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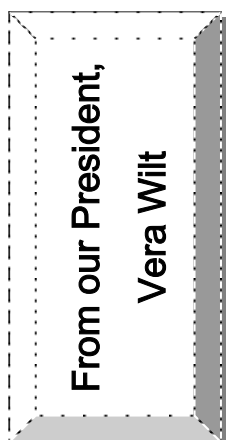
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Dear Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a wonderful Sokol year, including a fun and festive Homecoming themed Exhibition on March 25th. We crowned a Homecoming King and Queen; recognized Sokol "Misses" from the past, most of whom had run for Houby Queen representing Sokol; waved our pennants; cheered "when I say NaZdar – you say Zdar" and welcomed home some gymnasts of the past. There was even a drawing for a prize for participants in Spirit weeks leading up to the event.



All of our classes presented an enjoyable show, even including an "ultimate frisbee" homecoming game by the Men's Class. Our Juniors delighted the crowd with a unique special number that surprised the audience because it was not listed in the program! Carrying out the Homecoming theme, the Juniors came out in full marching band uniforms as a drum and tumbling corp. They were Awesome! None of them had done any drumming before, and you would have never known that to see and hear their performance. The after-party back at the gym finished a perfect exhibition by selling out the food, presenting a huge basket raffle by the Juniors, sharing some memorabilia and old photos and celebrating into the wee hours of the night. It was a memorable Homecoming.

The First Class Girls, Second Class Girls, Women's Class, and Juniors all competed in the Central District Special Number Competition on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and YES, our Junior class won the competition in their division with their marching/drumming/tumbling number. See photos of the Spirit performers in this newsletter.

Summer is here! See photos from our participation in the LaGrange Pet Parade, and mark your calendars to join us for the Brookfield Independence Day Parade. We will be recruiting new members and participants at the Brookfield Farmers Market later in the summer. The Fall kicks off with a September 9<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest. Czech language classes this fall will be offered in the morning by request of those who avoid night driving.

This Sokol year is quickly coming to an end, as our regular classes are finished for the season with only the American Sokol Slet remaining to put the cherry on top.

This newsletter goes to print just before - but comes out just after - our annual meeting, where the nominating committee presented a slate of officers to take our unit to new heights in the coming year. I want to express my thanks to all the officers, instructors the chairmen of the BOI and of the BMC, and all our active members for all their hard work. I have served as President for 3 years, and will be turning the gavel over to a very able successor.

Have a safe and happy summer.  
NaZdar, Vera Wilt

## Sokol Spirit's Annual Exhibition – March 25



## Special Number Competition – April 22



We are so proud of all 4 Special Number Competition entries from Sokol Spirit. Although our Juniors walked away with a well-deserved trophy for winning first place, we are proud of everyone who performed, coached and authored numbers. You represented Sokol Spirit very well.



## Sokol Spirit Membership Dinner – April 30

On April 30, 2017, approximately 80 people (members and guests) came together at Sokol Spirit to celebrate the members who passed away this past year, new members, and those members who achieved membership longevity awards. New members who joined this year are Gregory Baran, Eduardo Borjon, Erin Classen, Michael Malony, Adam Rini, and Kim Shrofe. Two juniors, who graduated high school this year, have also become new members as of May 1, 2017. They are Michael Barcal and Isabella Smith. Congratulations and welcome to Sokol Spirit. Thank you to Sis. Dorothy Becker for her work on making the day a memorable one.

Membership awards are presented for every five years of Sokol membership. The following members received awards at the dinner or by mail if they were unable to join us.

### 5-year members

Jimmy Hedderman  
Michael Lemasters

### 10-year members

Lorraine Cerny  
Keith Rhoades  
Anita Smith  
Thomas Zeman  
Edward Zempich

### 15-year members

Carl Dropka  
Mildred Giles  
James Hedderman  
Christina Kuckie  
Chris Lanzel  
Tiffany Lyon  
Lance Malina  
Jeanette Zahrobsky

### 20-year members

Debbie Shields  
Debbie Simik

### 25-year members

William Komarek  
Mario Mongello  
Joe Pajer

### 30-year members

Kathe Heetel  
Marilyn Lutha  
Suzanne Mazgay

### 35-year members

Douglas Lacina  
Jacquelyne Rada

### 40-year members

Carol Shrofe  
Deborah Zitny

### 45-year members

Carol Kala  
Charles Rocush  
Marilyn Vicker  
Rick Wostratzky

### 55-year members

Ellie Babka  
Dorothy Becker  
Charles Kalat  
Carol Rocush

### 60-year member

Agnes Pajer

### 65-year members

Elmer Kulousek  
Paul LeBloch  
Agnes Proksa  
Marie Ptacek  
Mary Ann Satek

### 70-year members

Elsie Jilek  
Gloria Schultz  
Roy Zitny

The following members who passed away since our last membership dinner were:  
Sis. Mildred Jezek—82 year member      Bro. Charles Schultz—74 year member  
They will be missed by family, friends, and all our Sokol members. Nazdar

