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**October 2022**

Moving? Please let us know your new address!  
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Check out our website:

[www.sokolspirit.org](http://www.sokolspirit.org)

**From our new President,**

**Sis. Kathy Barcal**

Another Sokol year has started and we would like to welcome all returning and new members and families to Sokol Spirit.

Our Sokol year started off with our annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 12th! The weather cooperated and a great time was had by all! Thank you to the committee for their time and hard work to make this event a success and for everyone who supported our unit.

All classes have had a successful start with some of our classes at full capacity! We have a new class, pickle ball that has also reached capacity with 12 enrolled.

Thank you to our Board of Instructors who assisted in preparing our gym for the start of a new Sokol year.

With the start of a new Sokol year comes a time for repairs and updates to our building.

We now have a new parking lot and fire escapes outside. The Building Management Committee is continuing to have work done in our building in order to keep it updated, safe and clean for all of our members. Thank you to the committee for your commitment to improving our building.

The upcoming month is an active one for our unit! We will start November with our monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. On November 5th we will host our Spaghetti Dinner from 4 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. All information was mailed to our membership. Please bring your family and friends for a delicious dinner! Start your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will have vendors and crafters selling jewelry, purses, candles, Tupperware and much, much more. Inside this newsletter you'll find information and order forms for our wreath sale! There are beautiful wreaths and arrangements to decorate your home for the holidays! Don't forget the third Friday of every month is beer club and Czech movie night. Our classes will be on break the week of Thanksgiving from November 21 – 27. Sokol Spirit has something for everyone this month. Check your emails and social media for updates to our events during the month.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, let's all remember to be thankful for all that we have in our lives...health, happiness, family and friends!

Sokol Spirit would like to welcome the following new members to our American Sokol Unit: The following new members have children in our youth classes. Welcome to Sokol Spirit.

Danielle Santos  
Angelica Petronella  
Lori Shiah  
Shannon Adams  
Corina Molina  
Maria Kumis  
Megan Pekar  
Jacqueline West  
Andrea Espinosa  
Melissa Gattinger  
Charlotte Belsan  
Melanie Ballauer  
Araceli Munoz  
Gabriela Orozco  
Melody Cook  
Liliana Raices  
Rachel Cohler  
Angela Crawford  
Jacqueline Harris  
Carmen Solis

Julie Fox  
Heather Camren  
Patricia Diaz  
Gaby Lettiere  
Jessica Childs  
Anna Peterson  
Diana Moreno  
Sam Fron  
Theresa Deibert  
Melissa Burns  
Erin Claywell  
Anthony Marasco  
Kate Harris  
Brooke Street  
Teresa Bednarz  
Noel Palomar  
Rocio Gonzalez  
Deanne Ortega  
Christopher Marquardt  
Carmen Lopez

We also welcome as a member to our Senior men's class: Joe DeNatale  
Two new graduating high school students also became adult members this year:  
Jake Heetel and Max Paier

SHHH! HO HO, HO HO HO, HO HO HO, HO, HO from the NORTH POLE, 2022.



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**WANTED: SECRET SANTA HELPERS** to assist the Pillars Community (Nurse) Health Assoc, ([www.pillarscommunityhealth.org](http://www.pillarscommunityhealth.org)) program in its 37th year with Rotary Club of LaGrange elves, ([https://lagrangerotary.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=187339&module\\_id=263839](https://lagrangerotary.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=187339&module_id=263839)). This is the local health service for our township.

**HOW:** Contribute new gloves, scarves, earmuffs, etc., warm clothing for Ages 6 months to 18 to the Sokol Spirit Giving Tree on the stage. Used, clean items can be contributed

**WHEN:** Starting immediately we will accept items. Please put a "from tag" with your first name only. Wednesday, November 23rd will be the first pick-up for "Santa" and December before Sokol Spirit's Christmas break will be the last pick-up. All items will be collected and brought to the Secret Santa "Workshop". Anything not utilized in the "Workshop" is given to the free medical and dental clinics to use throughout the winter with youth clients, if the Secret Santa program cannot accept donations at the time of our delivery or "stored" at the Park District of LaGrange for the 2023 program.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Sokol Spirit members, students, and friends. Sokol Spirit has been collecting for this program for 22 years and is one of the top 10 (501C3) not-for-profit Illinois' corporations which provide items.

