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**December 2019**

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## Sharing in the Spirit of the Holiday Season

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and  
happy healthy new year!

From the Maskills - Alex, Howie and Mackenzie

Happy Holidays from the whole Rocush clan:

Chuck, Keg, Cara, Scott, Jordan, McAna,  
Colleen, Cali, Chaz,  
C.J., Gina, Mila, A.J., Audrey,  
Casey and Lindsay

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the Becker Family

Veselé Vánoce! Bruce and Diana

Yuletide Greetings and Best Wishes for 2020!  
Angeline Bultas

Merry Christmas from the Bluegrass State!  
Jerry, Karen (Kratochvil) & Emma Veselsky



Happy Holidays! Marie Ptacek

Joy at Christmas and a Happy  
Healthy New Year. Helen E. Sevcu

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a  
New Year of Harmony! The Zitko Family

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
The Pajers

Wishing you much joy this Christmas season and  
blessings in the New Year.

Veselé Vánoce & Štátný Nový Rok!  
Paul & Lynne (Ptacek) Goodridge

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Carol Shrofe

To Our Sokol Friends all over the Country:  
Good Health, Good Memories & Peace.  
Sis. Ellie Babka

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
The Bazatas: John, Amy, Amberlyn and Dylan

Wishing you peace and joy during the Holidays  
and New Year! Blaine & Jacki Ptacek-Rada

To all my Sokol family and friends: Best wishes  
for a Merry Christmas and a Happy,  
Healthy New Year! Sis. Joanne Bazata

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!  
Marilyn Michyeta

Sokol Spirit Brothers and Sisters:  
Veselé Vánoce a Štátný Nový Rok.  
The Barcal Family

Wishing you and the quiet beauty of a  
peaceful holiday season.  
Vlasta Stribny



## 2019 Wheels Competition – Chicago – October 12



Congratulations to all competitors in the Wheels competition at the Willie White Gym in Chicago. The Chicago Open meet is a qualifier meet for the selection of the US team that competes in 2020 in New York City. We are proud to announce Emily placed first in the women's competition, and Emily and Jaye placed second in the women's duo competition. Great job, ladies and good luck as you get closer to New York!

← Pictured at left are Emily Temmer, Leah, Aurea, Annika, and Coach John Bazata.



## Fall Trivia Night – October 12



Thanks to everyone who came to Spirit's Fall Trivia night.

← The trophy and bragging rights go to the Fall 2019 Trivia night champs!



← A new idea! Players get placed in jail and the team pays to get them out!! (Those prisoners look pretty happy with food . . . and beer, too!)

Mark your calendars now to join us for the Spring 2020 Trivia night on April 4 and start brushing up on your trivia now!



## 2nd Annual Pigskin Pig Roast - October 20



A Bears loss didn't stop everyone from attending this event from having a great time. A special thanks to Bro. Eric and Sis. Lindsay Kostecki for coordinating this event, and for the other volunteers and attendees who helped make it a great.

## Spirit's Children's classes Halloween Party - October 28



Kids from the Tots and First/Second classes dressed in their costumes and had a ghoulish time at the Kids' Halloween party. The mummy wrap is always an activity everyone enjoys. Some kids were brave enough to enter the haunted house set up by the Juniors; some kids – not so much. Thanks to the Juniors for their creativity and work to set up the haunted house. Thanks to the parents for bringing a ton (not an exaggeration) of snacks for the kids to enjoy. Finally, thanks to the instructors for planning fun activities to make it a Halloween party to remember.





## Trim-a-Tree – Brookfield Zoo – November 23



What a way to bring in the holiday season. Sokol Spirit participants of all ages went to Brookfield Zoo to decorate our Sokol Spirit tree during Trim-a-Tree. They placed ornaments designed by kids in our Tots and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> boys' and girls' classes. Doesn't it look great? You can find the tree - #259 – by the Carousel. It's the one with the gold Sokol tree-topper on it.



## Central District Women's/Girls' Volleyball Tournament @ Spirit - November 24

Congratulations to Spirit's women's volleyball teams this year. One team "Spirit 10" came in second place and one team "Spirit 9" came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the one-day tournament.



Also, please congratulate the Junior Girls' Volleyball champs – the Junior girls from Spirit and Naperville!! We hope to have a photo in the next newsletter (in March).



