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Hello Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

**From our President,**

**Howie Maskill**

As the season changes the weather cools, the leaves begin to fall and many look back on their summer, reflecting on those warm sunny days. At Spirit we have just begun our new Sokol year and we are looking forward, because the future is bright! Classes are under way and this year we introduced our new online registration website. I want to give a huge 'Thank You' to our Physical Director, Adam Wilt and his 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Jennifer Baran for all the hard work they put into setting up this new process. Among the many highlights this year I am proud to say we have 28 participants in our Tots class; the most we have had in several years!

Our gym classes are hard at work perfecting many skills, but our Executive Board and Committees are keeping busy as well. You will notice throughout this newsletter the many events and fundraisers that our Unit will host in the next couple months. Upcoming events include Spaghetti Dinner, Vendor Fair, Junior class Rake-a-thon, Trivia Night and Wreath Sale to name a few. We hope you will consider supporting all of these events.

As a volunteer organization we rely on our members to play an active role in keeping our Sokol thriving. We have many instructors and board members who dedicate a lot to this organization and I can't thank them enough! However, you don't have to attend meetings, hold an elected position or teach a class to make a big difference. I would like to recognize someone who may fly under the radar in our Unit. Kathe (Pajer) Heetel grew up in Sokol and her two children are now in our Boys classes. Kathe has been the editor of this newsletter for several years and does a great job! (She is not allowed to edit this out). She also helps put together our Exhibition Ad book and last year served on the Exhibition Committee which gave us the "Homecoming" theme. Kathe and her husband Jim really enjoy attending our monthly World Beer Club. In the last few months she has begun to help organize this event. It is not uncommon for Kathe and Jim to bring their non-Sokol friends to Beer Club as well. She has one remaining task and that is to convince her husband to become a Sokol member (Christmas is right around the corner and I know the perfect gift – Sokol membership!). Thank you, Kathe for all that you do for Sokol Spirit!

Some of you may be thinking, "What can I do to help?" Well, you can sign-up for a shift at Spaghetti Dinner, you can invite your family to join your trivia team, or you can bring your neighbors to Beer Club and introduce them to our great organization. Every little bit goes a long way towards our Unit's success.

I hope to see you around the Sokol Hall soon! NAZDAR! Howie Maskill

*From your newsletter editor: Aww, shucks, Howie. Thanks for your kind words. It's so true: every little bit helps. I'm just trying to do what I can to support Spirit. And, in the process, I have fun! It's truly a win-win! See you around – there are many events in November! And, yes, I'll be at World Beer Club for sure!*

## Oktoberfest – September 9



Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Oktoberfest this year, to everyone who helped to coordinate the event, and/or helped with set-up, take-down, and everything in between. It was a great summer night and there was a great crowd – Sokol folks, Sokol families and Sokol neighbors. Spirit's Oktoberfest never falls short of being a great way to kick off the new Sokol year.

## Central District Event: Special Olympics Plane Pull – September 16

On Sept. 16, 21 Sokol members representing every unit of the Central District tested their muscles and played tug-of-war with an aircraft weighing near 90 tons at O'Hare International Airport in support of Special Olympics Illinois. This team collected an incredible \$1,755 which put the Central District 18th of 84 teams in total donations raised. We are proud of the Sokol group and the way they supported Special Olympics!

Thank you to Joe Placek (Sokol Tabor) for organizing the team for this event. Representing Sokol Spirit (photo on the right, from left to right): Jake Heetel, Jim Heetel, Cole Heetel, Josh Suvetor, Chrissy Maskill, Bob Barcal & John Bazata.





## 2017 Farmers' Market

I want to send a quick "thank you" shout out to the members who helped with promoting Sokol Spirit this summer at the Farmers' 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

Alex Zahrobsky, Howie Maskill, Meribeth Tooke, John Tooke, Carol Shrofe, Alix Wilt, Wendy Sanders, John Bazata, Kathy Barcal, Vera Wilt, Jenny Braun, and Nancy Pajeau.

P.S. . .and thanks to Cassie for all of her work coordinating this summer-long program.

## Track and Field – October 14 – Sokol Tabor



Members of our kids, juniors and women's classes all participated in Track and Field competition at Sokol Tabor. Each competitor worked hard in the weeks leading up to the competition. Great job! We are proud of all of you!

## **Men's Summer Softball Re-cap**

Two Sokol teams, representing several Sokols in the area, played in the summer-long tournament. I have asked several members of our men's class for a summary of and/or pictures from the Berwyn softball tournament. After avoiding my questions, one player responded and is quoted as saying "We had a good time!" but was very reluctant to say what place they came in. Well, as long as it was fun and no one got hurt, that's what it's all about. I'm glad you had fun. Thanks for representing Sokol in the tournament!

