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Sokol is Back!

From our President,
Bro. Adam Wilt

Welcome back to our members and families as we have kicked off another Sokol year. The year started with another fun Oktoberfest in our lot. We are excited to have several of our classes at capacity, and all of them are in full swing. Special thanks to our amazing Board of Instructors for continuing to adhere to extra cleaning protocols to ensure safe classes for our participants. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all Sokol families.

For those of you who haven't been back to Sokol yet, our parking lot was repaved over the summer, and we are in the works to have the fire escapes replaced in the coming months. The Building Management Committee is also starting plans to establish a weight room in the building, move our office to the gym level, and create a more functional space out of the former apartment.

We have resumed hosting our Monthly Membership (aka Unit) Meetings in person in our lower hall at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. **We'd love for you to join us at a membership meeting and support our upcoming events.** Check out the calendar on the back of this newsletter for dates and times, and please see the list of new members we welcome to Sokol Spirit on the next page.

Nazdar! Adam Wilt, President

Men's Volleyball Tournament

Come out and cheer on our men's volleyball team this Fall at Sokol Spirit and Sokol Tabor over the next few Fridays. Please see the Spirit Men's team's schedule below:

Friday, October 29 (vs. Tabor)—8pm—at Sokol Spirit

Friday, November 5 (vs. United) —9pm—at Sokol Tabor

Friday, November 19 (vs. Tabor) —8pm—at Sokol Spirit
(Come early for Friday Films and stay for World Beer Club)

Friday, December 3 (vs. Tabor) —9pm—at Sokol Tabor

Friday, December 17—Playoffs—times/teams TBA—at Sokol Spirit
(Stay for World Beer Club)

And for those of you interested in the Women's volleyball tournament: As of 10/18, it is not yet determined if it will be held. Check the Spirit website for updates.



Sokol Spirit would like to welcome these new members to our unit!

Sis. Stephanie Borkovec with Mia in Tots

Sis. Christine Fairbairn with Peter in Tots

Sis. Diana Faught with Holly in Tots

Sis. Keely Hartle with Olive in Tots

Sis. Nelly Ingraham with Marty Reiling in Tots

Sis. Samantha Kampa with Henry Pratt in Tots

Sis. Katie Kierna with Penelope in Tots

Sis. Jeanette King with Brianna in Tots

Bro. Jermaine Mack with Elena in Tots

Sis. Cecilia Mitchell with Evelyn and Kenzie in Tots,
Maecie in Girls class

Sis. Diana Moreno with Juliana Rodriguez in Tots

Sis Michelle O'Connell with Riley in Tots

Sis. Toni Pizzolato with Clara in Tots,
Charlize in Girls class

Sis. Amanda Urlaub with Thea Cerullo in Tots

Sis. Erin Volland with Evelyn and Finley
Malik-Volland in Tots

Bro. Nathan Will with Aubrey and Eleanor in Tots

Sis. Tanya Clancy with Julia Smith in Girls class

Sis. Christine Ewell with Eleanor in Girls class

Sis. Rebecca Giacomelli with Alyssa Solis in Girls class

Sis. Stephanie Huerta with Mia in Girls class

Sis. Christine Jackson with Tia in Girls class

Sis. Shannon Janecko with Annabelle Perez in Girls class

Sis. Danielle Ring with Gabrielle Tyk in Girls class

Sis. Jesse Ruff with Ruby in Girls class

Sis. Jessica Salcido with Elizabeth and
Victoria Pisarczyk in Girls class

Sis. Sandra Mendez with Addison in Jr. Girls class

Bro Joshua Hightower with Alexander in Boys class

Sis. Kelly Mccarthy with Jesiah and Jeremiah in Boys class

Sis. Alice Cozad in Sr. II Co-ed class

Sis. Linda Young in Sr. II Co-ed class

Bro. David Harazin in Sr. Men's class

Bro. Philip Tudisco in Sr. Men's class

Sis. Amy Tudisco as a unit member

Bro. Frank Tudisco Jr. as a unit member

Bro. Frank Tudisco III as a unit member

NEW members in the wheels class:

Irene Jimenez-Kaval, Connor Shannon, Hope Spatzek, Ian
Spatzek and Anthony Wadda

And, we would like to welcome back previous members who returned this year:

Sis. Theresa Bakula with Lillian in Girls class

Sis Kristine Cavallo with Samantha Spagnola in Girls class

Bro. Joseph Franco Jr. with Beatrice in Girls class

Sis. Marissa Reyes with Karla Carreon in Girls class

Sis. Tracy Williams with Grace in Tots and Sadie in Girls class

WELCOME,

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and hope to see many of you at all our
activities throughout the year!!!!



