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**From our new President,**

**Sis. Kathy Barcal**

As I begin my term as Sokol Spirit's President, I would like to thank our outgoing President, Bro. Adam Wilt, for all of his time, hard work and dedication to Sokol Spirit over the last year. Bro. Wilt has served as our President, not only for this past year, but in previous years as well. His dedication to Sokol Spirit is and continues to be an integral part to the success of our unit. Under his leadership along with the entire Executive Board, we have survived Covid-19, and continued holding fundraisers, classes and meetings whether "live" or virtually. Thank you, Bro. Wilt, for all you have done and will definitely continue to do as we move forward.

Let me introduce myself to those who do not know me. I have been a member of the American Sokol Organization for 29 years as of this year. I always say that I married not only my husband Bob, but Sokol as well! From the time we were married until present day, we have been active participants at Sokol Spirit (Berwyn-Slavsky, too!) and the American Sokol. I started being an active part of Sokol as Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky's (the merged units of Berwyn and Slavsky) Co-Women's instructor

and have served on our unit's Board of Instructor as the physical director and assistant, assisted and taught many different classes and served on our unit, district and National Executive Boards. From the time I have started my membership and involvement with Sokol, everyone that I have met through the years have become not only my friends but my Sokol family! Now, I am proud to lead my Sokol Spirit family into what I hope to be a successful Sokol year!

Our Sokol classes have ended for the year, but we will continue to offer our Wheel and Pound classes over the summer. Please check our website or Facebook page to obtain further information. We will be at the Farmer's Market over the summer so stop by our table to say hello! Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. for our Beer Club. All are invited! Sokol Spirit will be participating in the Brookfield, Fourth of July parade. We would like to invite all class participants and members to join us! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for Sokol Spirit's Oktoberfest! It is always a great way to reunite with friends and meet new ones! Sokol Spirit classes will resume in the fall starting Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

We want to wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer with your families and friends!

*Speaking of summer, please enjoy 'sum' of the summer-related quotes throughout this newsletter, like these:*

*Summer should get a speeding ticket.*

*Some of the best memories are made in flip flops.*

From our outgoing President,

Bro. Adam Wilt

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I would like to thank you for again granting me the honor of serving as President of Sokol Spirit. The past two years have flown by, but I'm very proud of how well our unit has weathered the pandemic. We have been leaders in the Sokol community with our efforts to re-open safely, and I know we will continue to thrive under the leadership of our new Unit President Sis. Kathy Barcal!

The main reason I have stepped away from leading our Unit is to focus my time and talent to serve our national organization, the American Sokol. I am humbled and excited to share that at the American Sokol Convention in Ennis, Texas, I was elected to serve as President. I look forward to supporting Sokol Spirit, and Sokol Units across the country in this new capacity. Thank you all for your continued encouragement and support!

Nazdar! Bro. Adam Wilt, American Sokol President

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

This year's show was a blast! Our youth class participants demonstrated their hard work as they performed their best routines. Thanks for all the families who came and enjoyed the show, and thanks to the instructors who prepped our gymnasts so they put on their best show. After the show, most families came to the lower hall to celebrate.



Thanks to those who supported the show with donations, played heads or tails, or placed ads in the electronic ad book/slide show. You can find it the entire slide show posted at [sokolspirit.org](http://sokolspirit.org).

*It is a grave error to assume that ice cream consumption requires hot weather. – Anne Fadiman*



## Spring 2022 gymnastic competitions

Girls': May 7

Boys': May 14



Can I hear a "Great Job!"  
for these competitors?  
Thanks for being a part of  
Sokol!



## Flapjack Open — April 30

Although this year we did not gather for our annual pancake breakfast, that did not stop us from hosting another Flapjack Open blind draw volleyball tournament. Pictured at left are this year's champions: Ken Fron Jr, Alex Maskill, Tim Pachla and Kevin Rutkowski.



