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**April 2016**

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### Happy Spring!

Around Sokol Spirit, Spring has arrived when Exhibition is over, and classes are working hard on their gymnastic routines, and polishing up their Special Numbers for competition.

My deepest gratitude to everyone who played a part in the success of our very early exhibition on March 5th! That includes our Physical Director Howie Maskill and all our instructors responsible for the actual show; Mark Shrofe and all the members of the Building Management Committee who were in charge of the after party at our building; Barbara Bossany who produced a beautiful program book for us; all of our members who contributed to the show or the party with their hard work as volunteers; costume makers, and class assistants; and to all our members, friends and supporters who came and gave us a respectable sized audience in a bigger gym. I urge all of you to also patronize the businesses that placed ads and greetings in our program book. Their continued financial support makes

our programs possible. We can really say: OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Thanks to the Men's class and other volunteers for another successful Pancake breakfast in January, and we thank the Women's Class for the Paint night in February where we discovered our inner artist! See photos inside.

Did you notice the new high top tables near the bar that were used at the Exhibition after party? They provided a cozy atmosphere for socializing and were made possible by the monthly World Beer Club. That concept was created nearly two years ago as a social outlet that might attract some new members, and it unexpectedly has brought in some funds that were used to purchase those tables! Thank you World Beer Club.

There is another Trivia night on Saturday, April 16th at 7PM. Come on out and bring a team or join one there for only \$10, and you BYO snack and drinks.

The invitations for the Membership Dinner will be coming out soon. Please save the date of Sunday, May 1 for this annual opportunity to honor our members celebrating 5-year increments of membership. A good meal is always provided, with an open bar, and yummy appetizers and desserts provided by our members. We hope to see you then, whether you are celebrating a Sokol anniversary or just want to honor your Sokol brothers and sisters, and see old friends.

Central District of Sokol has the following important dates coming up:

- Special Number Competition at Lyons Township North High School on Saturday, April 23
- Sokol Day at Ehlert Park in Brookfield on Sunday, May 22.

See the "Save the Dates" section for events coming up this Spring. Also, if you are interested in going to the Sokol USA Slet in Pittsburgh June 29 to July 2, please let Howie Maskill know, as the Central District is trying to put together a bus trip to the events. We hope to see many of you at these upcoming events!

Na Zdar. Vera Wilt, President

## From the National Youth Directors – National Coloring Contest - November



The entries for the November Youth Coloring Contests were **AWESOME!** Everyone Showed Talent and Creativity! It was a Really Tough Decision for the Judges. Everyone Received a Ribbon and a Sticker for Their Passport. Winners Received a Special Surprise Gift. 1<sup>st</sup> Class girl Natalie Fuentes came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 6-12 year age group. Congratulations, Natalie! Her picture, titled "Kids 'Sharing'", is on the left. Spirit participants also included 2<sup>nd</sup> Class girl Julianne Noga and 1<sup>st</sup> Class girl Jenna Noga. Thanks to all who participated!

## Secret Santa Program – Community Nurse Health Association

Thank you for donating to the stage tree filled with warm items for the 2015 Secret Santa Program, a social service arm of the Community Nurse Health Association which takes care of Lyons Township residents and special programs for surrounding townships providing supportive services to clients.

*99 individual items were donated this holiday season!* Sokol Spirit is very proud that this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year of giving....and Sokol Spirit remains on the top 5 list of "givers" to the Community Nurse Health Association-Secret Santa program. It is nice to see a not-for-profit like Sokol Spirit and its members giving to another not-for-profit during these economic times when government funding is cut back for the local programs like the CNHA located in downtown LaGrange.

NAZDAR, and thanks for making the Holiday Season a special one for those less fortunate than we are!



## Pancake Breakfast – January 24



*I decided to trim the household budget wherever possible, so instead of having a dress dry-cleaned I washed it by hand. Proud of my savings, I boasted to my husband, 'Just think, we are five dollars richer because I washed this dress by hand.' 'Good', my husband quickly replied. 'Wash it again'.*

[www.guy-sports.com](http://www.guy-sports.com)

*The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.*

## Painting Party - February 5



← Look at how talented some members of our Women's class are! These women are some of about 30 people who attended the Painting Party in the downstairs hall of Sokol Spirit in February. This party picture featured the Chicago skyline and Chicago Blackhawks feathers. Everyone got to show off their talent and take home a very personal souvenir. A good time was had by all!

