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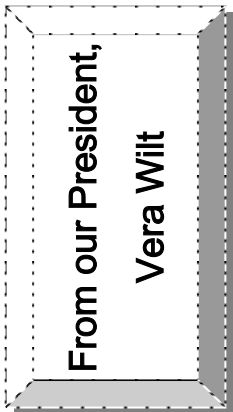
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www.sokolspirit.org



Dear Sokol Spirit Brothers and Sisters,

So it's time to put on a jacket or sweater when you head over to our Sokol Building for a class, or a meeting or one of our many cultural, educational or social events. Our Oktoberfest was very successful and the weather held out for us!

Classes are in full swing and so are all our First Friday Movie Nights; 3rd Tuesday Cultural evenings featuring Czech music stories; 3rd Friday World Beer Club and so much more! By the time this is in your hands we will have held another successful Quiz Night on October 22, and if you missed it, you must look for our Spring event.

The Juniors will have a Rake-A-Thon on Saturday, November 5, so please sign up to have them clear away your fallen leaves. There is a sign up sheet in the gym, or contact one of their instructors. See the Juniors' Report/section on the next page of this newsletter.

On Saturday, November 12, the Women's Class is again hosting a Vendor and Crafts Fair. Come on out to pick up some Holiday Gifts or pamper yourself as we will have some of your favorite companies represented, and some fun hand crafted items too. Contact Carol Shrofe, Kathy Barcal, or Mary Novak if you are a crafter or sales rep who needs a table for this event.

Our Annual Wreath Sale is in full swing, so order your Holiday Decorations soon, for delivery on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

On Saturday, November 19, bring your appetite to the All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner!

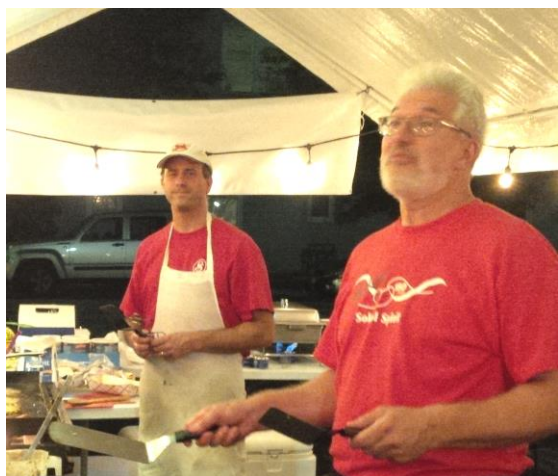
As I write this, our youth are preparing for track and field competition, and our juniors, men and women are playing volleyball. Come out on Friday evenings to cheer on our 3 Men's volleyball teams in their Tournament. On Sunday, November 20, three Spirit Women's teams will participate in the Central District Women's Volleyball Tournament.

The instructors are preparing to attend a directors' conference in Cleveland the end of October, where they will learn the cal's and folk dance for the 2017 Slet in Cedar Rapids, plus renew their CPR certifications and learn other valuable skills and techniques. On Sunday, November 6, your Sokol Spirit Executive committee and Central District delegates will represent the unit at the Central District Annual Meeting.

Please read this newsletter for much more information on all these events as well as to see what our members have been up to. Thank you to all our executive board, instructors and many volunteers who help make all of the activity of this unit possible.

Na Zdar. Vera Wilt, President

Oktoberfest – September 10



Thank you to everyone who came out to support our annual Oktoberfest this year. Thank you to everyone who helped to coordinate the event, and/or helped with set-up, take-down, and everything in between. It was a great fall-like night to be outside (not cold or windy), 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. Hope to see you next year at Oktoberfest! (I'm sure we'll find Tom and John in the same place - under the food tent - next year) ☺



2016 Farmer's Market

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 manpower, 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!

