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**August 2018**

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**From our President,  
Howie Maskill**

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. Mine consisted of some European travel which of course included a week in Prague for the Sokol Slet. Another highlight occurred right here in our own nation's capital. On August 8th my Grandfather who served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War participated in an Honor Flight to Washington DC. For those of you who are not familiar, Honor Flight Chicago is an organization that recognizes the bravery, determination and patriotism of our nation's war veterans. They are currently honoring WWII and Korean War veterans with a one day trip to Washington DC. I was lucky enough to accompany my Grandfather, Howard "Bud" Maskill, as his Family Guardian. The group consisted of 8 WWII and 82 Korean War veterans. They are escorted throughout the city to monuments, memorials and museums, and are truly treated like heroes everywhere they go. Honor Flight Chicago is a great organization serving these most deserving heroes.

In many ways, I see similarities between HFC and Sokol. We are both non-profit organization, volunteer based and operate with American pride. Each flight takes more than 1,500 hours to plan, prepare and fly, and the majority of that time is executed by volunteers. I recall several of our own Sokol members have participated in past Honor Flights. If you are a war veteran who is eligible to participate or have a family member who may be interested, I highly recommend you look into it. I am grateful to have been part of such an amazing experience; one that I will never forget.

As our summer comes to an end and we prepare for the start of a new Sokol season, let's remember what makes Sokol what we are. As the American Sokol website states:

American Sokol is a multi-faceted organization guiding its members throughout life to physical and moral health, good citizenship and responsible patriotism, combined with continuous self-improvement. Sokols affirm that they are proud of their citizenship in our great country, the United States of America; that they continue to vigilantly guard the democratic principles on which our country and our organization is based; that we honor the sacrifice of Sokols who fought valiantly in past wars to defend our freedom and independence; and that our patriotism is deep, sincere and extends to commitment and action in our local and wider communities. Sokol is a place of working together, learning new skills, helping one another, and giving of oneself. Sokol was born from noble goals and a willingness to give to others. The future of Sokol is in the hands of those who accept the mantle and carry it forward.

**NAZDAR!**



No classes this summer. Few meetings. One would think this newsletter would be a bunch of blank pages. However, it's been an unusually busy summer for Spirit! Lots for our Sokol Brothers and Sisters to do. Lots of camaraderie and good times. Hope you were able to participate in some of our many events, and are ready to gear up for the start of the new Sokol year, because it's right around the corner. Let's celebrate summer with a review of summer at Spirit, and then let's make this Sokol year the best ever!

### Since our last newsletter. . .

- Two Spirit men's teams played in a summer-long softball tournament at Janura Park in Berwyn.
- Again this year, Sokol Spirit was represented in LaGrange's Pet Parade and Brookfield's Fourth of July Parade. The crowds always enjoy seeing Sokol in the parade, promoting gymnastics, spin classes and the wheel program.
- Many of our Sokol brothers and sisters travelled to Prague for the Slet. See photos later in this newsletter.
- Two super FUNdraising events were held to support the construction in the lower hall.
- And, all summer, Sokol Spirit continued to participate in the Brookfield Farmers' Market. **Many of our newer members and class participants have learned about Sokol at the Farmer's Market.** There are only three Saturdays left this summer (see the Calendar page) – hope you can join us to help promote our Sokol programs. Contact Cassie Croft at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com) for more information.

### American Sokol Organization Convention - April 26 - 29 - Cleveland, Ohio



Here are photos from the ASO Convention held at the end of April in Cleveland.

Top left: Some of the Spirit members present at the Convention.

Top right: Bro. Howie Maskill with Sis. Pat Satek and the new American Sokol flag, designed by Sis. Satek!

Left: The newly elected national executive board, which we are proud to announce includes 4 Spirit members: Sis. Kathy Barcal, Co-Physical Director; Sis. Pat Satek, Co-Physical Director; Sis. Meribeth Tooke, Foundation; and Bro. Bob Barcal, Treasurer.



## LaGrange Pet Parade – June 2, and Brookfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (July 4<sup>th</sup> ☺)



## 2018 American Sokol Instructor School - July 15 – 28 - Sokol Greater Cleveland



The 2018 American Sokol Instructor School was held at Sokol Greater Cleveland in July. 31 students representing the districts in the American Sokol Organization attended. There were students from D.A. Sokol and Sokol USA Lodge 306. The Central District was represented by students from Chicagoland, Naperville-Tyrs, Spirit and Tabor. The breakdown by class: Beginner Class had 21 students, Intermediate Class had one student, Advanced class had three students and Advanced II had six students. Bro. Michael Barcal (back row, 5<sup>th</sup> from left) graduated from the Advanced II Class.

