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**Holiday 2010**

### **DUES NEWS**

As you have already read previously, the dues for Sokol Spirit members are going up for 2011 due to an increase from American Sokol as well as an increase last year from the Central District. We have gotten to the point where we need to ask all our member to pay at least what we pay to these two entities, even those with many

years of membership to whom we previously offered discounts.

At the national convention earlier this year, besides the dues increase, the collection of dues at this new rate was made effective with the 3rd quarter of 2010, so we have already started paying at the increased rate. Under the new structure, we will be asked to pay the entire year's dues at the beginning of the year rather than in quarterly installments. For that reason, we would really appreciate your dues payment by the first of the year. Invoices are in the mail.

Those of you who registered either yourself or your child for classes in September were already invoiced for 2011 dues at that time. Some of you paid those dues right away, but if you simply took the invoice at that time for payment later, now would be the time to send the dues. They can be mailed to: Vera Wilt, 8014 W. 27th Street, North Riverside, IL 60546. Please make your check payable to Sokol Spirit.

The new dues amount for nearly all members is \$65 per year. The exceptions are, College Students pay \$45, and those who have been members for 60 years or more also pay \$45. That is the total we pay to the national and district.

Thank you for understanding our need to pass through our costs and still keep something for unit and building operations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 708-442-4444 or e-mail me at verawilt@aol.com.

Now the good news! Please save the evening of Saturday, February 26, 2011 for our annual membership dinner, honoring members who have attained various levels of membership at 5-year intervals. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends, and you don't have to be one of the honorees to come join us. We hope to see you then. Letters will be going out after the New Year.

Happy Holidays to all our Sokol Brothers and Sisters.

Nazdar! Vera Wilt, Financial Secretary and Membership Chair

### **SUNSHINE LADY**

Sis. Blanche Wostratzky, our new Sunshine Lady, wants you to know that if you have information about a member who is ill or has passed away, you can forward the information to her at 708-788-4644 or BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET. She will then send an appropriate card to the family of the deceased or the individual who is ill.

### **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CARDS AND LETTERS...**

Sis. Millie Jezek writes, "My love for Sokol started at age 4 years in Czech Republic and when we came here in 1929 joined Sokol Slavsky as a Junior and now for 75 years. I am now 94 years old. I always look for news about members and friends. Nazdar!"

From Joe and Jeri Domansky: "Because of distance and health issues, we cannot attend the unit holiday party and wish our membership HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NAZDAR!" (with \$10 donation to Newsletter fund)

From Sis. Alex Lanzel: "Guten Tag to my favorite Adult Co-Eds! Germany is wonderful and I love living here, but I miss Tuesday morning class with all of you! Next time I visit home I will be sure to come visit my old Sokol class. Warmest greetings from Germany!"

## SAD LOSS OF FAMILY MEMBER

Our deepest condolences to Sis. Bessie Jandak for the loss of her son, James. Jim, 60, lived in Florida and successfully bypassed several serious illnesses until now. Sis. Bess is very active in our Sr. 2 Co-Ed class at a very young 95 years of age.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

At the Central District Annual Meeting on November 7, Sokol Spirit was well represented and many of our members were elected to District positions including: 2nd Vice President—Howie Maskill, Women's Director—Kathy Barcal, Financial Secretary—Ashley Croft, and Membership Director—Cassie Croft. We are proud of the contributions our unit makes in Central District, and the leadership roles our members have taken. Congratulations to the winners of the Central District Presidents' Award (both of whom were nominated by Sokol Spirit): Sis. Meribeth Tooke (Sokol Spirit) and Bro. Don Kotlan (Sokol Ceska Sin). Both are very deserving of the honors.

### ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

To honor Susan Ann Colby from John & MaryAnn Satek .....\$10.00

### ~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

Honoring Anne Turek's 100th Birthday from Virginia Nicklas .....\$15.00  
From Mildred Jezek, Linda Starek, and Lana & Tom VanMaren .....\$100.00



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky  
BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644

• Get well wishes to Sis. Erma Janecka who recently suffered a stroke.



## Calendar of Events

First Wednesday Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7pm  
Third Monday Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm  
1/7-9/11 Skillz Clinic at Sokol Tabor  
1/15/11 Sokol Spirit Quiz Night



**Vesele Vanoce a Stastny Novy Rok from the Board of Instructors and Junior Board**  
Thank you Sokol Spirit for all of your support!



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*Try your luck! BINGO* every Sunday in our lower hall, doors open at 4 p.m. *Support Sokol Spirit!*

Moving? Please let us know your new address! Contact:  
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