Sokol Spirit Oktoberfest – September 11

We could not have asked for a better September day that we had this year for our Oktoberfest . A good crowd—which included not only many familiar faces but also non-members from the neighborhood—turned out to celebrate the day-long festivities. Thanks so much to the planning committee for their work, and the many volunteers who helped to make this a successful event.



Photos by Sis. Carolyn Morriss

Since I know you have come to rely on SpiritNews for all important information, I feel it's my duty to explain to you what the men are doing in the bottom left photo. They are 'steinholding'. According to Google, "Steinholding is a traditional Bavarian strength contest in which competitors hold a full one-liter beer stein out in front of their bodies with a straight arm, parallel to the ground. Competitors go as long as they can and the last person holding with good form is the winner". In my research, I found it interesting to note that the U.S. Men's National Record is currently 21 minutes, 17 seconds, and the U.S. Women's National Record is currently 5 minutes, 34 seconds. While I don't know who 'won' this year, or if was near record-breaking, I do know that practice makes perfect, so keep working on it, guys, and maybe you can break a steinholding record (or maybe just your own) at next year's Oktoberfest!

LaGrange Pet Parade – September 18

The LaGrange Pet Parade . . .in September? Yep! Sokol Spirit participated in the parade, which is usually held in early June but was postponed this year due to Covid. It was worth the wait—it was a perfect day and the crowd was ready for a parade. It lifted everyone's spirits. The crowd looks forward to seeing Sokol Spirit in the parade, and this year we did not disappoint. Thank you to everyone who represented Sokol Spirit in this year's parade. All members are welcome to join us next year (date TBA, but will be listed in the March 2022 SpiritNews).



Brookfield Farmer's Market Summer 2021

A note from Cassie Croft: 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 still difficult to get volunteers for this summer's market, and we did have to cancel one of our reserved days. The Gymnastic Wheel was a big hit again, and through the efforts of our awesome volunteers, multiple Spirit classes reached capacity! We have many new families that we are welcoming to Sokol Spirit this year- and this event continues to prove to be a powerful marketing campaign.

A heartfelt thank you to those members and instructors that helped this summer:
Alix Fron, Adam Wilt, John Bazata, Vera Wilt, Kathy Barcal, Kristen Kempson, Tricia Rini,
Jenny Wasielewski, Lindsay Kostecki and Ken Nagel

Trim-A-Tree - Saturday, November 14 11am-noon - Brookfield Zoo



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

Check with your child's instructor closer to November 14 for the location of Spirit's tree. Members can stop by the tree, hang up an ornament, and enjoy a treat any time between 11am and 12pm.

(Participants are responsible for any parking and park admission fees.)



Hope to see you there!

World Beer Club— November 19, December 17

Mark your calendar now and join Sokol Spirit on the third Friday of the month as we enjoy the vast variety of the beers from around the world or with a common theme.

\$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. **November's theme: You Never Know- vember! (You guess the theme based on brewery and beer name hints).** Please social distance and do not bring food to share. If you haven't joined us yet, give WBC a try! You may enjoy the company more than the beer! :)



Looking for the perfect gift? How about a World Beer Club (WBC) gift certificate? They are always available for purchase at World Beer Club! They make a perfect stocking stuffer to give to WBC friends or you can give them to friends who are new to WBC. They're \$10 and one size fits all. If you cannot attend WBC, email jkjheetel@gmail.com and place your order. Checks to Sokol Spirit accepted at WBC or by mail.