## Falcon Key Club 2016 Donations

The following members of the Sokol Spirit Falcon Key Club have a special vested interest in our programs and building maintenance, and even though the Falcon Key Club was created to give members, especially out-of-town members who cannot physically participate in the unit and gym activities a chance to support our programs, many active members have also gone above and beyond with extra financial help to ensure that we continue the Sokol spirit. We deeply appreciate their continued support. A special thank you goes to the Michael Kotynek who has matched his donation through the McDonald's Corporation matching gift program.

Marge Amlie	Ellen DuVall	Elmer Pavlas	John Tooke
Bernie Babka	Lynne Goodridge	Marie Ptacek	Meribeth Tooke
Ellie Babka	Edwin "Spook" Halik	Richard Ptacek	Marilyn Vicker
JoAnne Bazata	Michelle Humowiecki	Reyes-VanHorne	Adam Wilt
Dorothy Becker	Mildred Jezek	Family	Lauren Wilt
Bednar-Marek	William Komarek	Marianne Ronquillo	Vera Wilt
Families	Michael Kotynek	Mary Ann Satek	Blanche Wostratzky
Barbara Bossany	Lisa Kotynek	Charles Schultz	Alexandra Zahrobsky
Angeline Bultas	George Lacina	Gloria Schultz	Jeanette Zahrobsky
Marie Bultas	Marvin Lanzel	Helen Sevcu	Elaine Zitko
Czuba Family	Marilyn Michyeta	Slavia Sula	

**Biggest Loser Challenge:** 13 Sokol Spirit women participated in a Biggest Loser Challenge which started after the New Year and ended with a weigh-in on March 4th. The two top winners were Lauren Wilt in 2nd place and Veronica Hiltcher in 1st place. Everyone did a great job...they all lost some weight, which is great! Together as a group, 13 women lost about 144.5 pounds! Congratulations ladies!!!!

**From the Juniors:** **Thank you** to all who have supported the juniors at the annual Exhibition whether it was through snacks at the show or tickets for the basket raffle. All is greatly appreciated. Now that the big show is over we will be working on perfecting our special number for the competition at the end of April.

Also coming this year, the juniors will be offering **babysitting during the Spirit trivia night** on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Babysitting will be available from 6:30-11pm. That will be the perfect time to take part in the trivia night or go out for a nice dinner and a movie.

Another event we have going on is our **NASCAR car wash fundraiser**. Every time you go to a NASCAR car wash location and show the Sokol card, you receive at least \$2 off AND the juniors will earn money. It's a true win, win! The code can be used as many times as you wish through June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can access the barcode <http://nascarcarwash.com/2016/02/801> or see one of your Spirit juniors for a card.

To round out the Sokol year, the boys will be preparing for gymnastics competition on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the girls will do the same for May 21<sup>st</sup>. The juniors will also be performing at Sokol Day. Some juniors will continue working on their gymnastics routines and volleyball skills to compete during Sokolfest in Pittsburgh.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sokol Spirit Exhibition – March 5 – Riverside Brookfield High School



Spirit's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, 'Oh What a Night', was held at Riverside-Brookfield HS. Everyone in the show worked for months to prepare, and it sure paid off: what a great Exhibition it was! Thank you to all instructors for your dedicated work teaching calisthenics and writing and teaching Special Numbers to your classes. After the Exhibition participants, families and friends attended the After Party at the gym. It was a great night!





## Sokol Spirit Exhibition (continued)



Mom: What do you think I am, made of money?? Kid: Yes, isn't that what MOM stands for?

Why is money called dough? Because we all knead it.



# SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

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Sis. Millie Jezek, an 80+ year member of Sokol Spirit, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family at the Red Geranium restaurant in Lake Geneva on March 12th. Over 50 family members were present for this momentous occasion including her daughter Vera and son-in-law Roy from Florida. Also from Florida her cousin Frances and her husband Ralph joined the festivities. The previous evening she celebrated with dinner at Crandall's in Hebron, Illinois which is one of her favorite spots. The waitress brought a slice of cake with a candle and announced to the all the patrons that there was a 100th birthday celebration. Everyone stood up, sang Happy Birthday and cheered. On the actual day, March 10th, we celebrated with Bohemian "soul food", potato soup, rye bread, uzeny (smoked butt) and buchta (old-fashioned loaf) and, of course, kolacky from Vesecky's. It's the years of Sokol and the Bohemian food that have kept this lady going!!! Best wishes Sis. Jezek!



Blanche Wostratzky celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party given to her by her 3 children. 60 of her closest friends and family were there - most were relatives plus great-grandchildren. She gave her children her address book, so she didn't know who was going to be there. She was thrilled with the entire production that her daughter, Janice, put together. It was a marvelous afternoon at the Bohemian Crystal with terrific food—naturally! Happy Birthday, Sis. Wostratzky.