*Members pictured (with years of membership):*

Lorraine Cerny (10),



Debbie Simik (20) &  
Michael Lemasters (5),



Carol Shrofe (40),



Chuck Rocush &  
Carol Kala (45)

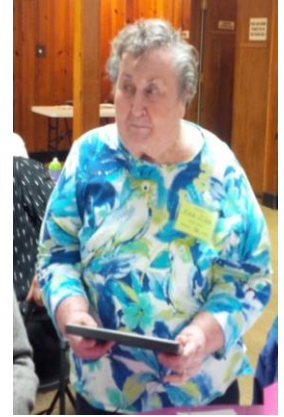


## Sokol Spirit Membership Dinner – April 30 (continued)

Carol Rocush & Ellie Babka (55),

Agnes Proska, Paul LeBloch  
Mary Ann Satek Elmer Kulousek (65),

Elsie Jilek (70)



## Sokol Day – May 21



Many Spirit gymnasts were sighted on the winners' podiums at Sokol Day! It was a great day, full of big smiles and big hugs, for friends and Sokol family.



## Artistic Competitions – May 13 and 20



<u>BOYS</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>BOYS/JR. BOYS</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>JR. BOYS</u>	<u>Place</u>
<i>Boys 8-9 Level 2</i>		<i>Boys 12 Level 2</i>		<i>Jr. Boys 12-14 Level 6</i>	
Nicholas Corradino	2nd	Rafael Reyes	1st	Max Pajer	1st
Jimmy Corradino	3rd	<i>Jr. Boys 12-14 Level 4</i>		<i>Jr. Boys 15-18 Level 5</i>	
<i>Boys 10-11 Level 3</i>		Jake Heetel	1st	Michael Barcal	1st
Cole Heetel	2nd	Dean Shrofe	3rd	Chris Kurgan	3rd
		Joseph Franco	4th		
		<i>And 1<sup>st</sup> place team trophy</i>			



<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>JR. GIRLS</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>Place</u>
<i>Girls 6-7 Bronze</i>		<i>Girls 10-11 Diamond</i>		<i>Adult 17-24 Silver</i>	
Angela Borjon	21st	Scarlet Pajer	1st	Tricia Rini	1st
<i>Girls 8-9 Bronze</i>		<i>Girls 12 bronze</i>		<i>Adult 17-24 Gold</i>	
Autumn Schmidt	19th	Theresa Lemont	6th	Jenny Braun	1st
Rosella Borjon	26th	<i>Jr. Girls 12-14 BronzeQ</i>		<i>Adult 25-34 Silver</i>	
<i>Girls 8-9 Silver</i>		Zee Hudson	1st	Jennifer Baran	1st
Alexia Perez	5th	<i>Jr. Girls 12-14 Silver</i>		<i>And 1<sup>st</sup> place tag team trophy</i>	
Anna Pachla	8th	Amanda Suvetor	11th	<i>(Jenny and Jenn)</i>	
Laura Geisert	10th	<i>Jr. Girls 15-18 Silver</i>		<i>Adult 25-34 Gold</i>	
<i>Girls 10-11 Bronze</i>		Rachel Lemont	3rd	Cassie Croft	1st
Valerie Spevacek	17th	Lilly Smith	4th	<i>Adult 35-49 Gold</i>	
Madisyn Mazgay	18th			Kandi Pajer	1st
Josie Mensik	20 <sup>th</sup>			<i>And 1<sup>st</sup> place tag team trophy</i>	
<i>Girls 10-11 Silver</i>				<i>(Cassie and Kandi)</i>	
Kaitlyn Mazgay	12 <sup>th</sup>				

## Memorial Day ceremony – Bohemian National Cemetery – May 29



Sokol Spirit was represented at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. The Junior class served as the color guard, Sis. Angie Bultas offered opening statements, and Bro. Tom Pajer played “Taps” at the end of the ceremony. It was a beautiful morning and a memorable day. We hope you’ll join us next year.

## LaGrange Pet Parade – June 3



**Sokol Spirit Summer Word Find** - Find these summertime, Sokol words: *CedarRapids, FarmersMarket, FourthofJulyParade, Oktoberfest, PetParade, Registration, Slet, SokolDay, WorldBeerClub*

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**Juniors' Report:** The juniors have had an exciting Spring! After a very successful Exhibition and basket raffle the Spirit juniors won Central District Special Number Competition! A big thank you for those who came out and provided their support.