**Juniors' Report:** The Juniors have already started the out the Sokol year with activities and fundraisers.

- The Juniors held their annual car wash in the gym parking lot at the end of the summer. Thank you to those who brought their car or truck for a wash and supported our event.
  - Many helpers, including most Juniors, participated in the annual mat cleaning in the gym. It's a big job, but a quick one when there are a lot of hands (and buckets of soapy water).
  - You may have spotted the Juniors at Oktoberfest, busy selling popcorn and other treats.
  - Finally, keep an eye open for the Juniors at the Spaghetti dinner where you'll find them bussing tables and washing dishes. We are very thankful they are available to help support our Unit's fundraising efforts.

Upcoming November fundraising events include the annual Rake-a-thon. For a small donation, Juniors will come to your house and rake leaves. It's hard work, but the Juniors make it a fun event. More information will be posted in the gym.

The Juniors would like to thank everyone who participated in any of their fundraising events throughout the year!

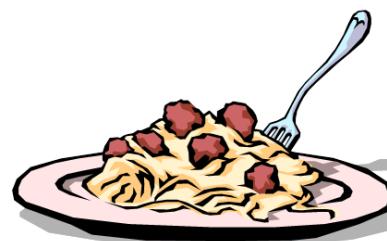
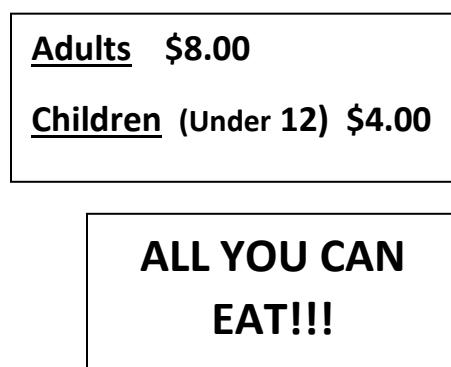
*There is no shortage of events this fall. Mark your calendars and join us for any (or all!!) of the following:*

## Central District Juniors' and Men's Volleyball League- Sokol Spirit and Sokol Tabor

Come out and support our Juniors' and Men's Spirit volleyball teams! Games are played on Friday nights at Sokol Spirit or Sokol Tabor. Team #5: Spirit 1 Team #6: Spirit 2 (Men and Juniors) Good luck, guys!

October 27	Team 6 – Tabor 8:15	Team 5 – Spirit 8:15	
November 3	Team 5 – Spirit 8:15	Team 6 – Spirit 9:00	
November 10	Team 6 – Spirit 8:15	Team 5 vs Team 6 – Spirit 9:00	
November 17	Team 5 – Tabor 9:00	Team 6 – Spirit 9:00	
December 1	Team 6 – Tabor 9:00	Team 5 – Spirit 8:15 and 9:00	
December 8	Team 6 – Tabor 8:15	Team 5 – Spirit 9:00	
January 5	Team 6 – Spirit 8:15	Team 5 vs Team 6 – Spirit 9:00	
January 12	Team 5 – Spirit 8:15	Team 6 – Spirit 9:00	Semi-finals January 19, Finals January 26

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - November 4 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Come enjoy a delicious meal with good friends!!  
Bring your family, friends and neighbors! Don't  
miss it!

Vendor Fair - November 11 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month - 8:00 p.m.

Fall dates: November 17, December 15



Mark your calendar now and 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 or with a unique theme. Beers will be rated by all tasters. Receive a punch card to earn a free month. Snacks or 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)

Quiz Nite – Adult team trivia – November 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Like trivia? Think you have a team that can't be beat?

Come join us at Sokol Spirit for our semi-annual Adult Trivia night!

**When: Saturday November 18 7:00pm**

**Where: Sokol Spirit's lower hall**

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!!

## News from the Education Director, Sis. Vera Wilt

Perhaps you are thinking of going to the World Slet in Prague in July 2018. More info in future newsletters.

Czech Language classes have started for the Fall. This year are offering **3 options: Monday Daytime Basic, Wednesday Daytime Intermediate, or Wednesday Evening Intermediate** classes. All classes are held in the upstairs classroom, and they use the following materials: Textbook *Basic Czech I* - by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (on Amazon \$18) + handouts. All sessions require a minimum enrollment of 3 full-time or 6 part-time students.

**BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR:** Session 2 is \$190 and runs in a 12-week segment, Session 3 will be 10 weeks (reduced price of \$160). If you know you cannot commit to the full 12 weeks, there is a part-time option of \$95 for 6 classes - must identify your weeks of attendance at registration. (Session 3 part-time is 5 weeks for \$80)

**Basic Classes run from 10 AM to 11:30 AM on MONDAYS.**

Session II – January 8, 2018 – March 26

Session III – April 9, 2018 – June 25

**INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR:** All 3 Sessions are 12 weeks, at \$190 per session or part-time \$95 for 6 classes - must identify dates of attendance at registration.