**WHY:** To assist in supporting local parents who work hard to care for their families and children but may be among the "working poor" who have no health insurance and visit the health clinic or use the health programs run by the association. These include free school physicals, inoculations, sick visits, and dental care. When housing, food and utilities use up disposable income, there is nothing left for the holidays. This year more than 1,000 children have been identified we are told...certified low income.

**NOTE:** Participants are not identified to us but may be your neighbors or relatives. While we struggle to understand the changed nature of the world in which we now exist, we work to maintain simple joys like Santa. All those associated with the Secret Santa program feel that helping parents and children share moments of celebration that make for new memories is part of the answer. Please join Sokol Spirit in expressing our support of this local charity.

THANK you in advance for your support and making the Holiday Season merrier!

And thank you for making an even happier New Year in 2023 for local children! A hearty NAZDAR in true 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 7.

Check your Email, Facebook and [www.sokolspirit.org](http://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 below!)



**Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SATURDAY,**  
**November 19, at 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Spirit Parking Lot**

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](mailto:bombage2@aol.com)  
-Cassie Croft (wreath sale coordinator)

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Sokol Spirit Oktoberfest—held Sat, Sept 10th





# Have you heard...?

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

October 16, 2022 US Open Wheel Gymnastic Competition was held at Willye White Gym in Chicago. Spirit Coach Emily Temmer took first place in the women's division..



Congratulations to Sisters Jennifer Baran, Debbie Shields & Brother Kevin Rutkowski on completing their 2nd 1/2 marathon to complete the triple crown (1 race in Chicago, Naperville & St. Charles for a total distance of 31.2 miles).



Congratulations to Sister Tricia & Brother Adam Rini on the birth of Baby Leonardo Peter Rini Born October 10th— 7lbs, 3oz.



Sister Jennifer & Brother Ryan Wasielewski welcomed Addison Lynn Wasielewski Born August 30th at 6lbs 5oz and 19.5 in



Guess who just celebrated her 99th birthday on October 4. Happy Birthday Sister Helen Sevcu. Helen is just one of our long-time members. She joined Sokol in 1940 and has been an avid supporter for over 80 years. Many happy birthday wishes, Helen. See you next year at your 100th!!



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.

~ **MEMORIAL FUND** ~

In memory of Bro. Joe Pajer *from Brother Ray & Sister Marilyn Lutha* ....\$25.00

In memory of Sis. MaryAnn Satek

*from Brother Ray & Sister Marilyn Lutha. . . . \$25.00*

*from Sister Pat Satek, Pam (Satek) Koning and Brother David Satek.....\$500.00*

~ **ADA FUND** ~

In Memory of Robert F Barcal *from Sister Ellie Babka. . . \$25.00*

— A Message from our Membership Committee—

Members: Just a reminder that Spirit \$70 dues are due on January 1, 2023. To avoid the rush, you can pay your dues online by following the link at [Sokolspirit.org](http://Sokolspirit.org). NOTE: if you enrolled your child in class or if you have enrolled in the Men's or Women's pm classes, your dues are probably paid for 2023. Text or call me at 708-715-2421 with any questions.

Thanks, Sister Dorothy Becker

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 remaining below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>
11/4/2022 @ Tabor	Tabor v United	Spirit v Tabor
<b>Playoffs</b>		
11/18/2022 @ Spirit	1st v 4th	2nd v 3rd
<b>Finals</b>		
12/2/2022 @ Tabor	3rd place match	1st place match







Juniors stuffing Halloween candy bags for the youth classes (anyone know a good dentist?)



Over, under & across they go!!!



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Cordially Invites You to Our

## **CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR**

Saturday, November 12th

9am – 3pm

Start your Holiday Shopping Now!

Crafters / Vendors / Food



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Trim-A-Tree - Sunday, November 13th

11am-noon

Brookfield Zoo



Join us at the Zoo to decorate Spirit's tree! Check with your child's instructor closer to November 13 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.

(See your class instructor if you need Zoo tickets or parking passes.)







Holiday greetings!  
*Holiday greetings!*



NOW is the time to send your Holiday greetings to your Sokol family and friends for inclusion 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 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. Linda Baran, c/o SpiritNews, 6641 Powell Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516
- 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!

