your well-wishes or news. The next newsletter is coming out in June, so I would ask that you submit it by the middle of May.

If you'd like to view color photos from this newsletter that are usually colorful and pretty awesome, go to the website and scroll all the way to the bottom to find the newsletter link to the most current and past newsletters.

Membership dinner: Sokol Spirit's annual Membership Dinner will be held on April 30. Certificates will be given out to honorees, a great dinner will be served, and you can pick up your latest copy of the membership directory. What a good deal. Letters will be arriving in your mailbox any day now. We hope you will join us.

Membership dues: Thank you for all who have paid their dues so promptly. We are 99% collected. If you have any questions about your dues, please contact Dorothy Becker at beckerd9749@sbcglobal.net. Dues can be paid online at Sokolspirit.org.

Homecoming means coming home to what is in your heart. Author Unknown

Homecoming unites the past and the present. Author Unknown

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In memory of Mildred Jezek from Ellen Komarek Duvall. \$10.00

In memory of Edward Jelinek from Michelle Ruska, Yvette Bobcik and family. . . . \$25.00

In memory of Edward Jelinek from Susan Storcel \$25.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

In memory of Mildred Jezek from the family of Mildred Jezek. \$50.00

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items for inclusion in the newsletter.



Including Sokol Spirit in Your Will or Trust

What does it mean to bequeath to Sokol Spirit?

A bequest to Sokol Spirit may take one of four forms and may be unrestricted or restricted as to purpose. Language reflecting unrestricted bequests allows Sokol Spirit to determine the best use of the funds at the time that they become available.

Sample language for unrestricted bequests includes:

SPECIFIC BEQUEST: (A specific bequest designates a fixed dollar amount or specific asset(s) to Sokol Spirit.) "I give to Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, [\$____(dollars)] or [designated asset(s)]."

PERCENTAGE BEQUEST: (A percentage bequest designates a percentage of your estate to Sokol Spirit.) "I give to Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, _____ % (percent) of my estate."

RESIDUARY BEQUEST: (A residuary bequest designates the remainder of your estate after all expenses have been paid and all specific bequests have been satisfied.) "I give [all] or [____ % (percent)] of the residue of my estate to Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513."

CONTINGENT BEQUEST: (A contingent bequest designates a bequest to Sokol Spirit if other beneficiaries are not alive when your will takes effect.) "I give to _____ (name) the greater of \$____ (dollars) or _____ % (percent) of my estate. In the event that he/she shall predecease me, I direct this sum, or percent, to be paid to Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513."

When a donor wishes the bequest to be utilized for a specific purpose, a restricted bequest is made, such as in the following statement: Restricted Bequest: "I give to Sokol Spirit, 3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, the greater of \$____ (dollars) or _____ % (percent) of my estate for the following purpose: _____."

****If you have an existing will, you can amend it with a codicil to include Sokol Spirit.**

NOTE: Sokol Spirit's tax identification number is **36-2250163**

For more information contact Adam Wilt at 708-804-4400 or adam.wilt4@gmail.com

Nostalgia is a file that removes the rough edges from the good old days. Doug Larson

Sokol Spirit's Annual Exhibition – March 25

Everyone in our classes has been working hard and doing their best to make this the greatest Exhibition ever. Tickets are available at the door: Adults: \$8 Children: \$4. Also, tickets for bracelets for the 50/50 at Exhibition will be \$2. The 'Homecoming Dance' after party celebration follows at Sokol Spirit with food, drink, music, dancing, raffles, a bouncy house, hanging with Sokol friends – it will be a night to remember! All are welcome! Please join us! Wear your Sokol Spirit gear - or wear red, white and blue - to show your homecoming spirit!

Quiz Nite – Adult team trivia – April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Like trivia? Think you have a team that can't be beat? Come join us at Sokol Spirit for our Quiz Nite night! Details: Bring a friend, bring a team, or just bring yourself! This event is BYOB and BYOS (snacks!) The cost is \$10 per person. Teams (of no more than 10 people) are encouraged! We will also have split the pot raffles. Questions? Call Kathy at 708-485-3269. See you there!!