Get well wishes to Sis. Carol Rocush and Sis. Lauren Wilt.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Adam Robert Smith, age 25, who passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. His mother, Patty May, and her brother and sisters were long time class members of Sokol Slavsky, and Art Placek was his uncle.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Rita Pavlas who passed away recently. Rita was a 12-year member of Sokol Spirit, and was a former member of the Senior Coed class. She is survived by her husband Elmer, also a 12-year member of Spirit. Our sympathies also go to their son, Alan, a former member of Sokol Slavsky's boys' classes.

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**Membership Dinner May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2pm:** You should have received an invitation in the mail for the Annual Membership Dinner to be held on May 1, 2016 at 2 pm at the Sokol Spirit hall, 3909 Prairie, Brookfield IL. Be sure to send back your response prior to the event. Contact Dorothy Becker (contact info on 1<sup>st</sup> page) with any questions. Hope you can join us!

**From the Youth Ambassador:** To all who participated in our recent Exhibition, GREAT JOB!! It was a wonderful show. For those of you who are getting ready for either Special Number Competition or Apparatus Competition, I wish you the best of luck. During Exhibition rehearsal many of you took part in the Coloring Contest and I will be submitting your entries soon. For those of you who did not get a chance to, don't worry, you can partake in the April or May ones that have been sent to your homes. Remember for every contest or event you participate in, you earn a Passport Sticker. Full Passports get you some great prizes!! Please note that the position of Youth Ambassador is open. It is a great opportunity for someone who believes in the program, and promote it to the youth. Please consider stepping up and taking this great position that I have had the wonderful opportunity to hold. – Linda Baran

*The best way to save money is to forget who you borrowed it from.*

*The only exercise I've done this month is running out of money.*



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



**April 15**

**May 20**

**June 17**

**July 15**

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

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## Quiz Nite – Adult team trivia – April 16

Like trivia? Think you have a team that can't be beat? Come join us at Sokol Spirit for our Quiz Nite night!

**When: Saturday April 16 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!!



## SPIRIT CZECH/SLOVAK CLASSES CONTINUE

Brought to you by the Spirit Education Committee-Foreign Languages

### LANGUAGES: Session III starts in APRIL with:

- Beginners on Monday (April 4<sup>th</sup>) nights from 7pm-8:30pm (8 sessions til May 23, \$155, Minimum 3 students)
- Intermediate on Wednesday (April 6) nights from 7pm-8:30pm (12 sessions til June 22, \$140)
- Private lessons available for \$30/hour

### CULTURAL: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

\$5 donation w free pilsner/pop/water

- **April 19th:** Folklore/Open-air museums
- **May 17th:** Maj-month of Lovers
- **June 21st:** Unesco Sites

### MOVIE SCREENINGS followed by discussion: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month \$5 donation w free pilsner/pop/water

**May 6 The Valley of the Bees/Údolí čel** (PG-13; 96 min; 1967 B/W) A 13<sup>th</sup> century Bohemian lands drama.

**June 3 Capricious Summer/Rozmarne Leto** (PG; 74 min; 1967) Comedy about friends at the Lake cottage

All events in the Czech classroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**SESSIONS RESUME in SEPTEMBER**

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### ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

### ~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

*In memory of Rita Pavlas from Helen Sevcu. . . . . \$10.00*

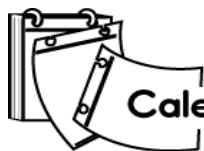
*from Tony and Lorraine Faikus. . . . . \$10.00*

*Honoring Mildred Jezek on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from Helen Sevcu . . . . . \$25.00*

*Honoring Blanche Wostratzky on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from Helen Sevcu . . . . . \$25.00*

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items to the attention of  
Kathe Heetel, 1233 Woodside, La Grange Park, IL 60526 for inclusion in the newsletter.

*Maybe money can't buy happiness, but I think it's only fair to give me some and let me learn that lesson myself.*



## Calendar of Events

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

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

### April 2016:

**April 15** – World Beer Club -- Spirit 8pm

**April 16** – Quiz Night – Spirit 7pm

**April 19** – Cultural Event (Folklore/Open-Air museums) 7 pm

**April 23** – Special Number Competition – Lyons Township North HS

*They say money talks,  
but mine just waves goodbye!*

### Save the Dates:

**May 1** – Membership Dinner–Spirit 2pm

**May 2** – Sokol Day – Ehlert Park, Brookfield

**May 6** – First Friday film

**May 17** – Cultural Event (Maj – Month of Lovers) 7pm

**May 20** – World Beer Club - Spirit 8pm

**June 3** – First Friday film



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



*I am one step away from being rich. All I need now is money!*



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