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Dear Sokol Brothers and Sisters:

With the uncertainty of the year 2020, our Board of Instructors should be commended for their determination to continue with the Sokol Spirit program and their desire to bring fitness back to Brookfield.

In July, outdoor classes were offered for free to determine if classes could be held safely. Using the safety protocol required by the state, the instructors cleaned, took temperatures, and maintained safe distance protocols. Even our Wheels class was held outside in the parking lot.

So, when August and September came, the instructors stepped up and offered small indoor classes held once a week, using those same protocols and then some. Since September 21, our

instructors have been doing a fantastic job cleaning, fogging, taking temperatures, and wiping down equipment and mats all to keep our Spirit kids (and adult members) safe. All of us should be very proud and thankful to this group of dedicated Sokols.

With that said, we also thank the returning participants from last year for believing in us. We also welcome the following families that have joined our classes for the first time, not really knowing what they were getting into.

The following new families have started classes this year:

- TOTS—Penelope and Charlotte Pros; Tyler Toliver ; Natalie Raygoza, and Anthony Sanchez, who joined tots this year after his sister Grace joined Girls class last year.
- GIRLS—Daniela Rose Sanchez; Chloe Sineni, and Magali Garcia, who started class in March of 2020, which didn't seem to last too long.
- In Wheels, we welcome Parker Schommer

Class sessions will end in December only to start again in January after reevaluation. Let's hope Covid will be a thing of the past. For now, see the photos which feature our boys and girls "hanging" out and having fun!

Again, "Kudos" to our BOI staff.

Submitted by Sis. Dorothy Becker



It's time to vote!

My vote for the best Sokol goes to. . . Sokol Spirit! Keep reading this newsletter to see why!



2020 Farmers' Market!

Despite the threat of the Covid-19 virus, the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce pushed through and hosted the event all summer, with many safety precautions in place. Sokol Spirit decided to participate in the market again and we signed up for 10 days.

I want to say thank you to those Spirit members who took time out of their weekends to come support our unit at the market. I believe that our presence was positively felt throughout the community. It was more difficult to get volunteers for this summer's market, and we did have to cancel a few times.



I hope that our world can recover and reopen to the point where next summer we can feel perfectly safe and excited to get back out into the community. The Gymnastic Wheel was definitely missed by many this summer!



THANK YOU: Alix Fron, Vera Wilt, John Bazata, Howie Maskill, Adam Wilt, Nancy Pajeau, Lindsay Kostecki, Tricia Rini and Jenny Wasielewski

Spirit's Annual Spaghetti Dinner – November 7 4:30–7pm Take-Out event



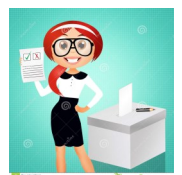
Get your fork ready for a new version of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Please visit SokolSpirit.org for ordering details. All orders must be placed by Monday, November 2nd. Then, on November 7th, stop by the gym and pick up your dinners and beverages to bring home to eat. And, yes, the famous sauce will be available for purchase! Thanks for supporting Sokol Spirit!



If you don't have access to the internet and need help with the menu, please call or text Kathe Heetel at 708.370.7335 by November 7.



Q: Who do you think will win the 2020 Presidential Election?"
A: I don't know. I don't have 2020 vision.





Sokol Spirit's annual **WREATH SALE**



Is going *VIRTUAL!*

Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall/winter fundraiser!
Order some fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays
provided by Hiawatha Wreath Company.

These are GREAT wreaths and the prices can't be beat!
Complete your order forms online (NEW!!) by November 13.

Check your Email, Facebook and www.sokolspirit.org for the link to our
easy to use ordering site!



NEW: Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit
FRIDAY, November 27, at 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Sokol Spirit Parking Lot

*If you don't have access to the internet and need help with the wreath options,
please call or text Kathe Heetel at 708.370.7335 by November 13.*



Holiday greetings! *Holiday greetings!* **Holiday greetings!**

BOO-lieve it or not, **NOW** is the time to send your Holiday greetings to your Sokol family and friends to be included in the next Newsletter! Send Holiday greetings as an alternative to sending holiday cards to all of your Sokol friends, family and coaches – you can save a fortune and a lot of time, 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:

- drop it 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 6**,

and then watch for your greeting in the December newsletter! It's that easy! Get in the Spirit of the Holidays with your greeting now!

TO (optional): _____ FROM: _____

GREETING (please write clearly): _____

Holiday Greeting deadline: December 6

Trim-A-Tree

Join us at the Brookfield Zoo to decorate Spirit's tree at the Zoo!