John Bazata
Adam Wilt
Vera Wilt
Ellie Babka

Nancy Pajean
Howie Maskill
Carol Shrofe
Tony Lemont

Meribeth & John
Tooke
Kathy & Bob Barcal
Alex Zahrobsky

Jenny Braun
Tricia Leja
Jane Malina
Alix Wilt

Ken Nagel
Emily Temmer

THANKS!-Cassie Croft

Juniors' Report: The juniors are off to a running start this year! The juniors ran their way to a successful Track & Field meet at Sokol Tabor on October 15. (See photos on page 2). Our focus has now turned to Volleyball. The Junior Girls will be competing against other juniors in the Central District on November 20th, and the Junior Boys are competing in the mens/juniors tournament that continues on most Friday nights until early December. Come on out to cheer them on!

The Juniors also will be holding their annual Haunted House for the Kids' Halloween party on October 28th. A lot of planning and work goes into the Haunted House, and the Juniors enjoy surprising the kids every year.

Outside of the gym, the juniors will be holding their annual Rake-a-thon Saturday November 5th! The Rake-a-thon is a fundraiser event in which Juniors show up at your house and rake your lawn. If you'd like them to come by, sign up by contacting either Jennifer Baran at (708) 209-8591 / jenniferbaran11@gmail.com or Alex Zahrobsky at azahrobsky8@gmail.com or sign up on the poster in the gym. Please leave your name, address and contact number.

Be on the lookout for some other fundraisers following Rake-a-thon. Thank you for all your support so far and in the future!

I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. Now, it's Election night.

Track and Field – October 15



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!



George Washington is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration.

Q: What is a horse's #1 priority when voting? A: A stable economy.



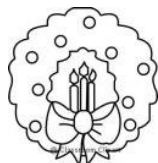
Sokol Spirit's annual WREATH SALE



Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall fundraiser! Order some fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays. Complete your order form and return it with your payment (checks payable to Sokol Spirit) by **November 11:**

- 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
- by email to Cassie at bombage2@aol.com

These are GREAT wreaths and the prices can't be beat!



Price list/Order Form (enter quantity) Total amount DUE:\$ _____

Balsam Wreaths: 24" \$16 _____ 36" \$23 _____ 48" \$31.50 _____ 60" \$36.50 _____

Premium Noble Fir Wreaths: 12" \$18 _____ 20" \$21.50 _____ 36" \$39.50 _____

Balsam Bouquet \$13 _____ Garland (25 ft) \$25 _____ Noble Swag \$15 _____

Indoor Evergreen Basket Center Piece \$21 _____ 48" Mantelpiece \$36 _____ Yule Log \$18 _____

12" Noble Wreath with 6" candle \$22 _____ Fire Starter Basket \$19 _____ 32" Holiday Planter \$27 _____

Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit Saturday, Nov. 26, 12:00pm-2:00pm.

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

November 18

December 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 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

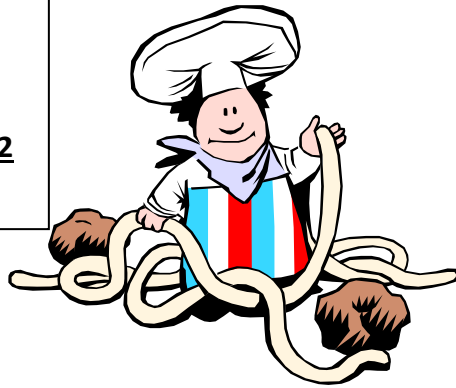
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A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation. —James Freeman Clarke

