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October 2023

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

www.sokolspirit.org

We have had a very successful start to our Sokol year! Welcome to all new and returning members and families. Thank you for supporting our programs and events so far this year!

We began our Sokol year with our annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 9th! Mother Nature was on our side and we all had a great time. I would like to thank the Oktoberfest committee for all of their time and hard work to make this event a success. Also, thank you to everyone who came out and supported us.

Our Sokol classes are thriving as we do have a few classes that are at full capacity. Our classes will be having their Halloween parties during their class. We will be preparing for our trim a tree event at the Brookfield Zoo with the children creating ornaments for the tree. Tree decorating will be on Sunday, November 12th from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. All are invited to come and decorate the tree! Tree location is 570 North Mall. Further information will be coming from the instructors. Thank you to our Board of Instructors for all you do every week to make the Sokol program safe and fun for the participants.

Every new Sokol year brings a time for repairs and updates to our building. Over the last few months we have had roof repairs, waterproofing work and parking lot updates done. We will continue to keep our building safe, clean and updated for everyone. Thank you to the committee for your commitment in continuing to improve our building.

Please mark your calendars for some fun and exciting events over the next couple of months. We will start November with our monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m. On November 4th we will host our Spaghetti Dinner from 4- 7 p.m., The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Look for further information to come by mail. Bring your family and friends for a delicious spaghetti dinner!

The holidays are right around the corner! Come start your holiday shopping at our Craft and Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, November 11th from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. There will be vendors and crafters selling, jewelry, candles, food, Tupperware and much more! Looking to decorate your home for the holidays? Our annual wreath sale is going on right now. Information and order forms for our wreath sale are available at the gym or you can order from our website. There are many beautiful wreaths and arrangements

to decorate your homes! Orders are due by November 9th. Wreath pick up will be on Saturday, November 18th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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 20 – 26. Sokol Spirit has something for everyone over the next few months. Check your emails, social media and our website for updates to our events. Thank you for supporting Sokol Spirit in any way that you can throughout the year!

Also, during this holiday season let's remember that there is always something to be thankful for....family, friends, health and home.

Nazdar!

Kathy Barcal, President





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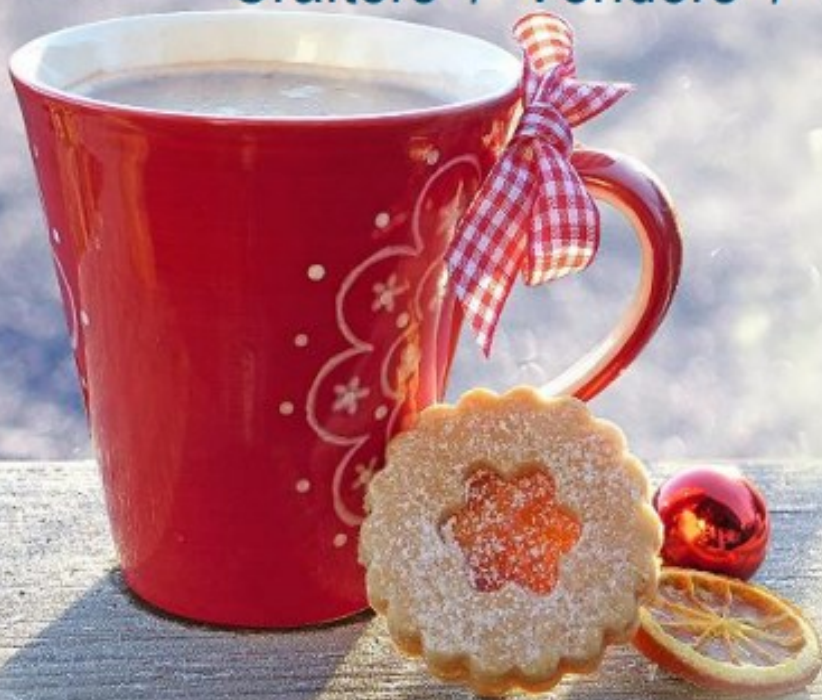
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CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, November 11th
9am – 3pm

Start your Holiday Shopping Now!

Crafters / Vendors / Food



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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 9.

