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www.sokolspirit.org

Hello Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

From our President,
Howie Maskill

Fall is a time of year that brings many traditions. For some of us, getting into the groove of another Sokol season can be considered an annual tradition. Many of us enjoy various other traditions this season. This time of year means more than just raking leaves and preparing for cold, long Chicago winters. Maybe you enjoy apple picking with the family, or carving pumpkins with friends. Perhaps you seek a scare and visit haunted houses. High school, college, and professional football games seem to dominate our weekend schedules. When the temperature cools I know many who consider this the start of "soup season". What other fall traditions do you enjoy?

We are only a little over a month into the 2019-2020 Sokol year and there is already a lot to be excited about! Our fitness program is strong as we continue to offer various classes six days per week. Class participants' ages range from 2 to 85. Among the many highlights this year I am proud to say that our girls GIJO gymnastics class has more than doubled in size from last year and our boys class enrollment has almost tripled! I would like to welcome all our new participants and members to the Sokol family. It is always great to see many new faces around the gym.

Since the last newsletter we have already hosted several fun events at the Sokol Hall. On September 14th we held our 9th annual Oktoberfest party in the parking lot. After October 12th another Spirit Trivia Night is in the books. On October 20th we hosted our 2nd annual Pig Roast and Chicago Bears viewing party. Keep a lookout for the many events and fundraisers our Unit will host in the next couple months. Upcoming events include Spaghetti Dinner, Vendor Fair, Wreath Sale as well as our recurring monthly events: World Beer Club and Czech Film Series on the third Friday of the month.



Keep on reading this newsletter to find out what faBOOlous things are 'ghosting' on at Spirit!

← Q: Why did the ghost go to the doctor? A: To get a BOOS-ter shot.

Q: Why did the police officer arrest the ghost?

A: Because he didn't have a haunting license.

Q: What do ghosts eat for lunch? A: BOO-logna sandwiches

Q: What is a ghost's favorite dessert? A: I scream.



President Howie Maskill risked life and limb to take this cool shot of this year's Oktoberfest celebration. The great weather from start to end helped to draw a big crowd this year. Guests enjoyed the live music by *Allison Wonderband*, hot food and cold beer, as well as the usual camaraderie with other members and our neighbors. Thank you to all who helped coordinate this event, and to the volunteers who served. It could not have been a success without you! If you didn't attend, we hope you'll come next year. It's a great time, and a great way to kick off the new Sokol season. This was just the start – keep reading through this newsletter to see what we've been up to since then and what's coming up.



2019 Brookfield Farmer's Market

A note from Cassie Croft: 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! The Brookfield Farmer's Market is quickly becoming one of the bigger markets, just ask the Sweet Corn guy! Sokol Spirit has become a staple at the market, and the kids love the wheels and the tot equipment. Thank you to John Bazata, Ken Nagel, Carol Shrofe, Wendy Sanders, Kathy Barcal, Barb Bossany, Debbie Shields, Lindsay Kostecki, Vera Wilt, Alix Fron, Lauren Wilt, Adam Wilt, Meribeth Tooke, John Tooke, Howie Maskill, and Nancy Pajeau. THANKS! (And a big thanks to Cassie, too, for coordinating this event all summer long!)



From Your Membership Chair and Financial Secretary

Sokol Spirit would like to welcome all our new members from last and this month. The beginning of classes brought in many new children and adults. Dues for 2020 will be due by January 1, 2020. If you registered for a class last or this month, your dues were included in your class fees, so you will not receive a dues collection letter from us. Whew! If you have not registered for a class, watch for your dues letter within the next month or so. We appreciate your continued support, and your prompt payment is really appreciated. Our unit is vibrant, and with your continued support, we can continue to be the best!

Lindsay Kostecki, Membership Chair Dorothy Becker, Financial Secretary

2019 Illinois Special Olympics Plane Pull – September 28 – O’Hare International Airport



Despite the cold, rain and wind, representatives from several units of the Central District rallied together to pull a United Airlines 737 airplane, weighing more than 180,000 lbs! In this annual event, the team was able to pull the plane 12 feet in 8.09 seconds. This team also raised \$1,180 for Special Olympics. Whether in rain or shine, it is always a fun event. Above are pictured the Central District team, and then our Spirit participants. Thanks to all who participated in this important event.