## LaGrange Pet Parade — June 4

Sokol Spirit was again represented at this year's LaGrange Pet Parade. Did you see us? It was a perfect day for a parade. Thanks for those who represented Spirit and those who were there to cheer the group on. Hope you will get your steps in and join us for the Brookfield Fourth of July parade this year. Check your email for information soon.



<— Bro. Jake Heetel was initiated into Sokol Spirit at the Membership Brunch on May 22. Welcome Bro. Jake!

See the next page for members who were honored at the brunch with their membership certificates (& smiles).

## Summer 2022 Men's Sokol Softball schedule

Come out and see the Sokol guys in their annual tourney! Games are played at Janura Park in Berwyn (28th and East).



Wednesday, June 29	8:45pm, Field C
Wednesday, July 6	7:45pm, Field B
Wednesday, July 13	8:45pm, Field C
Wednesday, July 20	6:45pm, Field A and 7:45pm, Field C
Monday, July 25	7:45pm, Field B
Wednesday, July 27	7:45pm, Field B and 8:45pm, Field B

The season is already half over, so come on out and cheer them on. Go Sokol!



Choose "Smile": As you do 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](https://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.



## 2022 Sokol Spirit Membership Brunch— May 22

Lots of smiles at the Membership brunch. It was a long time since we were all able to gather together, celebrate membership milestones, and enjoy some great food. It was worth the wait! In addition to welcoming our newest inductee, members were recognized for membership from 5 years to 70 years! Thank you to the committee for planning such a nice event.



*How to have a beach body: 1. Have a body. 2. Go to the beach.*



## Sokol Spirit Officers & Delegates — June 1, 2022 - June 7, 2023

### Executive Board

**President** – Kathy Barcal  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Cassie Croft  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Carol Shrofe  
**Treasurer** – Jenn Baran  
**Secretary** – OPEN  
**Financial Secretary** – Dorothy Becker  
**Membership Director** – Howie Maskill  
**Information Technology Director** – Bob Barcal  
**PR/Marketing Director** – Kristen Kempson  
**Educational Director** – Vera Wilt  
**By-Laws Director** – Adam Wilt  
**Physical Director** – Alix Fron      **Building Management Committee Director** – Mark Shrofe

### Building Management Committee    **Chairman** – Mark Shrofe

**2020 – 2022 Term:** John Bazata, Howie Maskill, Alex Maskill & Mark Shrofe

**2021 – 2023 Term:** Bob Barcal, Eric Kostecki, Jim Hedderman & Kevin Rutkowski

**At Large Members:** Michael Gonzalez, John Tooke, Peggy Ulrich & Kathy Barcal (Ex-Officio)

### Board of Instructors

**Physical Director** – Alix Fron

**Secretary** – Dorothy Becker

### Standing Committees

**Audit Committee:** Diana Rhoades, Mary Novak & Ashley Croft

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Jenn Baran, Bob Barcal, Dave Kakareka, Kevin Rutkowski & Kathy Barcal

**Falcon Key Club Chair:** Barb Bossany

**Newsletter Editor:** OPEN

**Sunshine Chair:** Linda Baran

**Exhibition Ad Book:** Barb Bossany

### Delegates to Affiliate Organizations

**Central District:** Howie Maskill, Adam Wilt, Bob & Kathy Barcal

**Brookfield Chamber of Commerce:** Vera Wilt, Bob & Kathy Barcal

**Bohemian National Cemetery:** Angie Bultas, John & Meribeth Tooke

**Czechoslovak American Congress:** Barb Bossany & Adam Wilt

**Tabor Hills Nursing Home:** Angie Bultas & Carol Rocush

**Junior Board Officers - New Officers To Be Elected Soon**



*Executive Board members (left to right): Bro. Mark Shrofe, Sis. Alix Fron, Sis. Vera Wilt, Bro. Adam Wilt, Sis. Cassie Croft, Sis. Jenn Baran, Bro. Bob Barcal, Sis. Kathy Barcal, Bro. Howie Maskill, Sis. Carol Shrofe.*

Thank you for your service to our unit!





