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www.sokolspirit.org

Light at the end of the tunnel...

From our President,

Bro. Adam Wilt

We're not out of the woods yet, but the impact of the COVID pandemic is continuing to dissipate. That's not just great news for us as individuals, but it's great for our ability to re-unite as Sokols!

If all continues as planned, we're going to be able to experience activities that we haven't had for over two years. While this is really exciting, I also ask that we continue to remain responsible and accountable to one another.

As restrictions continue to be lifted, Sokol Spirit will continue to adhere to local guidelines, but I also ask each of you to think of your fellow members and act accordingly. We have several members with compromised immune systems or who are part of higher risk groups, so please be conscious of them as we return to normal.

I know I am excited to see all of you at our upcoming events like our Gym Show (April 23), Flapjack Open (April 30) and Membership Brunch (May 22), but if you think you may be putting yourself or others at risk then please opt to put all of our health and safety first!

We will have many activities to socialize and reconnect with one another, so let's be smart and safe as we get back to our charge of "A sound mind, in a sound body."

NAZDAR! Brother Adam Wilt

Join us for Sokol Spirit's Spring Gym Show & After Party – Saturday, April 23, 2022

Doors open: 5pm Show starts: 5:30pm Sokol Spirit

In this year's show, at Sokol Spirit, our youth class participants will demonstrate their hard work as they perform their best gymnastics routines. This is a big deal for our kids. We hope you'll come a little early to make sure you get a great seat! After the show, everyone is invited to join us in the lower hall for our after party following the show, where you'll find Sokol family, great food, music, beverages and FUN!

There will be no charge for admission to the Gym Show or after party. We will not have an ad book per se this year, but we hope you will support this event with your message/donation like you have in the past. Rather than a hard-copy program/ad book, all messages will scroll on a large screen for all to see at the after-party. Let's shoot for 100% membership participation in this fundraiser! Please see the last page of the newsletter for examples of ads and to place your greeting order.

We look forward to seeing everyone on April 23rd.



Greetings from the Juniors

Enjoy these photos of Spirit's Juniors class. Instructor Sis. Kathy Barcal adds "We are small but mighty!! We are always having fun." Like all classes, the Junior class has been working hard to deliver their best performance at the Gym Show. More info about the Spring Gym Show to come.



Superbowl Squares and Trivia Night



Thanks to all who participated in our super bowl square pool. We raised over \$1,000 for Sokol Spirit. Congrats to all of the winners!

And thanks to those who joined us for Trivia Night on February 26. It, too, was a great fundraiser for Spirit. Congrats to the winners.



World Beer Club—Celebrating St. Patrick's Day 3/18/2022

It was a busy and fun night at World Beer Club on March 18 as we celebrated "I-rish it was St. Patrick's Day again" the day after the 'real' St. Patrick's Day. There was a big crowd but we did manage to take a few photos. Dressed in their best green (photo, left) are Bro. Kevin Rutkowski and Sis. Jenn Baran. Also, on the right, your friendly bartenders: Sis. Clare Mensik, Sis. Kathe Heetel and Sis. Kim Shrofe. If you haven't come to WBC yet, or you're a frequent clubber, we hope to see you on April 15 at the next event. See more information about World Beer Club later on the next page of this newsletter and in the Save The Dates.



Photo by Carolyn Morris



Have you heard...?

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

From Bro. Bob Jilek's daughter, Alicia Leahy:

"In December we moved our dad into a new apartment at The Birches. He has been living in the two bedroom apartment that he shared with our mom, Elsie, but this is better sized for him, closer to elevators/action, and will give him more interesting views out his windows. Moving is always a little disconcerting, but we think this is a positive change for our dad! He isn't able to make outgoing calls at this point, but he is always happy to hear from friends and family if you are inclined to reach out.

Bob Jilek's address: 215 55th St, Apt 301 Clarendon Hills, IL 60514-1587
630-570-6301



Please see a photo of Bob from Christmas Day at Morton Arboretum. Pretty fabulous for 96 years old! "

From Debra A. (Prendiville) Perger: "I'm glad to see Sokol is still around and active. My parents sent me & my sister to Sokol back in the 1950's-1960's. I don't remember the exact dates. I was very young. I have minimal, vague memories of participating in the class. I remember the music. I remember we did an Exhibition. I remember only the first movements of our Exhibition routine. I remember being in a big gymnasium. Do you have any records from that period? My name was Debra Prindiville and my sister was Candy Prindiville. We really enjoyed Sokol. My memory of it seems that it was in Brookfield? Maybe I'm wrong? I'm now living in San Diego, CA."

If you remember the Prendivilles or have anything from back then that you could share with Debra, please contact her. Debra A. Perger 858-675-1004

World Beer Club – April 15, May 20, June 17 (tentative) April theme: Spring Cleaning



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 features 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.

- Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5.
- If you haven't joined us yet, give WBC a try! You may enjoy the company more than the beer! :)



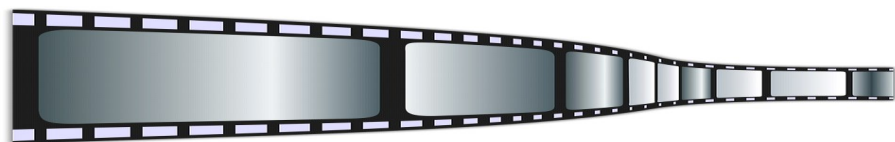
WBC may take a hiatus for summer or may not be held every month.
Please check the website and June SpiritNews for up-to-date information.



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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).

April 15 Lemonade Joe or THE HORSE OPERA/Limonádový Joe aneb Koňská opera 1964; 97 Minutes; G; subtitles; B/W; Comedy Satire; The movie is a 1964 [Czechoslovak acid western](#) comedy film, directed by [Oldřich Lipský](#) and written by [Jiří Brdečka](#), based on his novel and stage play. The film, a musical parody of old-time westerns, enjoys a near-iconic status in the Czech Republic as well as a considerable [cult following](#), and [Henry Fonda](#) was reportedly among its foreign admirers.

May 20 Lidice-Fall of the Innocent 2011; 121 Minutes; GP-violence; WWII massacre of the town of Lidice; Presented as a true story about the deputy [Reichsprotektor Reinhard Heydrich](#) who arrives in [Prague](#) as commander; two men from Lidice, one in jail and one who brags about his resistance fighting against the Germans which leads the Germans back to the town when Heydrich is assassinated in May.

After the May date, Friday Films will resume in the Fall.

Czech Language Classes 2022

This is your final chance this Spring to join 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 III – 10 weeks, April 4 to June 13, 2022 - \$160

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

- Session III – 10 weeks, April 6 to June 15, 2022 - \$160

Questions? Contact Vera Wilt – 708-268-9350 or czechclass@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 prorated fee.

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

A registration form is downloadable at Sokolspirit.org under the Education Tab, Czech Classes.

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

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