Choose “Smile”: As you do your online holiday shopping, you may be asking yourself: *How can I easily support Sokol Spirit?* We’ve got the answer for you: *Amazon Smile*. Go to smile.amazon.com, choose “Sokol Spirit” as your charity, and then shop as you normally would. Sokol Spirit gets a portion of the sale. Remember to use *Amazon Smile*, and tell your family and friends about it, too.



Q: Why couldn't the ghost see his parents? A: Because they were trans-parents.

Central District Track and Field Meet – October 19 – Sokol Tabor

Spirit athletes of all ages did their best and competed at the Track and Field event. Thanks to the coaches for helping them prepare for the competition. Winning results will be posted in the next (December) newsletter.





Have you heard...?

Tell us about Sokol Spirit member news:
SPIRITNEWS@HOTMAIL.COM ~ 708.370.7335

Our hearts go out to the Babka family on the passing of long-time Sokol member Bro. Bernie Babka on September 8. He is survived by wife (of 63 years) Sis. Ellie Babka, and daughters Sis. Kathy Carr and Sis. Janet Schreier and families. An active member of the American Sokol Organization, Bernie served in various Unit and Central District leadership positions. He served as President of Sokol Slavsky and Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky, ASO president, and most recently served as a long-time member of the Building Management Committee at Spirit. At the wake and Sokol Service, many people shared very fond memories of Bernie, from early days at Sokol Slavsky, working with Junior classes with marching formations, special number competitions, volleyball tournaments and polka party celebrations. His impact on Sokol spanned generations, and he left a lasting impression on many. Donations in his memory may be made to Sokol Spirit or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. He will be missed.



Our sincere condolences to the Viita, Zahrobsky and Maskill families on the passing of Sis. Kim Marie Viita on October 4. Kimmi was a happy, loving person and would brighten every room she entered with her beautiful smile and positive spirit. She loved to dance, and in recent years had participated with the MCS dancers at Exhibition. She was a seller at the Vendor sale and supported Sokol Spirit at many functions and fundraisers. She is survived by son Larrie James (Tots), husband James, parents Sis. Jeanette Zahrobsky and James Zahrobsky, sister Sis. Alex Maskill, brother-in-law Bro. Howie Maskill, and brother Kris Zahrobsky. She will be missed by many communities of friends who are feeling the pain of her loss. There is a Go Fund Me page set up for any anyone interested in offering financial support. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kimmi-viitas-battle-with-cancer>

Holiday greetings! *Holiday greetings!* **Holiday greetings!**



BOO-lieve it or not, **NOW** is the time to send your Holiday greetings to your Sokol family and friends to be included in the next Newsletter! Send Holiday greetings as an alternative to sending holiday cards to all of your Sokol friends, family and coaches – you can save a fortune and a lot of time, and still give people that warm and fuzzy feeling. Or how about sending New Year's wishes? *Kids (of all ages) love to see their names in the newsletter*, so why not send a special note to them? Turn in this form and your donation of any amount:

- drop it in the box on the stage at the gym,
- mail to Sis. Kathe Heetel, c/o SpiritNews, 450 Seventh Ave, LaGrange, IL 60525,
- or send your greeting via email to **Spiritnews@hotmail.com** now, and send your donation by mail or drop it in the box by **December 8**,

and then watch for your greeting in the December newsletter! It's that easy! It *ghosts* without saying: get in the Spirit of the Holidays with your greeting now! (Submit your greeting now before the deadline passes you by! I may have learned from experience ☺).

TO (optional): _____ FROM: _____

GREETING (please write clearly): _____

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

Donations to Sokol Spirit in memory Sis. Lisa Kotynek

from Marilyn Michyeta. . . \$25

from Helen Sevcu. . . \$100

Donations to Sokol Spirit in memory of Bro. Bernie Babka

from Joan Sedlacek, (Sokol Minnesota). . . \$25

from Dorothy and Henry Becker. . . \$100

from Val Husak (Sokol Tabor). . . \$25

from John & Meribeth Tooke. . . \$100

from Jack & Andrea Scheirer (Chicagoland). . . \$25

from Karen Kratochvil Veselsky. . . \$100

from Rich & Linda Baran & family. . . \$40

from Dawn & Jim Skvaril. . . \$100

from Marilyn Michyeta. \$50

from Helen Sevcu \$100

from Sandra Vomacka. . . \$50

from Kathy and Bob Barcal. . . \$100

Donation to American Sokol Foundation *from Milan Family (Sokol Ft. Worth)*

Donation to American Sokol Instructors' Course *from Florence & Rich DelCarlo (Sokol Chicagoland). . . \$50*

