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Brookfield, IL 60513-2143

October 2018

Moving?
Please let us know your new address!

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Check out our website:

www.sokolspirit.org

From our President,
Howie Maskill

Hello Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

We are only a little over a month into the 2018-2019 Sokol year and there is already a lot to be excited about. Our fitness program is strong as we continue to offer various classes six days per week. Class participants' ages range from 2 to 90. Among the many highlights this year I am proud to say that our wheels gymnastics class has more than tripled in size from last year! I would like to welcome all our new participants and members to the Sokol family. It is great to see many new faces around the gym.

Since the last newsletter we have already hosted two fun events at the Sokol Hall. On September 8th we held our annual Oktoberfest party in the parking lot. It's hard to believe this was our 8th year holding this fun event! On October 14th we tried something new and had a pig roast and Chicago Bears viewing party. Our cooks started roasting the pig at 5am! The food was delicious, and a great time was had by all. Keep a lookout for the many events and fundraisers our Unit will host in the next couple months. Upcoming events include Spaghetti Dinner, Vendor Fair, Trivia Night, Winter Exhibition as well as our recurring monthly events: World Beer Club and Czech Film Series on the third Friday of the month. See the icons below and find the related information in this newsletter.

We are finishing up the final touches of the lower hall renovations and any of these events would be a great chance to check out the building improvements.

NAZDAR! Howie Maskill



Since our last newsletter. . . HUGE progress on the lower hall!



2018 Farmers' 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 man power, 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, Carol Shrofe, Wendy Sanders, Debbie Nardi, Lindsay Kostecki, Vera Wilt, Alix Wilt, Jenny Braun, Lauren Wilt, Adam Wilt, Meribeth Tooke, John Tooke, Kathy Barcal and Nancy Pajeau.

THANKS! - Cassie Croft



Spirit Oktoberfest – September 8



Spirit Oktoberfest – September 8 (continued)



↑ Crisp, fall weather greeted us for this year's Oktoberfest. Entertainment included live music by the Szurko Trio and our own DJ, Bro. Mario Mongello. Kids jumped in the bouncy house, and people ate, played bags, drank, danced, and spent time out with friends. Thank you to everyone who coordinated this event and volunteered their time.

↓ 1st Annual Pigskin Pig Roast–Oct 14↓

Spirit families and Sokol friends came to enjoy the pig roast and cheer on the Bears at this 1st-time event at Spirit. Even though the Bears lost the game in OT (Bears 28 – Dolphins 31), everyone had fun. The food was great! A special thanks to Bro. Eric and Sis. Lindsey Kostecki for coordinating it, and others for helping with set-up, bartending and clean-up. Looking forward to the 2nd Annual (?) ☺. We'll take a Bears' win next time!



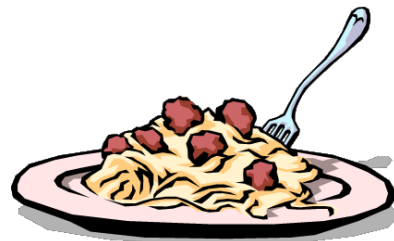
Annual Spaghetti Dinner - November 3 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



**ALL
YOU
CAN
EAT!!!**

Adults \$8.00

**Children
(Under 12) \$4.00**



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

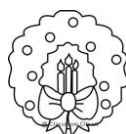


Sokol Spirit's annual WREATH SALE



Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall fundraiser! Order some fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays. Complete your order forms and return them with your payment by November 15 in the Wreath Order box at Sokol Spirit (located on the stage). You can also mail your orders/payments to Sokol Spirit 3909 South Prairie Avenue Brookfield, IL 60513 or EMAIL your order to Cassie at bombage2@aol.com.

These are GREAT wreaths and the prices can't be beat!
Checks can be made payable to Sokol Spirit, and are due by **NOVEMBER 15, 2018**.



****Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SUNDAY, November 25, at 12:00pm-2:00pm. ****

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Name: _____ Email or phone: _____

Balsam Wreaths: 24" \$18 _____ 36" \$25 _____ 48" \$33 _____ 60" \$40 _____

Premium Noble Fir Wreaths: 12" \$20 _____ 20" \$23 _____ 36" \$40 _____

Balsam Bouquet \$15 _____ Garland (25 ft) \$25 _____ Noble Swag \$16 _____

Indoor Evergreen Basket Center Piece \$22 _____ 48" Mantelpiece \$36 _____

Yule Log \$19 _____ 12" Noble Wreath with 6" candle \$22 _____ Fire Starter Basket \$19 _____

32" Holiday Planter \$28 _____ **Total amount DUE:\$** _____



Holiday greetings!
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I know it seems like it's not time yet for this already, but NOW is the time to send your Holiday greetings to your Sokol family and friends for the next Newsletter! Think about sending Holiday greetings as an alternative to sending holiday cards to all of your Sokol friends, family and coaches – you can save a fortune and still give people that warm and fuzzy feeling. Or how about sending New Year's wishes? *Kids (of all ages) love to see their names in the newsletter*, so why not send a special note to them? Turn in this form and your donation of any amount in the box on the stage at the gym,

- mail to: Sis. Kathe Heetel, c/o SpiritNews, 450 Seventh Ave, LaGrange, IL 60525,
- or send your greeting via email to **Spiritnews@hotmail.com** now, and send your donation by mail or drop it in the box by **December 8**.

Get in the Spirit of the Holidays with your greeting now!

TO (optional): _____

GREETING (please write clearly):

FROM: _____

Remember: The deadline for Holiday Greetings: December 8!™

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“Catch the Holiday Spirit” – Vendor Fair – 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.

Free Admission.

Come out and support this fundraiser!
At Sokol Spirit, 3909 S. Prairie, Brookfield



Trivia Nite – Saturday, November 17 - 7:00 p.m.



Bring a friend, bring a team, or just bring yourself!

This event is BYOB and BYOS (snacks!)

\$10 per person (adults only)

Teams are encouraged!
(Teams of 10 or less preferred)

Questions?

Email: Kathy Barcal

kbarcal@comcast.net

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Have you heard...?

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

Our condolences to the family of Bro. Carl Dropka who passed away August 16th. He was a 16-year member of Sokol Spirit and a long-time North Riverside Fire Department employee who loved Civil War reenactments. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Missy Dropka, and son, Bro. Michael Dropka.

Condolences to the friends and family of Lilly Jo Vesely Laznovsky from Texas who passed away recently. Lilly Jo was a Sokol member at Sokol Slavsky, married the late Larry Laznovsky, and had two daughters. The family was very active in Sokol in Texas.

Belated congratulations to Sis. Jane Malina Thornton on her marriage last October. Happy 1st Anniversary!

Wishing Jan and Ray Sowinski a happy 40th Wedding Anniversary in August. They celebrated their anniversary by going on a 2-week cruise to Alaska. Congratulations Jan and Ray!

Bro. George Lacina seems to be enjoying his pad on North Lake Shore Drive. He joined the choir and has a small garden.

A very happy birthday to Sis. Helen Sevcu - #95! Happy Birthday, Helen!

Thinking of Marie Bultas (in Sr. II class for a long time) and Bro Bernie Babka.

Membership news: Annual dues notices (for 2019) will be coming in November. You can pay either through the mail or online at SokolSpirit.org. Thank you for your continued support.

~ **MEMORIAL FUND** ~

In memory of Helen Caldwell

From Roy and Vlasta Zitny \$60.00

In memory of Carl Dropka

From Dorothy and Henry Becker. . . \$25.00

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund donations to the address in the footer on the front page.

New Spirit Wear!! \$15 each



↑ Men's fit shirt, size Medium - 2XL ↑
Color = light blue with navy blue trim and writing

↑ Women's fit shirt, size Small-2XL ↑
Color = navy blue shirt with white

Please indicate how many shirts and which sizes in the appropriate box:

Mens Sizes	M:	L:	XL:	2XL	
Womens Sizes	S:	M:	L:	XL:	2XL:

Total number of shirts: _____

Total money due: _____

I will be picking my shirt up at the gym: _____ I'm not in class, I need it mailed to me: _____

Email or phone: _____ Address: _____

Put your order in the box on the gym stage, or mail to Sokol Spirit, c/o Spirit Shirts, 3909 S. Prairie, Brookfield, IL 60513.