Before our final event of the year, Cedar Rapids, the juniors gathered for a night of fun and games in the gym before going to the Bohemian National Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day Service.

As we are doing our final rehearsals for Cedar Rapids, don't forget to grab your t-shirt to support the juniors on their trip! T-shirt orders will be taken until they are sold out. Please contact Jenn Baran at [jenniferbaran11@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferbaran11@gmail.com) if you'd like to help the Juniors out and get yourself a really cool shirt. Thank you for your support of the Juniors' fundraiser!

Back of shirt; (grey is red ink)



Front left chest



#### **Sokol Spirit Slet Tshirts**

All shirts are a heathered grey/navy color

**Youth Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large: \$12.00

**Adult Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, X-large: \$14.00

2Xlarge: \$15.00

3Xlarge: \$16.00

The juniors will be performing their winning special number at the opening ceremonies along with competing in volleyball and gymnastics before performing in the closing ceremonies.

We will have three juniors moving on to their next life adventure: College! Please join us in wishing the best of luck to Michael Barcal who will be attending Grand Valley State, Andrew Corrigan who will be attending Southern Illinois University and studying welding, and Isabella Smith who will be attending the University of Kansas majoring in Architecture! Finally, stay tuned for the annual Car Wash coming your way mid-August 2017!

Junior report submitted by Jenn Baran, Junior instructor. (By the way, Jenn is the "Instructor of the month". See the Sokol Spirit web page ([www.sokolspirit.org](http://www.sokolspirit.org)) for info).



**Lots of smiles around Spirit!!**



Agnès Pajer (60 year member). . . and friends



# Have you heard...?

Tell us about Sokol Spirit member news:  
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Our sympathies go out to Bro. Frank Michalek and family on the death of his wife, Sis. Carolee Michalek who passed away the middle of May in Florida after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Frank and Carolee were members of Sokol Chicagoland, joined our Sr II CoEd class, and decided to become dual members with our unit several years ago. Carolee always had a joke and a smile on her face, and she always lightened everyone's life. She will be dearly missed.

Get well wishes to Bro. Bernie Babka, Sis. Amy Bazata, and Sis. Missy Dropka who were recently hospitalized. Also, get well wishes to any members who have been ill that we might not have known about. Please let us know of any good or not so good wishes we can send through our newsletter.

Congratulations to two of our graduating juniors who became adult members of our unit at the membership dinner on April 30, 2017. They are Michael Barcal and Isabella Smith. We welcome them into our unit and wish them much success in the future.



Rachel Lemont, a Junior Girl, Tots assistant and junior at Riverside-Brookfield HS, was recognized by the West 40 Intermediate Service Center as a recipient of the 2017 SCOTY (School Citizen of the Year) Award. Rachel was recognized for her steadfast commitment to her own academic success as well as her positive contributions to her school community through her leadership in and out of the classroom. Congratulations, Rachel.

Happy news keeps on coming: Best wishes to Sis. Jane Molina and fiancé Luke Thornton on their engagement. Jane reports that the couple enjoys music very much and are currently both working in the restaurant industry. After dating for a little over 5 and 1/2 years, they are getting married in October.

Best wishes also to Sis. Jessica Rus and fiancé Louie Dietz on their engagement January 27th. Jessica reports they have anchored a date to celebrate in 2018 with an anchor-themed wedding. We wish them much happiness!

If you have any news to share, want to wish someone well or brag about a special occasion, please send the text and any photos to [spiritnews@hotmail.com](mailto:spiritnews@hotmail.com). Think about graduations, engagements, marriages, births, and anniversaries. Did your kid do something great at school? Did someone participate in a contest or sporting event? How about something that made you proud of someone? Do you want to wish someone well during recovery from illness? 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 August, so I would ask that you submit it by the middle of July. Also, please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund donations to me as well.



If you'd like to view color photos from this newsletter, and other ones we couldn't squeeze in, 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.

Speaking of photos that may have been in past newsletters, can you identify these long-time Sokol members? Try to guess; you'll find their names later in this newsletter. *Hint: I know one of them very well. . .*

## 2017 Slet – Cedar Rapids



Our bus full of “Spirited” Sokol members will depart from our parking lot on the evening of Wednesday, June 21 to take us to Cedar Rapids, Iowa and return on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after the end of the program. There are still some seats available if you would like to join us on the bus for \$90 per person, and we hear that some rooms have been released at some of the hotels if you need to reserve them. Contact Kathy Barcal if you want to join us. We know it’s close enough to drive, but what fun an old-fashioned road trip on a bus is. Our Junior class will reprise their marching band number in the opening ceremonies on Thursday. They

will be competing in gymnastics, as will some of our adults. The men, women and juniors will also compete in volleyball. We will be performing in the various calcs and in the folk dance as well. We probably have the largest contingent from any unit, so we hope that whether you come on the bus or travel on your own, you will consider coming out to cheer on the competitors and be part of the audience at the closing events on Sunday afternoon.