Donations from the following donors totaling \$425 were shared between Sokol Spirit and the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation:

Marie Ptacek & Jackie Rada

Cathy & Dan Stumpf

Missy Dropka

Jerry & Kim Silhan

Wendy Sanders

Irene Balas and family

Joan Curran (Sokol Tabor)

Millie Sullivan

Audrey Mongello & family

Linda & Laura Stumpf

Roy & Vlasta Zitny

Tom & Marilyn Higgins & families

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

Donation to Sokol Spirit from Helen Sevcu. . . \$50

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund donations to the address in the footer on the front page.

From Bernie's family: We shall be forever grateful to all who expressed their sympathy in so many ways. The Sokol service attended by so many brothers and sisters and kind words from Bro. Maskill, along with Sis. Jean Hruby, Sis Andrea Schierer and Bro. John Tooke were especially heartwarming. Also the very generous donations in Bernie's memory are much appreciated. A tremendous thank you to you all from Bernie's family – Kathy Carr, Janet Schreier and Ellie Babka.



Please note: The Sokol logo (left) is available to include in the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times death notices. It's something that Sis. Anne Svec and Sis. Ellie Babka arranged for at least 10 years ago. Bro. Bernie's obituary included it. Please remember this, and pass the word to other Sokol members at all Sokol gyms.

Q: Why do ghosts make good cheerleaders? A: Because they have a lot of SPIRIT!

Spirit's Annual Spaghetti Dinner - November 2 - 4:00 - 7:00 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Adults: \$8.00 Children Under 12: \$4.00



Get your fork ready for all this:
all you can eat spaghetti (homemade marinara or meat
sauce), fresh bread and salad. Dessert is served, too!

YUM! (Beverages available for purchase.)

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

(I'm saving my appetite now for SPOOK-getti!)



Holiday Vendor Fair - November 9 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A cartoon illustration of a snowman wearing a red hat with a white pom-pom and a blue scarf with white snowflakes. The snowman is holding a gift box with a red ribbon. The gift box has a red dollar sign on it. The snowman is standing on a white base.

**CATCH THE HOLIDAY
SPIRIT at SOKOL SPIRIT**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Start your Holiday Shopping Now!
Crafters, vendors, and food in our
lower hall!**

Vendors will be accepted until October 31.
Contact Sis. Mary Novak, Sis. Carol Shrofe
or Sis. Kathy Barcal to reserve a table.

Hope you can join us!

Men's Volleyball - Friday* nights



Come by and cheer on our SPOOK-tacular men's and men's/juniors' volleyball teams:

11/1 at Tabor:	8:50 Spirit 1 (vs. United)	9:40 Spirit 2 (vs. Staropramen)
11/8 at Spirit:	8:00 Spirit 2 (vs. Pilsner)	8:50 Spirit 1 (vs. Staropramen)
11/15 at Spirit:	8:50 Spirit 2 (vs. United)	9:40 Spirit 1 (vs. Krusovice)
On the 15 th , come early for a Friday Film at 7 and World Beer Club at 8.		
11/22 at Tabor:	8:50 Spirit 2 (vs. Krusovice)	9:40 Spirit 1 (vs. Pilsner)
11/26 (Tues*) at Spirit:	8:50 Spirit 1 (vs. United)	9:40 Spirit 2 (vs. Staropramen)
Playoffs 12/6 and 12/13		

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

Fall 2019 dates: November 15 and December 20



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 flight.

Light snacks or food item tasters will be provided, or bring some to share.

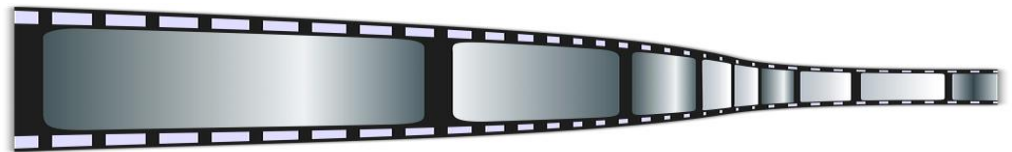
November's theme: You Never Know-venber (create your own flight from previous months)

Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5. info@sokolspirit.org



A ghost walks into a bar. The Bartender asks "What will you have?" The ghost says "I'm just here for the BOOs."