Bro. Bob Barcal and Sis. Kathy Barcal attended the graduation on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Sokol Greater Cleveland. The graduation consisted of numbers performed by the students in folk dancing, rhythmic performances, calisthenics, special numbers, marching and singing. Congratulations to everyone! Especially our own member, Bro. Michael Barcal! NaZdar!

*"If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed." – Unknown*

*"Sunshine is my favorite accessory." – Unknown*



## 2018 Prague Slet - July 1-7

The American Sokol Organization and Sokol Spirit were well-represented in Prague, Czech Republic, at the Sokol Slet in July. Below is the Sokol Spirit contingent in Prague. At Slet, Sokol Spirit was also represented by Bro. Bob Barcal, Bro. Michael Barcal, Bro. Michael Dropka, and Sis. Kaitlyn Barcal as flag bearers. Take a look at backgrounds in the Slet photos, too. It gives one a sense of how huge the venue is in Prague. Everyone I spoke with who attended the Slet shared special memories and was awed by the experience. The next Sokol Slet in Prague will be in 2024.



*a summer i'll  
always remember  
with people i'll  
never forget*





# Have you heard...?

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

We have heard that congratulations are due to Bro. Bill Komarek and his wife Sue on the birth of one, but two, new grandsons. Theodore Kopchick was born May 24, 2018. Parents are Becky and Nate Kopchick who live in Colorado. Alyson Komarek was born on June 14, 2018 to Anisha and Will Komarek who live in Seattle, Washington. Big sister Alina, who is two years old also welcomed her little brother. Also excited with the new boys is Sis. Ellen Duvall, who is their great aunt. Ellen and her husband Bob live in Springfield, Missouri. Best wishes to the entire Komarek family. A

Also, welcome to the world to Dylan Robert Bazata and Amberlyn Haze Bazata. Both born August 10 at Hinsdale Hospital, Dylan weighed in at 5 lbs, 7 oz., born at 11:34 am, and Amberlyn was 5 lbs, 6 oz., born at 11:36 am. Best wishes to mom, Sis. Amy Bazata, grandfather Bro. John Bazata and great grandmother Sis. Joann Bazata.

Sis. Helen Sevcu was very happy to receive the Sokol quilt Sis. Angie Bultas won at the women's class raffle at Exhibition. Angie very graciously gave the quilt to Helen to enjoy and reminisce. Helen is a 78-year member of Sokol and is still a strong supporter even though she can no longer attend classes.

Bro. George Lacina moved to Chicago. Rumor has it he is enjoying the view of Lake Michigan and even has his own garden there. Glad to hear it, George. Hope to hear from you and see you soon.

"Feel better" wishes to out to Sis. Elsie Jilek, who has been hospitalized recently again. Feel better, Elsie!

Live Music!

Beer!

Brats!

Potato Pancakes!

Raffles!

Kids' Bounce house!

Free Admission!



Sokol Spirit's

Annual OKTOBERFEST!

**Join us! September 8 3:00-10:00pm**

3909 S. Prairie Ave

Free Community Event!

*"Now that fall is almost here, I can finally give up on the summer diet I never started."  
- Unknown. . . and, OK, your newsletter editor.*



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

Fall 2018 dates: September 21, October 19, November 16



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 month. Light snacks or food item tasters will be provided.

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



2018 Brookfield Farmer's Market

Help promote Sokol Spirit in our community!

The Market is located at the Brookfield Village Hall - 8820 Brookfield Ave

August 25      September 1, 8      8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com).

Did you know? As a member you can use our hall for personal parties? Once the lower hall is completed, we will start taking reservations. 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).

"Catch the Holiday Spirit" at Sokol Spirit – November 10



Start your Holiday Shopping Now!

We will have vendors and crafters  
in our lower hall!

Time: 9:00 a. m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food and Beverages will be  
available for purchase.

We are accepting vendors and  
crafters at this time!



*"You can't buy happiness but you can buy ice cream!" – Unknown*

*"Summer should get a speeding ticket." – Unknown*

*"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter."  
– Henry David Thoreau*

*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing . . . and the lawn mower is broken." – James Dent*

*"If only my teeth were as white as my legs."  
– Unknown . . . and, OK, your newsletter editor*

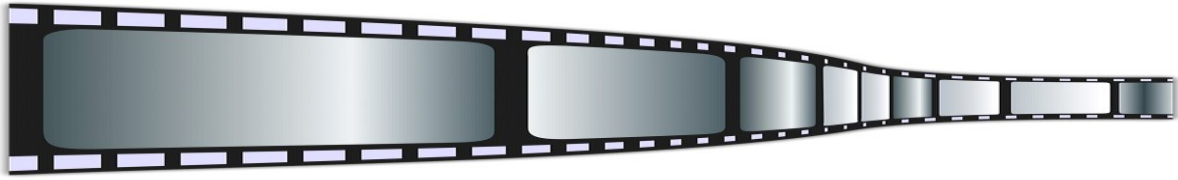


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## ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