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



Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit SATURDAY November 18, at 12:00pm-1:00pm at Spirit



Questions-reach out to your Sokol class instructor or

email me at bombage2@aol.com

-Cassie Croft (wreath sale coordinator)



Brookfield Farmer's Market Summer 2023

-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.

The Gymnastic Wheel was a big hit again, and through the efforts of our awesome volunteers, multiple Spirit classes reached capacity!

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



SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Saturday, November 4th
4pm-7pm**

*All you can eat
pasta, bread and
more...*

TICKETS

ADULTS \$10
KIDS (UNDER 12 YRS OLD) \$5

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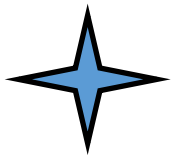
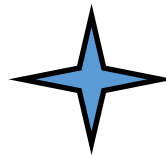
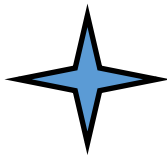
In memory of Sis. Helen Sevcu

from Dorothy and Charles Ptacek. . . \$25.00

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Important information from your financial secretary: Letters requesting dues for 2024 will be sent out shortly. If you are an adult that signed up for a class or are a parent who has a child in a class, you probably already paid your 2024 dues and will not receive a letter. All others, remember that dues are owed by January 1, 2024. The new rate is \$75 for a regular membership and \$50 for a college student or a member with 60+ years of continual Sokol membership.

Thanks,
Dorothy Becker, financial secretary



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| SAVE | AMERICAN SOKOL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL |
| JULY 13TH - JULY 21ST 2024 LEVELS: BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, ADVANCED II | THE |
| DATE | Sokol Cedar Rapids 5200 18th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  |



Holiday greetings!
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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 2**, and then watch for your greeting in the December newsletter! It's that easy!

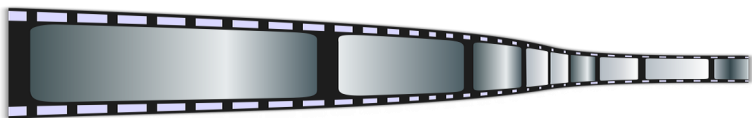
Get in the Spirit of the Holidays with your greeting now!

TO (optional): _____

GREETING (please write clearly):

FROM: _____

Remember: The deadline for Holiday Greetings: December 2!



PRESENTS ITS 2023-24 EDUCATIONAL LINE-UP OF CZECH FILM CLASSES

(English Subtitles) on the **3rd 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 10th season!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

2023

November 17 Charlatan/ Dryáčnik, 2020, 113 minutes, Subtitles, PG13, Docu-Drama. Czech-Polish-Irish-Slovak drama directed by Agnieszka Holland based loosely on the healer Jan Mikolášek, who cured hundreds of people using plant-based remedies. It was selected as the Czech entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 93rd Academy Awards making the February shortlist. It won five awards including Best Film at the 2021 Czech Lion Awards.

December 15, Chasing Fifty/ Padesátka, 2015, 97 minutes, Subtitles, PG. Comedy Set in the beautiful snowy Krkonoše Mountains, the film centers around the Three Kings 50 km Cross-Country Ski Race. The story holds the secret of one mountain family connecting stories of surrounding members of local community. The cast of characters includes a one-legged female skier, a snowmobile driver who doesn't drink on the Three Kings Holiday, an infertile womanizer, and a barman who delights in fortune telling.

Mark your calendars for 2024 films now, too!

February 16: Barefoot or Barefoot on Stalks/ Po strništi bos, 2017, 111 minutes, Subtitles, PG

March 15: Zátopek, 2021, 131 minutes, Subtitles, PG

April 19: Servants/ Sluhové, 2020, 80 minutes, B/W, Subtitles, PG Czechoslovakia, 1980.

May 17: Anthropoid, 2006, 120 minutes, Subtitles, PG In December 1941

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 17, December 15



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! :)

Sokol Fun “Educational” Facts

We generally say:

"A strong mind through a strong body" - the Czech version being "**V zdravém těle, zdravý duh**" literally "A healthy spirit in a healthy body"

Others are:

"**Na Zdar**" - "To success"

"**Ni zisk, ni sláva**" -- "Neither gain nor glory" for our dedicated volunteer spirit.