Spirit's Annual Spaghetti Dinner – November 6 4:30 – 7:00pm

Take-Out event



Get your fork ready for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Again this year, due to Covid concerns, this event will be held as a take-out only event. Follow the steps below to order the best spaghetti dinner in town:

- 1) Please visit SokolSpirit.org and click on 'Spaghetti Dinner' to see the menu and for ordering details. (PS: Yes, the famous sauce is available for purchase!)
- 2) Place your order by Monday, November 1st.
- 3) On November 6th, stop by the gym and pick up your dinners and beverages to enjoy at home.

Thanks for supporting Sokol Spirit!



Sokol Spirit's annual **WREATH SALE**

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

Complete your order forms online by November 8.

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

Here is a QR code you can scan that will take you directly to the ordering page:
(open your phone's camera and scan the code here —>)



Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SATURDAY, November 20, at 12:30pm-2:00pm
in the Sokol Spirit Parking Lot *yes this is 1 week earlier than usual*

Not feeling the online ordering? Grab an order form at Sokol Spirit and drop it in the Wreath Sale box on the stage in the gymnasium. Make checks payable to: Sokol Spirit

Questions-reach out to your Sokol class instructor or email me at bombage2@aol.com --Cassie Croft (wreath sale coordinator)



Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair – November 13 9:00am – 3:00



CATCH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT at SOKOL SPIRIT

Start your Holiday Shopping Now!

Crafters, vendors & food in our lower hall!

Vendors this year* include: Tupperware, Color Streets, Pineapple Bakery, Partylite Candles, Essential Oils/Young Living, L'Bri Pure n' Natural.

Some crafts that will be available to purchase are: handcrafted earrings, crystal jewelry, knit wash clothes, soap saver bags, wine bottle hats, crochet items, personalized items with etching, baby quilts, Maria's cupcakes and sweets, embroidery, scrunchies, wood crafts, Modern Eats and Tastes, homemade soap, home fragrance, neck pillows, garnets, and crystal.

Vendors will be accepted until November 1.

Contact Sis. Mary Novak, Sis. Kathy Barcal, or Sis. Carol Shrofe (babishrofe1@yahoo.com) to submit your money to reserve a table.

Thank you for your support!

*at the time of the newsletter printing

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 8**,

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 8



Have you heard...?

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



Our sincere condolences go to the entire Pajer family on the sudden death on August 19, 2021 of **Sis. Agnes Pajer**. Agnes was a 64-year adult member of Sokol Slavsky, Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky, and finally Sokol Spirit. Agnes epitomized Sokol as she was a member who participated, volunteered, and supported every Sokol event that came her way. She married Sokol Tabor member, Leo Pajer, in 1966 and had three children: Tom (Kandi) Pajer, Kathe (Jimmy) Heetel, and Joe Pajer. They were, and still are, very active in all phases of Sokol. It should be said that Sokol is "in their blood." Agnes is also survived by seven grandchildren: Athena, Hadrian, and Caius Pajer, Jake (Jr. Boys) and Cole (Jr. Boys) Heetel, and Max and Scarlet Pajer, all of whom she loved dearly, and whom she supported as much as she could. Agnes's smile, presence and enthusiasm at Sokol events and in general life will really and truly be missed by all of those who knew her. Rest in peace, dear friend. Nazdar!

—> Heartiest of birthday greetings to our **Sis. Helen Sevcu**. October 4 marked her 98th celebration. Helen has been a member of our Sokol for 80 YEARS, was a long-time class member until the past few years, and served not only as a Unit secretary but also as a past newsletter editor. Yeay, Helen – Mnoga Leta!!!



Sis. Joanne Bazata was reported to have been in the hospital recently. She is out now and staying with her daughter. Feel better, Joanne, and hope to see you around Sokol again soon!