*In memory of Slavia Chvatal Sula, Jerry Chvatal and Ed Schnabl*

From Ellie and Bernie Babka . . . \$50.00



### Czech Movie Nights at Sokol Spirit – NOW - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

Save these dates. Movies start at 7PM and \$5 includes a Czech beer or a water or soft drink if you prefer. Discussion of the movie follows. Enjoy the movie and stick around for World Beer Club – Each month features themes, beer types or regions.

**September 21, 2018 – Burning Bush, (Hořící Keř)** Part 1 and 2 of a 2013 HBO Europe mini series. Biography/Drama (151 min) PG - violence Story of Jan Palach and the attorney who defended his legacy.

**October 19, 2018 Burning Bush, (Hořící Keř)** Part 3 (77 minutes) See description above

**November 16, 2018 Loves of a Blonde, (Lásky Jedné Plavovlásky)** 1965, (88 minutes), B/W, R-Nudity. First Oscar nominated film directed/written by Czech New Wave Milos Forman.

**December 21, All My Good Countrymen, (Všichni Dobří Rodáci)** 1968, 114 minutes, B/W, PG-Nudity. Directed/Written by Czech New Wave Vojtech Jasný

### Learn Czech with Sokol Spirit

3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, IL      Questions: [czechclass@sokolspirirt.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirirt.org) or call 708-442-4444

(Call for part-time options)      Register at first class of each session

All classes use: “Basic Czech I” by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Available on Amazon \$18) plus handouts

2018-19 Sessions: Basic Conversational Czech - Monday Mornings from 10 AM to 11:30

- Session I – 12 weeks, September 10 to December 3, 2018 - \$190
- Session II – 10 weeks, January 7 to March 11, 2019 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 18 to May 20, 2019 - \$160

2018-19 Sessions: Intermediate Conversational Czech – Wednesday Evenings 7PM to 8:30

- Session I – 12 weeks, September 12 to December 5, 2018 - \$190
- Session II – 10 weeks, January 9 to March 13, 2019 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 20 to May 22, 2019 - \$160

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If you have any news to share, want to wish someone well or brag about a special occasion, please contact Sis. Kathe Heetel at [spiritnews@hotmail.com](mailto:spiritnews@hotmail.com). If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please send the text and any photos to me. We’ve had well-wishes in the Sunshine Report - announcements about graduations, engagements, marriages, births, and anniversaries. Did your kid do something great at school? Did he/she/you participate in a contest or sporting event? How about something that made you proud of someone? How about sending some “First Day of School” photos? Kids love to see their pictures in the newsletter! 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 October, so I would ask that you submit it by the end of September.

If you’d like to view color photos from this newsletter 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.



Monthly meetings resume in September!

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

### August/September 2018:

#### August 25, September 1 & 8:

Brookfield Farmers Market 8am - 1pm

**September 5:** Unit meeting (above)

**September 6:** Class Registration 7-9pm

**September 8:** Spirit's Annual Oktoberfest 3-10pm

**Week of September 10:** Classes start!!

**September 21:** Friday Film "Burning Bush" 7pm

**September 21:** World Beer Club 8 pm

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

### Save the dates:

**October 5:** Men's Volleyball begins –

Friday nights through December 8-10pm

**October 13:** Track & Field Comp – Sokol Tabor

**October 13:** Fall Trivia Night (tentative)

**October 19:** Friday Film "Burning Bush" 7pm

**October 19:** World Beer Club 8pm

**October 29:** Youth Classes Halloween Party

**October 30:** No Sokol Classes

**November 3:** Spaghetti Dinner

**November 10:** Vendor Fair 9-3pm

**December 14** – Winter Exhibition 7pm



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



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## Sokol Spirit Officers & Delegates - June 6, 2018 - June 5, 2019



### **Executive Board** (\*\* pictured above)

**President** – Howie Maskill\*\*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Cassie Croft\*\*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Lauren Wilt\*\*

