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From our
President,
Vera Wilt

Dear Sokol Brothers and Sisters,

Sokol Spirit classes will be on Holiday break until the week of January 9, but then time will fly quickly toward Exhibition, competitions, Sokol Day, and Sokol Slet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in June. In preparation for the Exhibition, to be held at Riverside Brookfield High School on March 25, as well as for the quadrennial Slet, classes will be working on calisthenics, an all class special number, and gymnastics. The adults will also practice for Volleyball and a folkdance. Some classes will learn a class special number for Exhibition, as well as for Special Number Competition later.

Our Exhibition has the theme of "Homecoming", and we encourage you to come see your old friends as you would at any other homecoming. If you keep in touch with some people who were active Sokols in any of the units of Slavsky, Berwyn, Berwyn-Slavsky or Brookfield, please invite them to come to renew old friendships at our Exhibition and "afterglow" party on March 25th. We would love to see some of our old friends and reminisce about the "good old days".

Sokol Spirit is arranging a bus to the Slet, leaving here on Wednesday, June 21st and returning on Sunday, June 25th. It's not too early to book a room, to guarantee you will be at the main hotel, the Clarion at 525 33rd Ave. SW in Cedar Rapids. One or 2-bed rooms are \$79 per night plus taxes. Their phone number is: 319-366-8671. Tell them it is for the American Sokol group and have a credit card handy.

Before then, of course, we look forward to seeing you at the Sokol Spirit Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 8 AM to noon. A mailing will go out soon.

Congratulations to all the gymnasts who participated in the Central District Boys Skills & Artistic Gymnastics Competition and the Girls Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition. Boys' results and photos are in this newsletter. That was a snowy weekend, so we appreciate all the parents who got their children where they needed to be!

Czech movies with subtitles start up again in February on the first Friday of each month. They start at 7 PM, and we ask for a \$5 donation and in return, you get one beverage to enjoy during the movie.

World Beer Club continues to feature a different type of beer or beers from a specific country or region each month on the 3rd Friday of the month. It starts at 8PM. For \$10 you sample 6 different brews, and usually enjoy some special snacks especially selected to go with the beers.

Look for information on our Spring Quiz Night and other events at Sokol Spirit.

The Executive Committee of Sokol Spirit hopes that all your Christmas Wishes come true, and that you have a healthy and prosperous New Year 2017.

Na Zdar! Vera Wilt, President

Kids' Halloween Party - October 26



Halloween Party (continued)



A special thank you to the Spirit Juniors (left) for a super spooky haunted house this year. Many brave kids entered, and almost all of them came back out 😊. A lot of planning and set-up goes into making a successful haunted house for the kids to enjoy. As always, the Juniors did not disappoint. Thanks to the Juniors (and the Junior advisors) for making it a fun night for our princesses, superheroes, cowgirls and zombies.

Hey kids! *What was your favorite part of the Sokol Spirit Halloween party?*

Email spiritnews@hotmail.com with your name and answer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Women's Volleyball Tournament –November 20

One Junior girls team and three women's teams from Sokol Spirit played at the Central District Volleyball Tournament this year on November 20. The Junior girls (right) played early against two other Junior girls teams and our Spirit girls placed second. Over 20 women from the evening class played on Spirit's 3 women's teams. They enjoyed a day of competitive volleyball and had a great time. There were six teams in the women's tournament; Spirit I (below, left) came in 2nd place with Spirit II (below, right) and Spirit III not far behind in the rankings. We hope to have photos of the Women's Spirit III team in the next newsletter, along with photos and results of the Junior boys'/men's tournament that ended December 18.



Juniors' Report: The Juniors have been very busy this fall. They competed in Track & Field and put on a successful Spookhouse for the kids' classes. The juniors have even stepped outside their comfort zones and sang for our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The boys did a great job competing in their weekly volleyball games and the girls came in second place at their volleyball tournament.

Thank you for everyone who bought cookie dough, popcorn or had their lawns raked to support the Juniors! All your donations are appreciated and will be put to good use helping them travel to Cedar Rapids in 2017. Speaking of Cedar Rapids, stay on the lookout for a Sokol Spirit t-shirt that was designed by the junior class. Not only will your purchase of this shirt help the juniors raise funds for Slet, but it will also be a great way to show your 'Sokol Spirit'!



Annual Spaghetti Dinner –

November 19



The Men's class hosted its annual Spaghetti Dinner in November. Can you say YUMMY? There seemed to be a steady stream of hungry folks coming in for all-you-can-eat spaghetti.

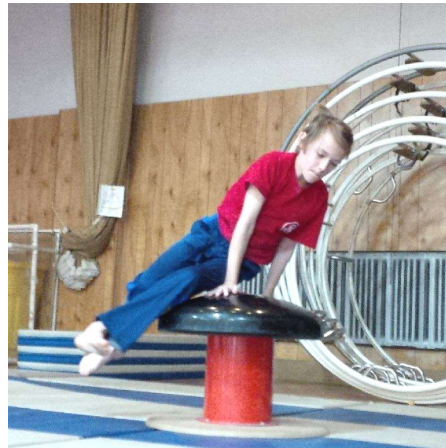
A special thanks goes to John Bazata for his time perfecting the sauce (which is always so worth it). Thanks to the Juniors and everyone who volunteered his/her time to help make the dinner a success. And thanks to those who supported this fundraiser by buying tickets, taking dinner to go, or enjoying dinner with Sokol friends and family.



Boys' and Junior Boys' Artistic Competition – December 10 – Sokol Spirit

Congratulations to all boys and Junior boys who competed on December 10. We all know how hard all of you worked to perfect your routines over the past few months. Your hard work paid off. We are very proud of you.

