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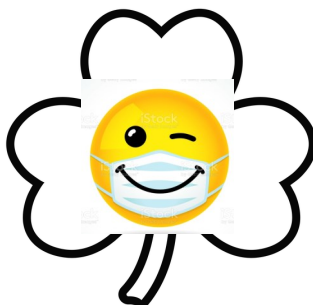
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www.sokolspirit.org

Back to Fitness!

Spring classes are now in session! We are excited to welcome some new and familiar faces into the building for our Tots, Girls, Boys, Juniors, Wheels, Men, Women and Spin classes. Classes will run through May 21st and it's not too late to sign up! The registration link can be found on the Sokol Spirit Website. Please reach out directly to our Physical Director Alix Fron at programs@sokolspirit.org with any questions about late registration.



Holiday Caroling – December 20

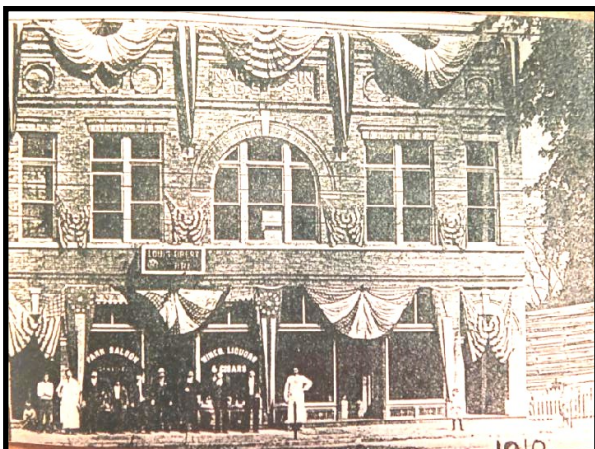


A group of Sokol Spirit folks spread Christmas “Spirit” and holiday cheer to some of our members this holiday season. In the course of the evening, 14 members’ homes in Brookfield, Westchester, LaGrange Park, North Riverside, Riverside and Berwyn were visited. Many of the people who were visited did not know who the carolers were due to masks and darkness so they are named here: Colin, Angelica, Chloe and Peter Jewett, Alix Wilt, Howie and Alex Maskill, Ken Nagel, Kathy Barcal, and Jimmy, Kathe, Jake and Cole Heetel. Reactions to the surprise visits by the carolers included shock, joy and even tears. As a ‘thank you’ at some homes we were offered everything from holiday cookies to adult beverages, but the smiles we brought to our members’ faces were all we were hoping for. There was such a positive response that we are hoping to continue this as an annual tradition. Start practicing your holiday carols now so you can join us next year. No audition required, just holiday ‘spirit’.



Super Bowl Squares – February 7

Thank you to all who joined in the fun with this online ‘big game’ event. It was a great fundraiser for Sokol Spirit. We hope you had fun thinking about all the ways you would spend your fortunes! Although all who participated are winners in our book, congrats to big winner Sis. Carol Shrofe (pictured left).



The Many Faces of Sokol

Continued from the last two newsletters, Joan Sedlacek brings us to another Sokol hall of yesteryear with this photo.

Joan reports that this is Sokol Edwardsville (Illinois) Hall. This is the picture from 1910. Nearby, there was also a unit in East St. Louis.

On the back of the photo, it reads: 1991

Sokol Edwardsville, Illinois 1908-1955

CSPS Hall - Lodge Rolnik #7

Built 1906

Thank you for sharing, Joan!

Trivia Night—February 26



Thank you to all those who participated in the February 26 Trivia Night event. 61 people registered which made up 9 teams. It was a virtual event—see the photo above. Thanks for taking a moment away from trivia to pose for a newsletter photo. From the smiles, I can see that everyone had a great time.

From our Financial Secretary: Thank you to all our unbelievably loyal members who have sent in the 2021 dues so promptly. You all make my job a little easier. I know it was a hard year for everyone so be assured your support means a lot. If you have not sent me your dues yet because of financial hardship, please be aware that you can pay in installments if you want to continue your membership. Just please let me know that you would like to continue your membership by text at 708-715-2421 or pay directly at sokolspirit.org. Again, thank you to all our Sokol Spirit members. Dorothy Becker, Financial Secretary



Have you heard...?

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

Sis. Caroline Johnston, a very active participant in the Czech community, passed away on December 13, 2020. A member since June of 2006, Caroline was a faithful member of the Senior II class and always had a smile on her face. She was well loved by the class according to instructor Nancy Pajeau. Sister Johnston will be dearly missed.

Get well wishes go out to our own 92-year-old **Bro. Roy Zitny** who had surgery recently. We all hope for a speedy recovery, Roy.

Sis. Millie Giles sent a note from Florida where she moved a few years ago. She mentioned that her younger sister Ann passed away last Sept. Millie says she misses us all, and we miss you, too, Millie!