World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month - 8:00 p.m. (April 21, May 19, June 16)



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 a 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

Sokol Spirit's 1st Friday (of the Month) 2017 Season Czech Film Series (English subtitles)

Sokol Spirit's Foreign Language Committee invites you as the film series continues. With a \$5 donation you'll enjoy the film and a free pilsner, water, coffee, or pop. Each film has handouts and is accompanied by our head Czech language teacher, Pavlina Reichlova. (Sokol Spirit, 3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Upstairs Classroom)



April 7 Something Like Happiness / Štěstí 2005, 98 minutes, R, Drama. Three young adults must sort out feelings and responsibilities.

May 5 Daisies / Sedmikrasky 1966, 76 minutes, PG. This freewheeling, madcap feminist farce was immediately banned by the government.

June 2 Grapes / Bobule 2008, 98 minutes, PG13, Comedy. Going from City to countryside, a scheme to sell winery in Moravia.

Czech Language/Conversation Classes

MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 8 weeks \$155 per Session/Minimum 3 students. Session III: April 3, 2017 – June 5; Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) with handouts.

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 Weeks \$140 per Session/Minimum 5 students. Session III: April 5, 2017 – June 21. Textbook: Basic Czech I with handouts. Please Note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened. Discount with advance payment, please ASK. Pay the first day of class. Questions? Email czechclass@sokolspirit.org.

Note: Translations @ \$20/hour offered following class... appointment preferred. To schedule please email at czechclass@sokolspirit.org or call 7098/354-9126 Education Director, M. Tooke

Where we live is home, Home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., Homesick in Heaven

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson: you find the present tense, but the past perfect. Owens Lee Pomeroy



Join Sokol Spirit this summer at the international Slet and festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa! In the Czech language, Slet means GATHERING. Sokol participants from all over the world will GATHER in June - and we want YOU to come along! We encourage all of our class participants (and their families!) to join us in competition and celebration at this wonderful event. Sokol Spirit has arranged group travel and group registration for our members. Whether you plan to travel with us or not, make plans now to join us and represent our excellent unit in Cedar Rapids! Contact Kathe Heetel at spiritnews@hotmail.com for an information packet.

Juniors' Report: The juniors are gearing up for a very active Spring, getting ready for our annual Exhibition and Special Number competition. We are hoping to march on ahead to some great performances! Also, keep an eye open for Juniors selling candy bars at Exhibition and raffle tickets for their annual basket raffle during the Homecoming Dance after party. Moving forward into May, the juniors will be competing in artistic gymnastics. Our final stretch of the Sokol year will be in Cedar Rapids for Slet.

In order to help the juniors raise money to help pay for the costs for Slet, they are holding a T-shirt fundraiser. Below is a picture of the shirts. Youth sizes S-XL are \$12 and adult S-XL are \$14. Each larger size will be an additional \$1. For example, an adult 2X will be \$15 and so on. If you have any questions please reach out to Lilly Smith at lilly-smith1501@att.net or Alex Zahrobsky at azahrobsky8@gmail.com. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the juniors.

Back of shirt; (grey is red ink)



Front left chest



Sokol Spirit Slet Tshirts

All shirts are a heathered grey/navy color

Youth Sizes: Small, Medium, Large: \$12.00

Adult Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-large: \$14.00

2Xlarge: \$15.00

3Xlarge: \$16.00

T-shirt orders are due no later than April 30, 2017. There is a box on the stage to drop off order forms. Please make checks out to *Sokol Spirit Juniors*. If you need a larger size, talk to Lilly Smith lilly-smith1501@att.net or Alex Zahrobsky azahrobsky8@gmail.com about pricing.

Quantity	Size	\$/EA

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Class: _____

Total: _____

Thank you for your support of the Juniors' fundraiser!



Calendar of Events

First Wednesday Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm

Third Monday Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

March 2017:

March 24: Exhibition Rehearsal, Riverside-Brookfield H.S. More information will be passed out in classes.

March 25: Annual Exhibition– 5pm, Riverside-Brookfield H.S., followed by Homecoming Dance at Sokol Spirit

(all events at Sokol Spirit unless specified)

See the website for more information about these and other events.

Save the Dates:

April 7: First Friday Film – 7pm

April 8: Quiz Night – 7pm

April 21: World Beer Club – 8pm

April 22: Special Number Competition

April 29: Czech Beer Fest – Sokol Tabor

April 30: Membership Dinner – 2:00 apps/drinks; 3:30 dinner & awards (RSVP required)

May 5: First Friday Film – 7pm

May 19: World Beer Club – 8pm

May 21: Sokol Day

June 22-25: American Sokol Slet - Cedar Rapids



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