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In honor of Hank and Dorothy Becker's 50th Wedding Anniversary *from Helen Sevcu*. . . \$25.00

In memory of Sis. Agnes Pajer

from Warren & Wanda Sterba & family. . . \$500.00

from the Robert Becker family. . . \$100.00

from Joe Dusek. . . \$100.00

from the Heetel family. . . \$77.77

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from Laura Buzzelli and Mark Annes. . . \$50.00

from Helen Sevcu. . . \$50.00

from Dave and Carolyn Anderson. . . \$50.00

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from Maryon Ripple Tilley. . . \$50.00

from Paul Lebloch. . . \$50.00

from the Barcal family. . . \$30.00

from Jacki Rada, Marie Ptacek and Lynne Goodridge. . . \$30.00

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from Angeline Bultas. . . \$25.00

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from Blanche Wostratzky. . . \$25.00

from Linda and George Makdah. . . \$25.00

from Nancy Pajeau. . . \$25.00

from Meribeth and John Tooke. . . \$25.00

from Ellie Babka. . . \$25.00

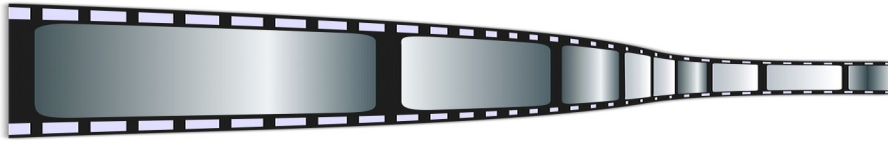
from Carrie and Gary Wilson. . . \$10.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

From Helen Sevcu. . . \$25.00

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

Presenting the 2021-2022 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).

November 19: Three Nuts for Cinderella *Tři oříšky pro Popelku*

(1973) 83 Minutes; G; subtitles; Fairy tale story; The film stars Libuse Safránková as the title character, a young woman who is put upon by her stepmother and stepsisters. The film employs a twist, though, when a handsome prince comes knocking. Cinderella does not simply fall into the prince's arms. In this version, he must actively pursue the young woman who is a skilled sharpshooter prone to wearing hunting outfits. Cinderella also has three wishes at her disposal, gained from three magic nuts. Traditionally shown at Christmas time in the Czech Republic/Slovakia.

Film descriptions for these 2022 films can be found on the Sokol Spirit website. Mark your calendars now!

January 21: Autumn Spring/ *Babí léto*

February 18: *Piemule*; The Old Believers Documentaries

March 18: Private Century

Czech Language Classes 2021-2022

Once again, we will be offering Czech Classes at Sokol Spirit. Participants will need to follow any safety protocols set forth by Sokol Spirit, including masks and health screenings. *Based on CDC guidance and students, classes may be held via Zoom*

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

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 24 to March 28, 2022 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 4 to June 13, 2022 - \$160

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

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 26 to March 30, 2022 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 6 to June 15, 2022 - \$160

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

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.

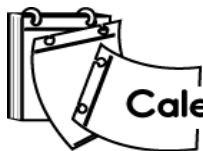
Thank you for understanding that there may be circumstances beyond our control.

A registration form is downloadable at sokol-spirit.org under the Education Tab, Czech Classes.

From our Financial Secretary: Attention all members: Dues letters for the 2022 Sokol year will be arriving shortly. Dues are again \$70 per year. If you are enrolled in a class, chances are that you have paid your dues already. Any questions? Please contact Sis. Dorothy Becker at 847-842-0390, by text at 708-715-2421 or at beck-erd9749@sbcglobal.net Dues should be paid by January 1, 2022.



Choose “Smile”: As you do your online shopping, you may be asking: **How can I easily support Sokol Spirit?** 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.



Calendar of Events

Recurring meetings

First Wednesday

All members welcome to the Unit meeting!

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

November 6: Spaghetti Dinner (Take-Out Event) **Save the Dates:**

4-7pm Submit online orders by Nov. 1

November 7: Central District Annual Meeting

November 8: Wreath Orders due

November 13: Holiday Vendor Fair 9am-3pm

November 14: Trim-a-Tree 11am-noon at Brookfield Zoo

November 19:

7pm: Friday Film: *Three Nuts for Cinderella*

8pm: World Beer Club

November 20:

Wreath Order pick-up 12:30 - 2pm



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

November 22 –26: No Class/Thanksgiving Week, classes resume week of November 29

December 8: Holiday Greetings due

December 17: World Beer Club: 8pm

December 23-January 23: No Classes

January 21: Friday Film and World Beer Club

January 24: Classes resume

January 30: Pancake Breakfast

Watch for information on our website or by email.

Stay well everyone!



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