Thank you to all our members and friends who supported the annual wreath sale this year. We always encourage our class members to sell items to their families and friends and this year I want to award our "Super Seller" award to one of our youth members, Kate Kostecki! Kate and her family sold the most items in the wreath sale this year and we are congratulating them with a \$50 gift card. Great job!

Thank you to Sis. Cassie Croft for making the Wreath Sale a success!



## Central District Fall Men's Volleyball Tournament @ Spirit and Tabor

Congratulations to the Spirit I team who came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Fall tournament. The Spirit 2 team (not pictured) came in 6<sup>th</sup> place. It was a great tournament; each game was fun to watch. Thanks to all who came to cheer them on!



## Sokol Spirit Member Benefits

Besides getting this amazing and world-renowned newsletter, you may ask: there are other advantages to having Sokol Spirit membership? The answer is YES! If you are a current paid-up member of Sokol Spirit, there are discounts and membership perks you may take advantage of. ASK FOR DISCOUNTS OR SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- ❖ Pancake breakfast to be held on January 26, 2020
- ❖ World Beer Club held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month
- ❖ Czech Film nights held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month
- ❖ Trivia night—April 4, 2020
- ❖ Membership recognition brunch—April 19, 2020
- ❖ Oktoberfest—usually held early in September
- ❖ Spaghetti Dinner—usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of November

In addition, if you want to park in our lot during the day for a trip downtown by train, you can do that with a special placard. E-mail [info@sokolspirit.org](mailto:info@sokolspirit.org) to obtain your placard. You also get special discount rates for the downstairs hall rental provided the date is available and that you leave the hall in the same (or better) shape than when you found it. Clean-up will be your responsibility. E-mail [info@sokolspirit.org](mailto:info@sokolspirit.org) to find out more.

### ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

*In memory of Bro. Bernie Babka*

*from Sis. Vlasta Stribrny. . . . . \$15.00*

*from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky. . . \$25.00*

*from his family: Sis. Kathy Carr, Sis. Janet Schreier and Sis. Ellie Babka. . . \$300.00*  
*(His family added "Please know that from the day he (Bernie) learned about Sokol (in 1961),*  
*Sokol was always near and dear to his heart. He "got it"! Thank you. Nazdar!)*

### ~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

*from Bro. David Dobbs. . . . . \$75.00*

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





# Have you heard...?

Tell us about Sokol Spirit member news:  
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**Big news!** In this episode of “Have you Heard?”, we welcome two babies – cousins! - born on the same day (December 3), in the same hospital, delivered by the same doctor 5 hours apart.

**Mackenzie Kim Maskill** was born at 2:23pm, 6 lbs 7 oz, 20 inches. Proud parents are Bro. Howie and Sis. Alex Maskill. Proud grandparents are James and Sis. Jeanette Zahrobsky and Bro. Dan and Sis. Terry Maskill. Tot Larrie Vita is Mackenzie’s big cousin.

**Finley Howard Maloney** was born at 7:24pm, 8 lbs 2 oz, 19 inches. Proud parents are Bro. Mike and Sis. Becky Maloney, and proud big brother is Mason. Proud grandparents are also Bro. Dan and Sis. Terry Maskill.

Welcome, Mackenzie and Finley, to our Sokol family!

Get well wishes go out to Bro. Paul Lebloch. Get better soon – we miss seeing your happy self around Spirit!

From Sis. Debbie Shields: I wanted to share that several of our members came out to support me when I ran Chicago Marathon on October 13. To provide more detail, this was my first year attempting a marathon. I started training in April and not only completed the Chicago Marathon, but also the Fox Valley Marathon and Naperville 5k in 30 days (55.6 miles all together) earning the Chicagoland Triple crown medal. I also ran the marathon on behalf of American Heart Association and raised over \$2,000. Thanks to those in Sokol for their support. Here is a photo from when I saw the Sokol group on the route. →



← Congratulations to Junior Boy and sophomore Jake Heetel, winner of the “Student of the Month” award for December at Lyons Township HS. He was presented the award on behalf of the Applied Technology department for his great work in his Aviation I class. Jake is also a member of the Aviation Club at LT and has flown a plane three times (although he does not have driver’s license yet). Congrats, Jake, and keep up the great work!



The Juniors wish to thank everyone who supported their Bake Sale during Wreath pick up on November 30. There were plenty of goodies which were nearly sold out by the end. Thanks as always for your support of Junior fundraisers!



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

Winter 2020 dates: January 17, February 21, March 20



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.