News from the Education Director, Sis. Vera Wilt



The Friday Film Series The last movie of 2019 will be November 15 this Fall. The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. Then be sure to attend World Beer Club in the lower hall following each movie. No movie will be shown in December. Join us when the series continues in January 2020.

NOVEMBER 15 ICE MOTHER/Bába z ledu: 2018; PG-13 Nudity; 106 Minutes; Subtitles; Is it possible to break out of one's routine and head in a new direction later in life? Sixty-year-old Hana is unexpectedly given the impulse to do just that when she meets contemporary Broňa, who encourages her to take up physical conditioning. This puts the wind-up Hana's grown-up sons, who have been brazenly abusing her generosity. The prospect of a new romance with a hardy nonconformist, who arrives at a family lunch with a hen friend called Adele, finally goads Hana into changing the established order.

Learn Czech at Sokol Spirit: Czech language classes

2020 Sessions

Basic Conversational Czech - Monday Mornings from 10 AM to 11:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 20 to March 23, 2020 - \$160 Donation
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 30 to June 8, 2020 - \$160 Donation

Intermediate Conversational Czech – Wednesday Evenings 7PM to 8:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 22 to March 25, 2020 - \$160 Donation
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 8 to June 10, 2020 - \$160 Donation

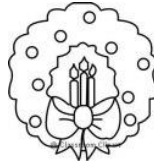
All classes use: "Basic Czech I" by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Available on Amazon \$18) plus handouts
Questions? czechclass@sokolspirirt.org / 708-442-4444. Call for part-time options. Register at first class of each session.



Sokol Spirit's annual **WREATH SALE**

Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall/winter fundraiser! Order some fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays, and give as early holiday gifts. Complete your order forms and return them with your payment by November 15 in the Wreath Order box at Sokol Spirit (located on the stage). These are GREAT wreaths and the prices can't be beat! You can also MAIL your orders and payments to Sokol Spirit or EMAIL your order to Cassie at bombage2@aol.com. Prizes will be awarded to the top two sellers!

Checks can be made payable to Sokol Spirit, and are due by **NOVEMBER 15, 2019**.



Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SATURDAY, November 30, at 12:00pm-2:00pm.

The Juniors will be hosting a Bake Sale at Wreath pick-up.

Price list/Order Form (enter quantity)

Balsam Wreaths: 24" \$18 _____ 36" \$25 _____ 48" \$34 _____ 60" \$40 _____

Premium Noble Fir Wreaths: 12" \$20 _____ 20" \$23 _____ 36" \$42 _____

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

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

Yule Log: \$20 _____ 12" Noble Wreath with 6" candle: \$22 _____

Fire Starter Basket: \$20 _____ 32" Holiday Planter: \$28 _____

Total amount DUE: \$ _____

Q: What did one ghost say to the other? A: Do you believe in people?



Calendar of Events

Monthly meetings resume in September!

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

November and December 2019:

November 2: Spaghetti Dinner 4pm-7pm

November 9: Vendor Fair 9am-3pm

November 15 (WOW!):

Wreath Orders due Friday Film 7pm

World Beer Club 8pm Men's V-Ball 8:50pm

November 23: Trim-A-Tree @ Brookfield Zoo

November 24: Central District Women's/Girls' Volleyball Tournament @ Spirit

November 30: Wreath sale pick up 12-2pm

December 8: Holiday Greetings due

December 15: Central District Men's/Boys' Gymnastics Competition @ Spirit

December 20 – January 5: Winter break

December 20: World Beer Club 8pm

2020 Save the dates:

Week of January 5: Classes resume

January 17: Friday Film

January 17: World Beer Club 8pm

January 17-19 (Friday-Sunday): Sokol District Gymnastics Skills & Progressions Clinic @ Tabor

January 26: Pancake Breakfast

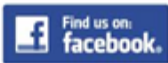
February 23: Membership Event

March 28: Spirit Exhibition – location TBA

April 4: Spring Trivia Night

April 25: Special Number Competition – location TBA

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



Don't forget to check in at the gym: www.facebook.com/sokolspirit



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