Please make checks payable to Sokol Spirit. Thank you – looking forward to seeing you in your new shirts!

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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. 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? 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 with your well-wishes or news. The next newsletter is coming out in early December, so I would ask that you submit it by the end of November.

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.

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 sokolsprit.org.

Learn Czech with Sokol Spirit

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

Questions: czechclass@sokolspirirt.org or call 708-442-4444

(Call for part-time options) 3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, IL Register at first class of each session

Czech Movie Nights at Sokol Spirit – Now: 3rd Friday of the Month

Movies start at 7PM and \$5 includes a Czech beer, water or soft drink. Discussion of the movie follows. Enjoy the movie and then join us downstairs for World Beer Club – Each month features themes, beer types or regions.

SPECIAL THEME for 2018-2019: We recognize the 50th anniversary of "the Prague Spring"

(1968) a brief period of political liberalization in Czechoslovakia during the era of its domination by the Soviet Union after World War II; the Warsaw Pact invasion; and the phenomenon of the "Czech New Wave" or "Golden Era of Film". **The Czechoslovak New Wave** was a movement in cinema beginning in 1963 and lasting until the end of the Prague Spring reforms of 1968. We will feature key films from the period by the most prominent

film makers of the era. Every showing is introduced by our head Czech language instructor, Pavlina Reicholova, with questions at the conclusion! Film analysis available at each performance.



NOVEMBER 16, LOVES OF A BLONDE, 1965, 88 minutes, B/W, R-Nudity. **First Oscar nominated film which was directed/written by Czech New Wave Milos Forman.** 15 minute interview with him. The film takes place in the provincial Czech town, Zruc, and dances along the thin line between dreams and disillusionment, as sympathetic to its heroine's aspirations, as it is certain that they can never be fully achieved. Forman passed in April, 2018.

DECEMBER 21, ALL MY GOOD COUNTRYMEN, 1968, 114 minutes, B/W, PG-Nudity. Directed/Written by Czech New Wave Vojtech Jasny; 15 minutes interview with him. It follows seven friends in a **little Moravian village** as they cope with the socialization of their homeland. At the heart of their story is Frantisek (Radoslav Brzobohatý), whose resistance to the change defines his life.

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

Fall/Winter 2018 dates: November 16, December 21

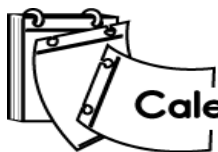


Join Sokol Spirit once a month as we enjoy the vast variety of the beers from around the world. \$10 cover charge per participant (must be 21 or older) includes a flight of 6 beers. Each month will feature beers/tasters from a different region or with a unique theme. Beers will be rated by all tasters. Receive a punch card to earn a free month. Light snacks or food item tasters will be provided. info@sokolspirirt.org. **November's theme: You Never Know-vember (surprise theme!)**



every third Friday

FLICKS AND FLIGHTS



Calendar of Events

Monthly meetings

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

October/November 2018:

Friday nights through December:

Men's Volleyball Tournament 8-10pm

October 29: Youth Classes Halloween Party

October 30: No Sokol Classes

November 3: Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm

November 10: Vendor Fair 9-3pm

Nov 16: Friday Film "Loves of a Blonde" 7pm

November 16: World Beer Club 8pm

November 17: Trivia Nite 7pm

Don't forget to order your wreaths and Spirit T-shirts, and send in your Holiday greetings!

Save the dates:

December 8 – Mens/Boys Gymnastics Comp

December 14 – Winter Exhibition 7pm

December 17 – Youth Classes Holiday Party

December 18 – No Classes

December 21 – Friday Film and World Beer Club

December 23-January 5 – No Classes

January 11-13, 2019 – Sokol District Gymnastics Skills and Progressions Clinic – Sokol Tabor

January 27 – Pancake Breakfast

February 24 – Membership Brunch

March 23 – Spirit Annual Exhibition

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



Don't forget to check in at the gym: www.facebook.com/sokolspirit



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