## American Sokol Organization convention — June 9 — 12 — Ennis, Texas



Sokol Spirit members at the 2022 American Sokol Convention. Pictured, from left to right, Bro. Adam Wilt, Bro. Bob Barcal, Bro. John Tooke, Sis. Meribeth Tooke, Sis. Cassie Croft, Sis. Mary Cushing, Sis. Alix Fron, Sis. Debbie Shields, Sis. Kathy Barcal and Bro. Howie Maskill.

The 2022-2026 American Sokol Executive Board including the following Spirit members:

Bro. Adam Wilt - President

Bro. Bob Barcal - Treasurer

Sis. Meribeth Tooke - Foundation Director

Sis. Kathy Barcal - Membership Director

Sis. Mary Cushing - Physical Director



And, left, Bro. Adam Wilt, the newly elected American Sokol President 2022-2026. (He looks like he means business with that huge gavel —LOL!)



Congrats to everyone, especially those Spirit members, who have taken on leadership roles in the ASO Board. We are thankful for your service to our national organization.

*I'm glad it's finally hot enough to complain about how hot it is.*

*I need summer to be longer so I have more time to do nothing.*

*Dear winter: I'm breaking up with you. Summer is hotter than you.*

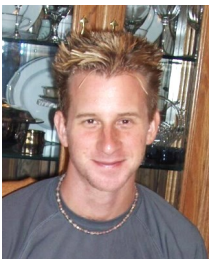


# Have you heard...?

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

Condolences to the friends and family of Bro. Elmer Pavlas, who passed away on August 22, 2021. Bro. Pavlas was a 17-year member of Sokol along with his wife, Rita, who passed away in 2016. Bro. Pavlas was 93 years old. They were both avid supporters of Sokol and shall be missed.

Condolences to the friends and family of Bro. Alex Marzek (95-years old) who passed away in Mount Dora, Florida on August 26, 2021. Bro. Marzek was a 48 year member of Sokol, primarily with Sokol Berwyn. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Emily Marzek and his daughter Elizabeth, son Peter, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons. Services were held in Leesburg, Florida. Bro. Marzek was very active in many civic and church organizations and always kept his membership with Sokol. Rest in peace, Bro. Marzek.

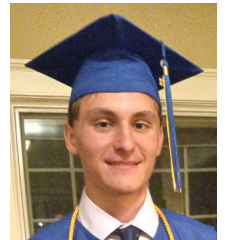


Condolences to the friends and family of Bro. Joe Pajer who passed away May 8, 2022 at the age of 47. Before his move to Decatur, IL, he was a very active member of Sokol who taught boys' classes and supported Sokol in many ways since he grew up in a Sokol family in Berwyn. He is survived by his three children, Athena, Caius and Hadrian; his brother, Bro. Tom Pajer; sister-in-law, Sis, Kandi Pajer; sister Sis. Kathe Heetel; nephews Bro. Jake Heetel and Junior boy Cole Heetel; as well as Jimmy Heetel, and Max and Scarlet Pajer, and many others in his Sokol family, especially his 'fake' cousins, aunts and uncles. He was the son of longtime Spirit member Sis. Agnes Pajer who passed away in August 2021. At the Membership event his 30-year Sokol Spirit membership award was recognized. Joe's sense of humor and love for life will be greatly missed. Love ya, Joe.

Condolences to the friends and family of Bro. Robert "Bob" Jilek who passed away May 13, 2022. He was 96 years old and a 79-year member of Sokol. Early on, Bob and his family became immersed in the Czech community and involved in Sokol along with his wife, Elsie, who passed away in 2020. He was loved well by those who knew him best and they will be well served by his legacy. His joyful spirit is free.



ConGRADulations to former Junior Boys Dean Shrofe (left) and Jake Heetel (right) on their recent graduations from high school. Dean graduated from Nazareth Academy on May 22, and Jake graduated from Lyons Township High School on May 25.