**Intermediate Classes run either: WEDNESDAYS 9 AM – 10:30 AM OR 7 PM – 8:30 PM**

Session II – January 10, 2018 – March 28

Session III – April 11, 2018 – June 27

**Register at the first class. Questions? Email [czechclass@sokolspirit.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirit.org)**

Translations offered following class-appointment preferred at \$25/hour

**Questions? Email [czechclass@sokolspirit.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirit.org)**

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## Have you heard...?

Tell us about Sokol Spirit member news:

**SPIRITNEWS@HOTMAIL.COM ~ 708.370.7335**

With deep sympathy, we regret the August loss of Blanka Prikazsky, mother of Sis. Mary Novak. During the same month we also lost Bro. Walter Uniejewski, the father of Sis. Debbie Milas. To both families, Mary and Mark Novak and Debbie and John Milas, we offer sincere condolences and pray for peace so that soon only great memories will remain of their loved ones.

After serious back surgeries covering a number of years, we're happy that Sis. Missy Dropka tells us that her most recent surgical procedure early this summer seems to be working. Bending still is not part of the exercise routine, but perhaps someday soon? Good luck, Missy.

Get well wishes to Sis. Blanche Wostratzky. We are all thinking of you, and hope you're feeling better soon.

Sis. Jessica Rus is celebrating great news about earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She also passed her state boards for her State of Illinois license. All this while raising a family. Congratulations, Jessica!

"On June 19, I embarked upon a bicycle trip from Chicago to Cedar Rapids with 13 other Sokols. I would like to thank all who supported me in this adventure. One month later, on a bike trip to Indiana, I suffered a freak bike accident. I had 7 separate fractures of my skull that required reconstructive surgery. My recovery has been hastened by the outpouring of cards and get well wishes. I am lucky to have such a great Sokol family. Nazdar!" – Bro. John Bazata

You can also send greetings to Sis. Ellie Babka at [babka@att.net](mailto:babka@att.net), 708.442.8810.

*Correction from the August 2017 Spirit News: Bro. Dave Kakareka was omitted from the list of Sokol athletes who trekked by bike from Chicago to Cedar Rapids this summer. The newsletter editor regrets this error. My treat to a beer at the next World Beer Club, Dave.*



## Sokol Spirit's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (of the Month) 2017 Season Czech Film Series (English subtitles) 7:00 - 9:30p.m.

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. Sokol Spirit's second floor classroom.



- November 3 You Kiss Like the Devil/ *Líbáš jako dábel*,** 2012, 108 minutes, PG-Farce A "romp" between switching "mates", divorce, life and six couples in their 40's and how life "happens". Filmed in Morocco, Slovakia, and Czech Republic. Sequel to You Kiss Like God.
- December 1 Three Brothers/ *Tři Bratři*,** 2014, 90 minutes, G-Young men as by a miracle enter into famous fairy tales (Little Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty, Twelve Months) and face traps, comedic mash-ups, unexpected moments and even love in a story full of humor and songs



## Sokol Spirit's annual WREATH SALE



Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall fundraiser! Order some fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays. These are GREAT wreaths and the prices can't be beat!

Want to see color photos? See our webpage: [sokolspirit.org](http://sokolspirit.org)

Complete your order forms and return them with your payment (made payable to Sokol Spirit) by November 10:

- in the Wreath Order box at Sokol Spirit (located on the stage),
- by mail to Sokol Spirit, 3909 South Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513,
- or EMAIL your order to Cassie at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com)

**\*\*Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SUNDAY, November 26, at 12:00pm-2:00pm. \*\***

(Please note: Pick up will be on Sunday this year, not Saturday).



### Price list/Order Form (enter quantity)

Balsam Wreaths: 24" \$17 \_\_\_\_\_ 36" \$24 \_\_\_\_\_ 48" \$32 \_\_\_\_\_ 60" \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Premium Noble Fir Wreaths: 12" \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 20" \$23 \_\_\_\_\_ 36" \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Balsam Bouquet \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Garland (25 ft) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Noble Swag \$16 \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor Evergreen Basket Center Piece \$22 \_\_\_\_\_ 48" Mantelpiece \$36 \_\_\_\_\_

Yule Log \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ 12" Noble Wreath with 6" candle \$22 \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Starter Basket \$19 \_\_\_\_\_ 32" Holiday Planter \$27 \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount DUE:**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome new Sokol Spirit members!