Dear Sokol Spirit carolers: Many thanks for thinking of me and stopping by my house in December 20 bringing holiday and Christmas cheer at my door. Unfortunately and needless to say I was surprised, shocked and I didn't thank each and every one of you. My sincerest thanks to all. Ill try to make it up to you another time. Nazdar: **Angeline Bultas**

World Beer Club — March 19, April 16, May 21



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. Food will not be provided until further notice. Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5. Give WBC a try! **Hope you will join us on Friday, March 19—8pm.** Please wear a mask, social distance and do not bring food to share. And wear green!!



Choose "Smile"



As you do your online 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.



~ MEMORIAL FUND ~



In memory of Caroline Johnston
from Meribeth and John Tooke. . . . \$25.00

In memory of Bessie Marie Kratochvil from Serby
from Marianne Ronquillo . . . \$20.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

To the Spirit Carolers from Angeline Bultas. . . \$25.00



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

St. Patrick's Day Quotes to Channel the Luck of the Irish

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck.

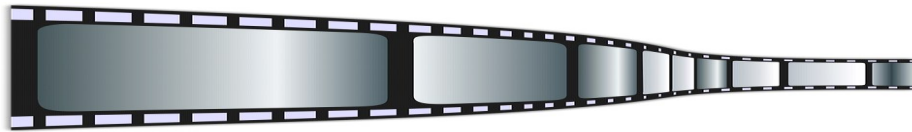
May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.

Be sure to wear green on March seventeen, or else Irish leprechauns pinch your bones clean!

"Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and, if you can find a 4-leaf clover, the fourth leaf represents luck." —Jean LeGrand



If you're feeling lucky, take a look at the next four (leaf) pages. . .



Czech Film Series

Join us on the **3rd Friday of the Month**

for our Czech Film Series and World Beer Club! 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).

March 19 TALKS WITH T.G.M./Hovory S TGM 2018; 80 minutes; G; Subtitles; Drama; [Czech historical film](#) by [Jakub Červenka](#). It premiered 100 years after foundation of Czechoslovakia (starting with lectures at the U. of Chicago in 1918). It is based on a book by [Karel Čapek](#) of the same name. It focuses on the first Czechoslovak president [Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk](#) and writer [Karel Čapek](#) and their dialogue in 1928 at Topolcianky hunting lodge and gardens-summer residence of T.G.M. from 1923-33. Filmed in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Be transported into Spring as all shots are in the garden!

April 16 DIAMONDS OF THE NIGHT/Demanty noci 1964/2019; black/white; 67 Minutes; PG-Subject; Subtitles; W.W. II drama; Additionally, in 1993, a short documentary by Arnost Lustig analyses director, Jan Nemec's decisions on content, shots, etc. and five main influences from other films he may have seen when a student at the FAMU School in Prague. With this simultaneously harrowing and lyrical debut feature, Jan Nemec established himself as the most uncompromising visionary among the radical filmmakers who made up the Czechoslovak New Wave. Adapted from a novel by Arnost Lustig, closely tracks two boys who escape from a concentration camp transport and flee into the surrounding woods, a hostile terrain where the brute realities of survival coexist with dreams, memories, and fragments of visual poetry.

May 21 KOLIA/Kolya 1996; 105 Minutes with Behind-the-Scenes Featurette (20 Minutes): PG-13 because of adult situations and brief nudity; Subtitles; Drama; Winner of the 1996 Academy Award and Golden Globe as Best Foreign Language film, this irresistible comedy treat was embraced by critics and audience everywhere! A confirmed bachelor is in for the surprise of his life when a get-rich-quick scheme backfires...setting off a wild set of circumstances—and leaving him with a pint-sized new roommate! Now, with a mischievous five-year-old named Kolya suddenly in his care....life in this once carefree playboy's tiny apartment changes faster than he could ever imagine! Uplifting and endlessly funny.

Czech Language Classes 2021

Once again, we will be offering Czech Classes at Sokol Spirit. Like everything else, plans may change quickly as we find our way through this new “normal”.

Basic Conversational Czech - Monday Mornings from 10 AM to 11:30 (in person)

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

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.

The Intermediate class will be held virtually:

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

- 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.



Calendar of Events

March and April 2021:

March 19: Czech Film Series
(*Talks With TGM*) 7pm
World Beer Club 8pm

April 7: Unit meeting 7:30 pm
(location/mode TBD)

April 16: Czech Film Series
(*Diamonds of the Night*) 7pm
World Beer Club 8pm



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

Recurring meetings

First Wednesday

All members welcome to the Unit meeting!

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

*All meetings will be virtual/remote meetings until further notice.
Check your email or the website for Zoom links.*

Save the dates:

May 21: Czech Film Series (*Kolya*) 7pm
World Beer Club 8pm

June 6: Brookfield Farmers' Market starts
(email bombage2@gmail.com for volunteer)

Watch for information on our website or by email
about a summer-time Membership event and a basket raffle opportunity.

*See the website for more information about these
and future events! Stay well everyone!*



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