Also, we are proud to announce that both Dean and Jake received the 2022-2023 American Sokol Merit Award! It's a great honor and a generous gift. Dean is heading to Milwaukee School of Engineering to study Actuarial Science, and Jake is jetting out to Southern Illinois University—Carbondale to study Aviation Management. Congrats, guys, and best wishes to you in your new endeavors! Don't forget to drop us a line to let us know how things are going. We'll be sure the Spirit Newsletter gets to you so you can read it between classes.

(P.S. Jake, be sure to be safe and call your mom often.)

## ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In memory of Bro. Joe Pajer

*from Ellie Babka . . \$25.00*

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

*from Pat Satek . . . \$50.00*

*from Adam and Lauren Wilt. . . \$50.00*

## ~ ADA FUND ~

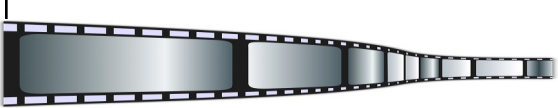
In Memory of Bob Gentilini

*from Ellie Babka. . . \$25.00*

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donations to the address in the footer on the front**



## Czech Language classes, Czech Film Series and World Beer Club are taking a break for the Summer. Join us in the Fall!



Join us on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month** when the Czech Film Series resumes in the Fall. 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). *Mark your calendars now!*

**September 16: The Power of the Powerless (*Moc bezmocných*) 2009** 78 Minutes; G; Political documentary starting in 1968; English. The film explores Czechoslovakia's legacy of communist rule and the struggle against it. At the heart of the film is the story of blacklisted playwright Vaclav Havel (writer of a political essay by the same name) and his fellow dissidents who, for two decades, spoke out against totalitarianism. The film culminates with the student-led movement in Prague, which sparked 1989's Velvet Revolution and drew a half-million people into the streets, catapulting Vaclav Havel into the presidency. The documentary features rare and never-before-seen interviews with key figures of the Velvet Revolution including Vaclav Havel.

**October 21: Barefoot or Barefoot on Stalks (*Po strništi bos*) 2017**

**November 18: You Kiss Like a God (*Libáš jako Bůh*) 2009**

**December 16: The Snowdrop Festival (*Slavnosti sněženek*) 1987**

**February 17: Late Night Talks with Mother (*Noční hovory s matkou*) 2001**

**March 17: John Hus, the journey of no return (*Jan Hus: Cesta bez návratu*), 2017**

**April 21: He Stood at the Register/Cash Claim Chaos (*U poklady stal*) 1939/1951**

**May 19: Howling with the Angels 2006**



### Brookfield Farmer's Market—Summer 2022

The farmer's market is BACK in full swing and Sokol Spirit will be there again this summer to support the community and promote our programs.

Dates Sokol Spirit will be at the Brookfield Farmer's Market:

**June 18**

**July 16**

**August 6, 20, 27**

**September 10**

We could use some Spirit members to help work our booth throughout the summer. Many of the children who enroll in our classes learn about our classes, and sometimes Sokol itself, at the Farmer's Market, so this is an important recruitment initiative. Since you love Sokol and love to talk about it, you are the perfect volunteer for this! Please email Cassie Croft at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA9A92EA4FA7-brookfield1>.



One last photo from the  
Membership Brunch:

Jean jackets are in!

- I hope you 'jean'erally enjoy reading your Spirit Newsletter.
- It must be in our 'jeans' to enjoy being members of Sokol.
- Joining Sokol is Jean-ius!



## Recurring meetings resume in the Fall

All members welcome to the Unit meetings!

**Summer 2022:**

**Various dates:** Cheer on Summer softball!

**July 30:** Golf outing—see website for info

**Save the dates:**

**Sept 10:** Oktoberfest

**Sept 12-17:** Classes begin

**Sept 16:** Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

**October 21:** Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

*It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do.— Walter Winchell*

*I need 6 months of vacation, twice a year.*

*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken. — James Dent*

Watch for information on our website or by email.

*Stay well everyone!*



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



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