We would like to welcome our new 2018 members: Hilarion Amaro, Sean Birmingham, Sandra Capizzi, Nina Cavallo-Dietrich, Kristine Cavallo, Michelle Cavallo, Bridget Cross, Maryann Cross, Pat Doerr, Kenyon Duner, Martha Flores, Annie Forest, Lucy Grelle, Peter Howland, Kristine Kalfas, Valerie Key, Lindsay Kostecki, Raychelle Kroma, Lenka Kurinova, Mellissa Loulousis, Elizabeth Madrigal, Elizabeth Markus, Patricio Martinez, Stefanie Nestel, Mitzi Norton, Marie Ott, Theresa Paris, Tara Polcyn, Dalibor Trninic, Judy Twist, Angelica Vera, Marie Vyskocilova, and Martha White.

We hope you will all find our programs rewarding and hope to see you at many of our social activities. (See our Calendar of Events on the last page of this newsletter.)    Welcome (Nazdar) Sis. Dorothy Becker, Membership Chair

### Donating to Sokol Spirit

At Sokol Spirit, we rely on donations to keep our classes running and our fees low. We also have a building to maintain, and as you know, expenses such as gas, electricity, and upkeep keep rising. There are several ways you can help with some of these ongoing expenses.

1. Donations to the Newsletter fund--especially through our Christmas greetings (included in this newsletter).
2. Donations to the Memorial fund--honor those deceased or honoring someone's birthday or anniversary.
3. Donations to the Falcon Key Club--these funds are especially requested from those of you who live out-of-town and those who cannot physically help with other fundraisers. A letter requesting this donation is coming soon.
4. Donations to the Future Leaders of Sokol Spirit--at the Annual meeting in June, the unit voted to create a new fund within our own unit to support the future leaders of our unit. In the past we have donated to the Future Leaders of the American Sokol Organization by giving a donation for each Sokol Spirit member that passed away. We will now donate to our own unit through this new account. To start this account, we donated \$25 for each member who passed away since March of 2014. Those being honored through this donation are:

Rudolph Ondrovic, Martha Hovorka, Jacquelyn Toscas-Fuchs, Helen Baker, Sylvia Martello, Rita Pavlas, Mildred Jezek, Charles Schultz, Carolee Michalek (dual member with Sokol Chicagoland) and Walter Uniejewski.

### ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

*In memory of Blanka Prikazsky from Paul Lebloch. . . . . \$100.00*

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items for inclusion in the newsletter to the address in the footer on the front page.

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](mailto: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 - 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](mailto:spiritnews@hotmail.com) with your well-wishes or news. The next newsletter is coming out in December, so I would ask that you submit it by the end of November.

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.

**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 [sokolsprit.org](http://sokolsprit.org).



# WINTER SLET IS COMING

*to the Chicagoland Area*

Welcome Social featuring Minute To Win It, Curling,  
Trampoline, Roller Skating, Sand Volleyball,  
Bowling, NYE Party, New Year's Day Farewell Social

*December 29, 2017 to January 1, 2018*

## WINTER SLET HOTEL

Extended Stay America Chicago/Lombard Yorktown  
206 E. 22nd Street, Lombard, IL 60148

Sokol room rate is \$64 per night plus tax available from 12/27/17 thru 1/3/2018

To Book Call 877-701-3383 and ask for the Sokol Group Block  
Reservations must be made by  
November 28, 2017

Price is based  
on single occupancy

Online Event  
Registration  
Coming Soon

 **AMERICAN**  
**Sokol**  
**Winter Slet**  
12/29/2017 - 1/1/2018



Any questions contact Howie Maskill at [hmaskil22@yahoo.com](mailto:hmaskil22@yahoo.com)



## Calendar of Events

### November:

- 1:** Unit meeting  
7 pm-refreshments, 7:30 meeting
- 3:** First Friday Film (*You Kiss Like the Devil*) 7 pm
- 4:** Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm
- 5:** Central District Annual Meeting
- 10:** Wreath Orders due (pick up Nov 26)
- 11:** Vendor Fair 9am-3 pm
- 17:** World Beer Club 8 pm
- 18:** Trivia Night 7 pm

Monthly meetings:

First Wednesday

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

### Save the dates:

**December 1:** First Friday Film (*Three Brothers*) 7 pm

**December 6:** Unit meeting

7 pm-refreshments, 7:30 meeting

**December 15:** Winter/Holiday Exhibition 7 pm;  
World Beer Club 8 pm

**December 29 – January 1:** Winter Slet (Lombard)

**March 24** (tentative): Sokol Spirit Exhibition

(all events at Sokol Spirit unless specified)

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



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



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