Annual Spaghetti Dinner – November 19

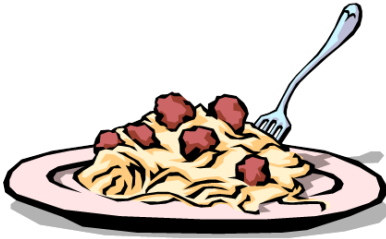


<u>Adults</u>
\$8.00
<u>Children Under 12</u>
\$4.00



*Enjoy the Strolling
Entertainment*

**ALL YOU CAN
EAT!!!**



4:00pm – 7:00pm at Sokol Spirit

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

2016 Central District Men's Volleyball League – Come out and watch 'em play!

1. Tabor 1 2. Tabor 2 **3. Spirit 1** 4. Stickney 5. Tabor 3 6. Tabor 4 **7. Spirit 2** **8. Spirit 3**

		Tabor 8:15pm	Tabor 9:15pm	Spirit 8:15pm	Spirit 9:15pm
10/21/2016	Friday	5 v 7	6 v 8	1 v 4	3 v 2
10/25/2016	Tuesday	3 v 6	4 v 5	1 v 8	7 v 2
11/4/2016	Friday	7 v 8	1 v 2	5 v 6	4 v 3
11/8/2016	Tuesday	1 v 6	2 v 5	X	X
11/11/2016	Friday	X	X	3 v 8	7 v 4
11/18/2016	Friday	6 v 5	2 v 1	4 v 3	8 v 7
11/22/2016	Tuesday	8 v 6	3 v 2	4 v 1	7 v 5
11/29/2016	Tuesday	4 v 6	5 v 3	2 v 8	1 v 7
12/2/2016	Friday	3 v 1	6 v 7	2 v 4	8 v 5
Semis 12/9/2016	Friday	B 2nd v 3rd	B 1st v 4th	A 2nd v 3rd	A 1st v 4th
Finals 12/16/2016	Friday			B Winners	A Winners

Hey kids! In the next issue of the newsletter, we will post photos and answers to the question:

What was your favorite part of the Sokol Spirit Halloween party?

Email spiritnews@hotmail.com with your name and answer. Also, parents, if you have any photos from the Halloween party, please send them to the same email. We look forward to hearing from you.

*"Young people need to vote. They need to get out there. Every vote counts. Educate yourself too. Don't just vote.
Know what you're voting for, and stand by that." - Nikki Reed*

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world." - S. Salzberg



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644

Bro. George Lacina is again in the hospital due to a fall and breathing difficulties. We all wish him well and hope he may return home soon.

Spirit member Sis. Millie Pultorak was recently nominated as one of the many Fraternalist Nominees in the CSA Organization, nominated by Lodge Sionilli President LaVerne Weisensel. She should be voted as one of the best. She was a member of our Sokol Spirit Sr. AM class for many years. Congratulations, Millie.

We recently heard from one of our long-lost members. Blanche Dunn, who is a 78-year Sokol member, is now living in an assisted-living facility in Omaha, Nebraska. Blanche has two daughters, Kathy Jedlicka and Patty Coyle, five grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Blanche will turn 96 years young in December, and she would love to hear from some of her "old" Sokol friends. Her address is Blanche Dunn, Hickory Villa, Apt 221, 7315 Hickory Street, Omaha, NE 68124.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter - to wish someone well or brag about a special occasion - please send the text (and photos) to me. We've had well-wishes in the Sunshine Report, graduation, marriage, birth, and anniversary announcements. Did your kid do something great at school? Did he/she/you win 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 mid-December, so I would ask that you submit it by the end of November.

From your newsletter editor: I want to apologize for the poor photo quality in the recent newsletters. Oftentimes, the combination of black and white copies *and* an added generation on printed copies don't do the photos any justice. I will try to make sure the photos will be of higher quality moving forward. After the release of each newsletter, we also post one color version on our website, sokolspirit.org. If you'd like to view color photos 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.

Dues for 2017: Letters and notices will soon be going out soon for the 2017 Spirit membership dues. Dues for regular members remain at \$70. Students and 60-year members are asked to pay \$47 for the ASO and Central District assessments. I am going to try sending dues requests through the Internet to some of you, and you will be able to pay your dues online, but I will still send regular letters to the majority of members. Remember, there is a late fee if the dues are not paid by January 15, 2017. So, keep an eye out for your notice. I thank you in advance for paying promptly. Thanks, Dorothy Becker

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

~NEWSLETTER FUND~

To Memorial Fund *from Betty Leclere*. \$10.00

In memory of John Wilkinson from MaryAnn Satek. \$25.00

In honor of Ellie and Bernie Babka's 60th wedding anniversary from Ellen Komarek Duvall \$30.00

In honor of Ellen Jeanne and Ed Schnabl's 60th wedding anniversary from Ellen Komarek Duvall \$30.00

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.