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TO (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

GREETING (please write clearly):

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FROM:

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Remember: The deadline for Holiday Greetings: December 8!  
Thank you in advance for your donation to Sokol Spirit!



## 2022-23 Educational Line-Up of Czech Film Classes (English Subtitles)

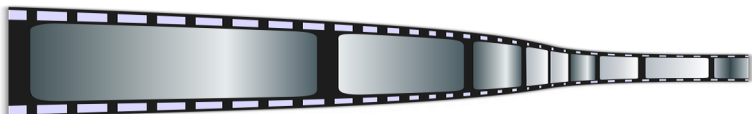
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month to coincide with the Sokol Spirit World Beer Club which starts at 8pm! The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. Our Czech language instructor will be introducing you to all the film background and will be there to answer questions. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> season! Mark your calendars now!

**November 18 You Kiss Like a God (*Libáš jako Bůh*)** 2009; 116 Minutes; PG; Comedy/Drama; English Subtitles. A likable high school French and literature teacher, whose healthy, light-hearted attitude has gained her popularity among teachers and students alike. Her personal life, however, has big surprises in store for her. Her extended family provides a wealth of opportunity for surprises. Life in the same apartment with her ex-husband, the successful writer Karel, problems with her widowed sister, her son's marital troubles, and grandmother new-found love all keep her so busy that she doesn't have time for her own life. And yet one day, just as she has all but given up on her dreams, something happens. A companion film, You Kiss Like a Devil was shown November 2017.

**December 16 The Snowdrop Festival (*Slavnosti sněženek*)** 1987; 84 Minutes; PG; Comedy/Drama; English Subtitles. Czechoslovak comedy film directed by Jiří Menzel, based on the book by Bohumil Hrabal, who plays a small part in the film. The film is set in a small village called Kersko (Central Bohemia where Hrabal retired). The film is about the lives, hobbies and relationships of people living in a small village.

### Mark your calendars for Spring 2023 films now, too!

**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 pokladny stal*), 1939/1951  
**May 19:** Howling with the Angels, 2006



More information about the whole line-up is on the Sokol Spirit website. Sokol Spirit's Education Committee reserves the right to change movies due to circumstances beyond their control.

Don't forget: World Beer Club follows in the building's lower level starting at 8pm!

## World Beer Club— November 18, December 16



Join Sokol Spirit every 3rd Friday of the 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. 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! :)





## Czech Language Classes 2022-23

### REGISTRATION/PAYMENT FORM

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

**Based on CDC guidance and students, classes may be held via Zoom**

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

- **Session II – 10 weeks, January 23 to March 27, 2023 - \$160** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Session III – 10 weeks, April 3 to June 12, 2023 - \$160** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

- **Session II – 10 weeks, January 25 to March 29, 2023 - \$160** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Session III – 10 weeks, April 5 to June 14, 2023 - \$160** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Part Time enrollment available with advance approval of teacher & notice of dates. Must register for the reduced # of classes upfront.**

**Part Time enrollment # \_\_\_\_\_ classes X \$16 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

• **Private Lessons # \_\_\_\_\_ Contact us for rates \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

• **Translation/Interpretation # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$30/hr = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Registrant

Please print clearly

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

(Last & First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Are you on Facebook? Y / N

Best time/phone to leave a message \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Payment for class/session:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_, Bank \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit card add \$5 fee - Contact Educ. Dir. Vera Wilt 708-268-9350 to pay by card

Classes are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom (not handicap accessible) or via Zoom-as needed

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**Recurring meetings resume!** All members welcome to the Unit meetings!

First Wednesday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

**November & December 2022:**

**November 5:** Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm

**November 7:** Wreath Sale orders due

**November 12:** Vendor Fair 9am-3pm

**November 18:**

Czech Film Event 7pm, World Beer Club 8pm

**November 21-27:** No classes

**December 8:** Holiday greetings due

**Save the dates:**

**December 16:** Czech Film Event 7pm, World Beer Club 8 pm

**December 26-January 15:** No Classes

**January 29:** Pancake Breakfast & Flapjack Open

Watch for information on our website or by email. All events at Sokol Spirit unless otherwise noted.



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



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