Saturday, November 28, 2020

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the East Mall Carousel

We'll walk over to the tree at 10:15 a.m. located at

#131 in the East Mall

(Best to park and enter through the North Gate of the Zoo)

Bring your zoo passes if you are members.

Everyone that is planning on coming to decorate our tree must be registered for this date and time. Each car needs its own timed ticket reservation for parking and admission and tree trim tickets. Each car must be registered with the correct amount of people. The maximum per car is 9 tickets. You must enter through the parking lot you selected when reserving your timed tickets. Reserve tickets at www.czs.org/onlineticketing



World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month

Fall 2020 dates: November 20 and December 18

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.

November's theme: Mystery Theme (hint: wear red, white and blue)

Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5. info@sokolspirit.org See you at 8:00 pm



~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In memory of John R. Satek

From Mary Ann Satek. . . \$125.00 From Barcal family. . . \$25.00 Gerald & Karen Veselsky . . . \$25.00

In memory Bro. George Lacina

From Meribeth and John Tooke. . . \$25.00

In memory Sis. Millie Pultorak

from Meribeth and John Tooke. . . \$25.00



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

News from the Education Director, Sis. Vera Wilt

Once again, we will be offering **Czech Classes** at Sokol Spirit. We finished the last school year by transitioning to Zoom Classes when we shut down the building due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like everything else, plans may change quickly as we find our way through this new “normal”. We are prepared to hold classes remotely again, if necessary, but if possible, while following CDC and IDPH guidelines, we will social distance for in-person classes. That may involve holding classes downstairs instead of in the 2nd floor classroom space. The concerns of our participants will be respected.

Participants will need to follow any safety protocols set forth by Sokol Spirit, including masks, and health screenings. Here is our current plan for the coming instruction year:

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

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 18 to March 22, 2021 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 29 to June 7, 2021 - \$160



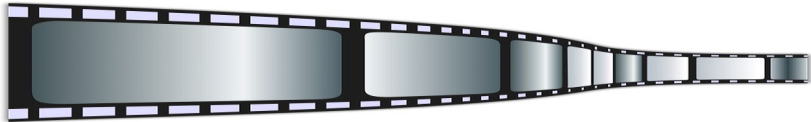
Intermediate Conversational Czech – Wednesday Evenings 7PM to 8:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 20 to March 24, 2021 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, March 31 to June 2, 2021 - \$160

Classes are subject to minimum enrollment, and the schedule could change if it becomes necessary. Part-time participation is possible with advance notice and permission of the instructor at a pro-rated fee.

Thank you for understanding that there may be circumstances beyond our control.

Questions? Contact Vera Wilt – 708-268-9350 or czechclass@sokolspirit.org



Friday Films

Join us on the **3rd Friday of the Month** for our Czech Film Series. The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. (Films have English Subtitles).

NOVEMBER 20 THE SUITOR/Nápadník from the Garden Store trilogy (Zahradnictví) 2017; 113 Minutes; PG-Adult themes; Subtitles; Drama. On its own, Sutor is a sweetly charming little feature that quite nicely captures the lives and attitudes of the common people in full-throttle communist Czechoslovakia in the late 1950s. Without the external drama of the first two films, however - the horrors of WWII and its aftermath, followed by the tensions surrounding the communist coup, which drove apart the central family.

Spring 2021 Friday Film Schedule:

JANUARY 15 TALKS WITH T.G.M./Hovory s TGM (T.G. Masaryk)

FEBRUARY 19 DIAMONDS OF THE NIGHT/Demanty noci

MARCH 16 JOHN HUS: A JOURNEY OF NO RETURN/Jan Hus: Cesta bez návratu

APRIL 16 Barefoot or Barefoot on Stalks/Po strništi bos

MAY 21 KOLIA/KOLYA

The huge backlog in the doctor's waiting room was taking its toll. Patients were glancing at their watches and getting restless. Finally, one man walked to the receptionist's station and tapped on the glass. She slid back the window back, saying, "Sir, you'll have to wait your turn." "I just had a question," he said dryly, "Is George W. Bush still President?"

Attention members:

Annual notices for dues will be reaching your mailbox within the next month or so. Again, if you or your child/children have enrolled for gym classes, you probably already paid your 2021 dues and will not get a reminder letter. Adult dues will again be \$70 for the 2021 year, and they are due before January 1, 2021. This year, especially with the lower class sizes, your continued support will be greatly appreciated.



Have you heard...?