Sokol Spirit's 1st Friday (of the Month) Films 2016-17 Season Czech Film Series (English subtitles)

(3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Upstairs in the Czech Language 2nd Floor Classroom)

Donation: \$5/person. 7:00 -9:30 pm with discussions lead by Pavlina Reichlova, Czech language head teacher and on operas with Marvin Lancel. Pop/Water or first pilsner beer free!

November 4: The Country Teacher/VENKOVSKÝ UCITEL; 2009, 100 minutes, R-Drama... Life Lessons Learned in Bucolic Classrooms. A new teacher is a pensive, bespectacled Czech in his 30 's who impulsively leaves Prague to take a job teaching natural science in a rural village. Both his subject and the rustic environment play into the movie's contemplation of biological diversity as it applies to human behavior, especially sexuality.

December 2: Men in Rut/Muzi v Riji 2009, 120 minutes, GP13-Political Satire... Humor from clash of small and big worlds as politicians in a remote burg - so remote, in fact, that the road ends there! The mayor of a tiny Czech village hatches a plan to quite literally put his town on the map.

Sokol Spirit's 3rd Tuesday of the Month Cultural Programming 2016-17 Season Theme: Czech Music Stories

(3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Upstairs in the Czech Language 2nd Floor Classroom)

Donation \$5/person 7:00 - 9:30 pm with discussions lead by Pavlina Reichlova, Czech language head teacher
Pop/Water or first pilsner beer free!

November 15 Story of Czech Christmas Carols-Koledy and Ginger Cookies Traditional Czech Christmas would not be the same without various types of Christmas cookies which are hand made by most of the Czech families. But as important are the Christmas national carols which bring us with the familiar melodies to the Christmas cheer and mood. Which carols were taken and translated from other countries and what were the inspirations to our most traditional Czech carols such as *Narodil se Kristus Pan*. Most carols were based on Christian context, but there were carols which carried underlying Communist agenda. Listen to Christmas Melodies and decorate Czech ginger cookies. Materials may be extra for cookies.

2017...January 17 The Story of Czech National Anthem and Frantisek Skroup The Czech Anthem was born in Czech theater, during the National movement. The song came from a play, *Fidlovacka*. The verses and melody became catchy that it was chosen to be the Czech national anthem. The story of Czech anthem with translation will be provided.

Czech Language/Conversation Classes

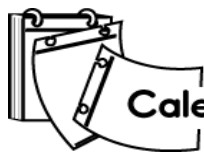
MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 8 weeks \$155 per Session/Minimum 3 students. **Session II: January 9, 2017** – February 27; **Session III: April 3, 2017** – June 5; Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18)

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 Weeks \$140 per Session/Minimum 5 students. **Session II: January 4, 2017** – March 22; **Session III: April 5, 2017** – June 21. Textbook: Basic Czech.

Please Note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened. Discount with advance payment, please ASK. If paid in advance, please mail check to Sokol Spirit c/o Czech Language Class. Questions? Email czechclass@sokolspirit.org

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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.



Calendar of Events

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

November 2016:

November 4 – First Friday film - 7pm

November 5 – Juniors' Rake-a-thon

November 11 – Wreath Orders due

November 12 – Vendor Fair 9am-3pm

November 15 – Cultural program – Czech Christmas Cookies

November 18 – World Beer Club - 8pm

November 19 – Spaghetti Dinner – 4-7pm

November 26 – Wreath Pick-up - 12-2pm

|Save the Dates:

December 2 – First Friday film - 7pm

December 16 – World Beer Club - 8pm

January 17 – Cultural program - 7pm

March 25 – Annual Exhibition, Riverside-Brookfield H.S.

(all events at Sokol Spirit unless specified)

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



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