"**Kupředu, zpátky ni krok**" -- "Forward, not a step backward"

"**Prava vítězí**" -- "Truth Shall Prevail"

"**Lví silou, vzletem sokolí**" -- "With Lion's strength, and flight of the falcon"

SHHH! HO HO, HO HO HO, HO HO HO, HO, HO from the NORTH POLE, 2023



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WANTED: SECRET SANTA HELPERS to assist the Pillars Community (Nurse) Health Association, (www.pillarscommunityhealth.org) program in its 38th year with Rotary Club of LaGrange elves, (<https://lagrangerotary.com>). 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 22nd 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 23 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 for 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 2024 for local children! A hearty NAZDAR in true Sokol Spirit!

Sokol Spirit Oktoberfest—held Sat, Sept 9th





Czech Language Programs- FALL 2023 Information Sheet

This year, we have made some changes to our Czech Language program structure. Please review what should provide a more versatile and flexible structure for 2023/24.

Option 1: Conversational Czech for Life Learners

Monday Mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

This is our regular in-person class, held on Monday mornings, that has built friendships, with a light and playful approach to Czech basic conversation and basic grammar. Our goal is to socialize, have fun and learn some Czech along the way, in a friendly environment. ***New this year: we have moved this class to the large lower level hall!*** This provides more space to roam around in conversational practice, and fewer stairs for participants to climb. **More space helps us to welcome new students!**

Please Note: the former Wednesday class for advanced learners, which moved from in-person to Zoom during Covid, has been discontinued this year. We would be delighted to see our Wednesday students join the Monday Czech class, or try other programs offered this year.

New

Option 2: Individual Czech language lessons via Zoom OR In-person

Since our adult students are at various levels of Czech skills, and have different time flexibility, we have steered toward One-on-One individual sessions, at the student's skill level. Participants have option of Zoom or In-person lessons, by agreement.

New

Option 3: Virtual Czech language Social Club

We are starting a Zoom Social Czech Club, which is devoted to all friends and students who want to stay in touch, socialize, and talk about Czech culture and traditions, while we slip in some basic Czech conversation here and there. This social club will be held on Zoom, Sundays, once a month.

Everyone is invited to join in for some chit chat!

New

Periodic Cultural and Historical Programs via Zoom

We have had a lot of interesting questions from our students and friends, that we didn't have enough time to address in our previous classes or events. Therefore, we will have periodic presentations on various topics regarding Czechoslovak traditions and history. We look forward to any comments and suggestions that can shape the direction of our presentations. **Look for more information coming soon.**



Czech Language Programs- FALL 2023 REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FORM

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Option 1: Conversational Czech for Life Learners

Monday Mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

In Person classes- in lower level hall (some stairs) *Minimum enrollment of 3 students*

- Session I – 5 weeks, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2023 - \$80 \$_____
- Session II – 5 weeks, Nov. 6, 20, 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2023 - \$80 \$_____

Option 2: Individual Czech language lessons via Zoom/In-person

Schedule as agreed between Student and teacher @ \$30 per lesson, payable monthly

Month _____ # of lessons _____ x rate \$30 TOTAL \$_____

Option 3: Virtual Czech language Social Club

Meets 1 Sunday per month, at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Basic Czech conversations with life learners on familiar topics and more

Dates: October 8, November 5, & December 3 - all 3 sessions total \$30 \$_____

Registrant Please print Today's Date _____, 2023

(Last & First Name) _____
Address _____
City _____, State _____ Zip _____
Home phone ____/____ Cell phone ____/____ are you on Facebook? Y / N
Preferred phone to leave a message _____ Text OK? Y / N
E-mail _____
How did you hear about these classes/sessions? _____

Form of Payment for class/session:

_____ Check # _____, Bank _____;

_____ Cash \$ _____

_____ Credit/Debit - <https://www.sokolspirit.org/education/czech-classes/> - blue pay online button

Please complete and submit this form, no matter what form of payment you use.

Coming soon: Periodic Cultural and Historical Programs

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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 2023:

November 4: Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm

November 11: Vendor Fair 9am-3pm

November 12: Trim-a-Tree

November 17:

Czech Film Event 7pm, World Beer Club 8pm

November 18: Central District Turkey Tumble

November 20-26: No classes

Save the dates:

December 15: Czech Film Event 7pm, World Beer Club 8 pm

Dec18-Jan 7: No Classes

December 19:

Czech Film Event 7pm, World Beer Club 8pm

Jan 28: 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



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