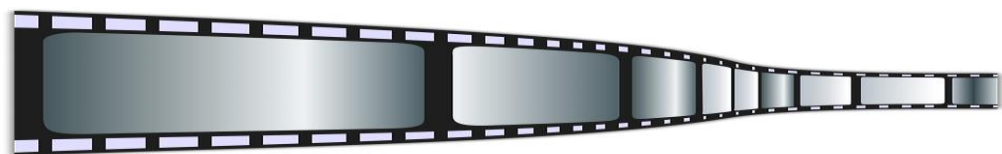
Receive a punch card to earn a free flight. Light snacks or food item tasters will be provided, or bring some to share.

Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5.

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## News from the Education Director, Sis. Vera Wilt



**The Friday Film Series** resumes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in 2020. The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. Then be sure to attend World Beer Club in the lower hall following each movie.

**JANUARY 17 THE TEACHER/Učitelka:** 2017; PG-13 Short frontal nudity; 103 Minutes; Subtitles; Drama; Czechoslovakia, 1983. Middle school teacher Comrade Dradechova greets her new students by asking each to announce what his or her parents do for a living. Soon, it becomes apparent that her pupils' grades are tied to how helpful their families can be with favors, both big and small. While this does not sit well with many parents, others are willing to play along because Ms. Dradechova is also a high-ranking official of the Communist Party.

**FEBRUARY 21 WILD FLOWERS/Kytice:** 2000; PG-13 Dark & Violent; 81 Minutes; Subtitles; A Film Story playing from spring to winter and covering 80 years of human life. Seven dramatic human life stories that may play anywhere and in any century. They tell the everlasting story of passion, love desire, obsession and selflessness. The whole story, the Ballads were written by Czech poet Karel Jaromír Erben a century ago and yet they are still here and alive. Therefore, the authors of the movie decided to choose seven of the ballads and make them a film poetry of a very new style. It is a composition of photography, music and fascinating landscape and architecture.

**MARCH 20 FAMILY FRIEND (A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY)...one of a trilogy/Rodinný Přítel:** 2017; PG-newsreels show violence; 130 Minutes; Subtitles; Drama; The first part of the trilogy Garden Store, is a melodrama set in the 1940's, during the German occupation. Three young women and two children await the return of their imprisoned husbands and fathers. In those difficult times, a family friend and doctor Jiří is selflessly helping the family community, forced by war to live together. Gradually feelings grow between him and one of the women. The film is a story of love that could not be fulfilled. The filmmaking team of Czech director Jan Hřebejk and writer Petr Jarchovský, two of the most prominent figures in the local film industry, are best known for two films made at the turn of the century: 1999's nostalgic communist-era Pelíšky (Cozy Dens) and Musíme si pomáhat (Divided We Fall) which was nominated for an Oscar.

## Learn Czech at Sokol Spirit: Czech language classes

2020 Sessions (\$160 donation for each session)

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

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 20 to March 23, 2020
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 30 to June 8, 2020

Intermediate Conversational Czech – Wednesday Evenings 7PM to 8:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 22 to March 25, 2020
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 8 to June 10, 2020

All classes use: "Basic Czech I" by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Available on Amazon \$18) plus handouts  
Questions? [czechclass@sokolspirirt.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirirt.org) / 708-442-4444. Call for part-time options. Register at first class of each session.



## Calendar of Events

### December 2019/January 2020:

**December 20:** World Beer Club 8pm

**December 20 – January 5:** Winter break

**Note: January 2 (Thurs):** January Unit Meeting

**Week of January 5:** Classes resume

**January 17:** Friday Film

**January 17:** World Beer Club 8pm

**January 17-19 (Friday-Sunday):** Sokol District  
Gymnastics Skills & Progressions Clinic @ Tabor

**January 26:** Pancake Breakfast 7:30am-noon.

Yum! Don't miss it!

*Monthly meetings resume in 2020!*

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

### Save the dates:

**February 23** – Membership Event

**March 28** – Sokol Spirit Annual Exhibition\*

**April 4** – Spring Trivia Night

**April 25** – Special Number Competition\*

**May 10** – Central District Women/Girls'  
Gymnastics Competition\*

**May 11-15** – Last week of classes

**May 16** – Central District Men/Boys Gymnastics  
Competition

**May 17** – Central District Awards Day\*

\*location TBA

*Healthy and Happy Holidays to you and yours.  
See you in 2020!*



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



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