## Men’s Softball

This year’s men’s softball tournament is on! Our Spirit men are playing on two teams. All games last about an hour and are at Janura Park in Berwyn (28<sup>th</sup> and East). I understand from a few of them that they need a lot of cheering ;), so enjoy some evenings out and cheer them on.

Date	<u>Green team</u>		<u>Blue team</u>	
	time	field	time	field
Monday, June 12	8:45	B		
Wednesday, June 14	6:45	A		
Monday, June 19	8:45	B	7:45	A
Wednesday, June 21			6:45	B
Monday, June 26	7:45	C	8:45	C
Wednesday, June 28	8:45	A		
Monday, July 10			8:45	A
Wednesday, July 12	8:45	A		
Monday, July 17	8:45	B	7:45	B
Wednesday, July 19			6:45	B
Monday, July 24	7:45 and 8:45 C			
Wednesday, July 26			8:45	B
Wednesday, August 2			8:45	A

## World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month - 8:00 p.m. (June 16, July 21, August 18)



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 a 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 [info@sokolspirit.org](mailto:info@sokolspirit.org)

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**\*\* Join us for World Beer Club in Summer 2017 (June, July, August) and enjoy \$1 off your cover charge. Just tear off this strip and submit it when you pay for your flight.\*\***  
(One-time use only. Coupon must be the original - no copies will be accepted).



## 2017 Brookfield Farmer's Market

Come help promote Sokol Spirit this summer in our community!

The Market is located at the Brookfield Village Hall - 8820 Brookfield Ave  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

July 15, July 29      August 5, 12, 19, 26      September 9

**Many of our newer members and class participants have learned about Sokol at the Farmer's Market.** If you are interested in volunteering at our booth, even for a few hours, please contact Cassie Croft-bombage2@aol.com.



## Sokol Spirit's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (of the Month) 2017 Season Czech Film Series (English subtitles)

When Sokol resumes in the Fall, 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.



**October 6 The Seven Ravens/ Sedmero krkavců** 2015, 103 minutes, G-Fantasy, adventure.

**Božena** Němcová Czech/Slovak fairy tale about a daughter born into the grief-stricken family of a baker, whose wife, years ago, in a fit of rage, curses their seven sons into ravens.

**November 3 You Kiss Like the Devil/ Libáš jako ďábel**, 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

## Czech Language/Conversation Classes

**BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 weeks \*MONDAYS**, 9-10:30am, \$190 per Session/Minimum 3 full-time students OR 6 part-time paying \$95 for 6 classes. **Session I: September 11-November 27, 2017.**

Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) with handouts

**INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 Weeks \*WEDNESDAYS**, 9-10:30am and another class @7:00-8:30pm. \$190 per Session/Minimum 3 full-time students OR 6 part-time paying \$95 for 6 classes. **Session I: September 13-December 6.** Textbook: Basic Czech I w handouts.

Basic and Intermediate classes will also run from January-March and April-June 2018. Email with questions or stay tuned for dates in the next newsletter.

**Please Note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened.**

**Payment is expected on the first day of class. PART-TIME STUDENTS MUST IDENTIFY WEEKS of ATTENDANCE at time of registration**

Translations @ \$30/hour offered following class.....appointment preferred late mornings either on Monday or Wednesday after class.

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



*Names of members in this photo (taken around 1967, from left to right): Sis. Elaine Zitko, Sis. Agnes Pajer, Bro. Dick Ptacek, the late Audrey Nesladek, Bro. Charles Kalat, Sis. Keg Rocush and Sis. MaryAnn Satek.*

*Correction from the March newsletter: Franky Hedderman was on the winning team at the FlapJack Open. Sorry for the error.*



## Calendar of Events

### June/July 2017:

**June 16:** World Beer Club - 8 p.m.

**June 22-25:** American Sokol Slet - Cedar Rapids. Bus leaves on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**July 4:** Brookfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade- 10 a.m.  
(check email for line-up information closer to the parade)

**July 21:** World Beer Club - 8 p.m.

*(all events at Sokol Spirit unless specified)*

*Meetings resume in the fall:*

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

### Save the Dates:

**July 15, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 9:**

Brookfield Farmers Market – Brookfield Village Hall. Volunteers needed.

**August 18:** World Beer Club - 8 p.m.

**September 9:** Oktoberfest 3-10 p.m.

**Week of September 11:** 2017-18 Physical Fitness and Czech language classes begin

*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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