**Treasurer** – Jenny Braun\*\*

**Secretary** – Kathy Barcal\*\*

**Financial Secretary** – Dorothy Becker

**Membership Director** – Adam Wilt\*\*

**Information Technology Director** – Bob Barcal\*\*

**PR/Marketing Director** – Lindsay Kostecki\*\*

**Educational Director** – Vera Wilt\*\*

**By-Laws Director** – Adam Wilt\*\*

**Comptroller and Men's & Women's Directors** – OPEN

**Building Mgmt Comm Dir/Chairman**–Mark Shrofe

### **Building Management Committee**

**2018 – 20 Term:** John Bazata, Mark Shrofe, Adam Wilt

**2017 – 2019 Term:** Bob Barcal, Dorothy Becker,  
Jim Hedderman & CJ Rocush

**At Large Members:** Eric Kostecki, Elmer Kulousek,  
John Tooke & Howie Maskill (Ex-Officio)

### **Board of Instructors**

**Mens' & Womens' Directors** – OPEN

**Asst Director** – Jenn Baran

**Secretary** – Dorothy Becker

**Central District BOI Representative** – Ellie Babka

### **Junior Board Officers**

**Dean Shrofe - Boys Director**

**Lilly Smith - Girls Director & Treasurer**

**Amanda Suvetor - Secretary**

**Jake Heetel - Fundraising Chair**

### **Standing Committees**

**Audit Committee:** Diana Rhoades, Mary Novak,  
Ashley Croft & Adam Wilt

**Budget & Finance Comm.:** Jenn Braun, Carol Shrofe  
Mark Shrofe, Adam Wilt & Howie Maskill

**Falcon Key Club Chair:** Lauren Wilt

**Newsletter Editor:** Kathe Pajer Heetel

**Sunshine Chair:** Ellie Babka

**Exhibition Ad Book:** Barb Bossany

### **Delegates to Affiliate Organizations**

**Central District:** Ellie Babka, Kathy Barcal, Howie  
Maskill, Adam & Lauren Wilt

**Brookfield Chamber of Commerce:** Bob & Kathy Barcal  
(Alt: Vera Wilt)

**Bohemian National Cemetery:**

Angie Bultas, John & Meribeth Tooke

**Czechoslovak American Congress:**

Barb Bossany & Vera Wilt

**Tabor Hills Nursing Home:** Angie Bultas

Thank you to everyone above for your willingness to serve in leadership positions at Sokol Spirit. Many have already done significant work over the summer to get ready for the next Sokol year.

Thank you in advance for everything you will accomplish to promote Spirit in the future!

## Building Recovery and Restoration Fund

A very special **THANK YOU** goes out to all the donors who have supported our Building Recovery and Restoration Fund. Our building improvements would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you also to those who supported the fundraising events over the summer. We are still accepting donations if you are interested in giving.

Agnes Proksa	Diane Maskill	Ken Nagel	Ray and Janice Sowinski
Alex & Howie Maskill	Diane Rezabek	Kim Viita	Ray and Marilyn Lutha
Andrea and Jack Scheirer	Dick and Marie Ptacek	Laddie and Lorraine Vanek	Regina McGuire
Angeline Bultas and Family	Drost Kivlahan	Linda Sokol Francis	Robert and Virginia Nicklas
Anne Marie Suchanek	McHahon & O'Connor	Liselotte Kotynek	Roberta Birmingham
Arthur Placek	Ed "Spook" Halik	Lynn Braun	Robin Cetwinski
Austin Kam Chee	Ellen Komarek Duvall	Lynne Goodridge	Roy and Vlasta Zitny
Babka Family	Elmer Pavlas	Margaret Maskill Amlie	Sam and Dianna Babiar
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Barcal Family	Eric & Lindsay Kostecki	Marie Vyskocilova	Slovak American Sokol Krivan
Becker Family	Helen Sevcu	Mark and Kim Shrofe	Sokol Ceska Sin
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Brian Cross	Irma Farrell	Marty and Geri Umlauf	Sokol Houston
Bruce and Diana Rhoades	Jacki Rada	Mary Ann Satek & Family	Sokol Naperville Tyrs
Carol Kala	James and Jeanette Zahrobsky	Matt & Anna Carlozzi	Sokol St. Louis
Caroline Johnston	Jean Cherway	Mildred Pultorak	Sokol USA Lodge 306 Gym Staff
Central District	Jennifer Braun	Miners	Steve Picton
Charles R. Barda Family	Jill Ravnic	Monique Sattler	Taylor Hebel
Chuck Kalat	Jimmy Hedderman	Moravian Cultural Society	Tony and Janet Kirch
Chuck Michalek	Joanne Ryan	Morriss Family	Valentine Husak
Clare and Aaron Mensik	John Kielczewski	Pajer Family	Vera Wilt
CSA Fraternal Life	Joyce Zuke	Pam Ferris	William Komarek
Debbie and Jim Russell	Julie Barcal	Patricia Fallon	Zapletal Family
	Kaitlan Willis	Paul Lebloch	
	Katherine Kastner	Pavlina Reichlova	
	Ken and Sue Kozelka		