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

Condolences go to the family of **Bro. George Lacina** who passed away on October 4, 2020. George was a 50-year member of Sokol, which included Sokol Slavsky, Berwyn-Slavsky and Spirit. His wife, Nancy, who was also a Sokol member passed away in 2009. George is survived by his children, Bro. Douglas Lacina, Geoffrey Lacina, and Katherine Schmitt. George was very involved in the Czechoslovak Garden Club and many other Czech organizations. He will be deeply missed.

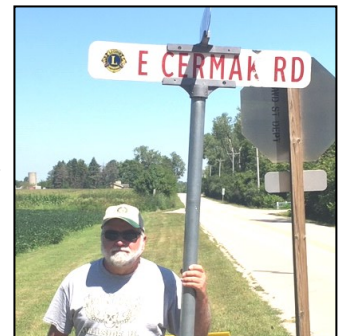
Condolences also go to the family of **Sis. Millie Pultorak** who passed away on October 8, 2020. Millie was the last of the Feitl sisters, whom some of you had known, all at one time or another attending Annie Halik's Sr. II class and Sokol Spirit's class until a few years ago. Her membership at Spirit continued for 35 years. She always had a ready smile for everyone and was also active as a CSA member. She will be missed by all who knew her.



<— Best wishes to **Bro. Ryan and Sis. Jenny (Braun) Wasielewski** who were married on July 18, 2020. Because of COVID, they celebrated their special day with a small ceremony with immediate family only in Grace Lutheran Church's courtyard (the church they were originally getting married in). They are still planning on having a big ceremony and reception in June next year so they can celebrate with everyone, get professional photos, have a traditional reception, etc. They didn't want to push the most important part off even longer! 07.18.2020 is engraved on their wedding bands to celebrate their special day. Best wishes to you both!

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This photo, submitted by **Bro. Jim Hantak**, was taken in Braidwood, Illinois, where he has family history; his grandfather was born there in 1895. Joe Placek and Jim made a day trip to the area in July and he is sharing this photo to share an amusing comparison of our suburban Cermak Road and rural Braidwood's. Thanks for sharing, Jim! In the December SpiritNews you'll find another photo from Jim of former Sokol building in Coal City which is nearby Braidwood. He says the building just screams Sokol. Jim, we look forward to it!



During voting season, t's very important to read yard signs carefully. Last time I voted for a real estate agent.



Choose "Smile"

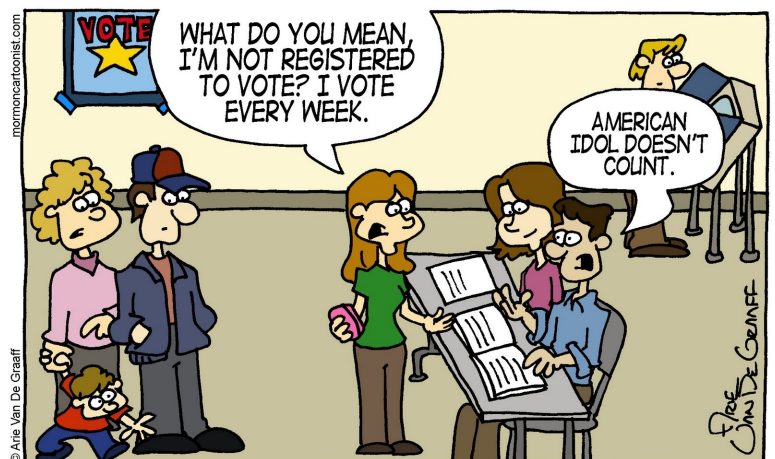
As you do your online holiday shopping, you may be asking:

How can I easily support Sokol Spirit without wearing a mask?

We've got the answer for you: *Amazon Smile*. Go to smile.amazon.com, choose "Sokol Spirit" as your charity, and then shop as you normally would. Sokol Spirit gets a portion of the sale. Remember to use *Amazon Smile*, and tell your family and friends about it, too.



← For sale: One Lifetime Portable Basketball hoop.. Asking \$200 (Original cost over \$400). Used only indoors – Like new. If interested, email Bro. Bob Barcal at rrbarcal@sokolspirit.org.





Calendar of Events

Recurring meetings All members welcome to Unit meeting!

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Monday

Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30 pm

Now: Add "Sokol Spirit" to Amazon Smile

Save the Dates:

November 2020:

November 2: Deadline to place Spaghetti Order

November 3: Election Day

November 7: Spaghetti Take-Out Event 4:30-7

November 13: Wreath Sale Orders due

November 20:

Friday Film 7pm

World Beer Club 8pm

November 27 (Friday): Wreath Pick-Up 1-3pm

November 28: Trim a Tree—Brookfield Zoo
10am

December 6: Holiday Greetings due

December 18: Fall Fitness Classes end



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

Events subject to change.



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



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