1 st /2 nd class boys	Level 3: (8-9 year olds)	Peter Rodriguez	1 st place
1 st /2 nd class boys	Level 3: (10-11 year olds)	Cole Heetel	1 st place
Junior boys	Level 4: (12-14 year olds)	Jake Heetel	1 st place
		Joseph Franco	2 nd place
Junior boys	Level 6: (12-14 year olds)	Max Pajer	1 st place
Junior boys	Level 5: (15-18 year olds)	Andy Corrigan	1 st place
		Chris Kurgan	2 nd place



Q: What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
A: Freeze a jolly good fellow!

World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month – 8:00 p.m.



January 20

February 17

March 17

Join Sokol Spirit once a 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. Beers will be rated by all tasters. Receive Punch card to earn a free month. Food item tasters will be coordinated with the featured region.

RSVP Appreciated 3 Days Prior to Each Event 708-692-8350

info@sokolspirit.org

Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

Sokol Spirit's

Pancake & Egg Breakfast



January 29, 2017

7:00 a.m. until Noon

Adults

Children Under 12

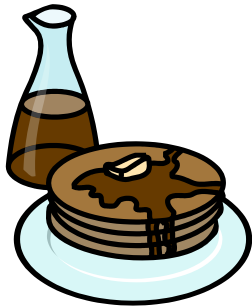
\$7.00

\$4.00

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast with good friends!!

Breakfast Includes:

*Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Coffee and Juice*



Tickets will be mailed to you soon. We hope you'll join us!

Let it Snow . . . Man!

What do you call a snowman in the summer?
A puddle!

What do you get if cross a snowman and a shark?
Frost bite!

What is a snowman's favorite snack?
Ice Krispy treats.

What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman?
Have an ice day!

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What's it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?
A meltdown!

What kind of money snowmen use in the North Pole?

Cold cash!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes.

What does a Snowman take when he gets sick?



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

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Our deepest sympathies go to the family of one of our longest members, Sis. Mildred Jezek, on her passing in November. Mil was an 81 year member of Sokol and 100 years young. Mil was always a strong supporter of Sokol and attended as many events as she could. She had two children, George (deceased) and Vera. She was living in Lake Geneva Wisconsin with her niece Linda Starek at the time of her passing. Her smile and joy will be missed by all her Sokol friends.

Sympathy to the Shrofe family on the loss of Sis. Carol Shrofe's brother, Eddie Jelinek, who was a long-time member and former president of Sokol Berwyn.

Also, sympathy to the family of Sis. Mary Ellen Newsom. Mary Ellen was the president of Sokol Chicagoland and 1st Vice President of the Central District. She passed away very suddenly in the middle of November. May she rest in peace.

Happy News! Congratulations to two of our favorite members who recently got engaged! Bro. Howie Maskill asked Sis. Alex Zahrobsky to join him in wedded bliss. We wish them much happiness.



← Sis. Nancy Pajeau promoting Sokol Spirit w/Sis. Ellie Babka (not pictured) at the Sr. Health & Wellness Fair at the Scottish Home.

We have been notified that one of our long-time members has moved! Sis. Slavia Sula has move to Belmont Village, 545 Belmont Lane, Apt 214, Carol Stream, IL 60188. We wish Slavia much happiness in her new home. Her phone number is 630-510-1515 which is NOT a direct line, but a number to the Belmont Village if you would like to reach her.

Newsletter: Did your kid do something great at school? Did he/she/you participate in a contest or sporting event? How about something that made you proud of someone? There is no donation required to post an announcement, so please email me at spiritnews@hotmail.com with your well-wishes or news. The next newsletter will be out in early March, so I would ask that you submit it by the middle of February.

Dues for 2017: By now, all members should have been contacted either by e-mail or regular mail that 2017 dues are now payable. If you have not received a notification or if you have any questions about your dues, please contact Dorothy Becker at 847-842-0390 or beckerd9749@sbcglobal.net. Please send in your dues promptly before the late-fee penalty kicks in. Dues can also be paid online at Sokolspirit.org.

Did you know? As a member you can use our hall for personal parties? The asking donation for use of the hall has been lowered to \$100. The only stipulation is that you clean up after your event and leave the hall in the same, or better, shape than when you found it. Call Bro. Mark Shrofe for more information at 708-485-9663 and leave a message, or visit our website sokolspirit.org.

~ **MEMORIAL FUND** ~
In memory of Millie Jezek

From the Starek and Van Maren families. \$100.00

From the Ellison family. \$30.00

From Hank and Dorothy Becker. \$25.00

Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items to the attention of
Kathe Heetel, 1233 Woodside, La Grange Park, IL 60526 for inclusion in the newsletter.



Sokol Spirit's 1st Friday (of the Month) Films

2016-17 Season Czech Film Series (English subtitles)

(3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Upstairs in the Czech Language 2nd Floor Classroom)

Donation: \$5/person. 7:00 -9:30 pm with discussions lead by Pavlina Reichlova, Czech language head teacher and on operas with Marvin Lanzel. Pop/Water or first pilsner beer free!

February 3 I Served the King of England/ *Obsluhoval jsem anglického krále* 2007, 113 minutes, R-Drama, Comedy
Dreaming of becoming a millionaire, a short, but ambitious a Czech works his way into a posh pre-war luxury spa. where his marriage to a Hitler-loving *fraulein* provides him with a golden opportunity to make his fondest wish come true. The movie provides a look at the glamorous life at an old-world Prague hotel. Academy Award winner and write Jiri Menzel movie.

March 3 Return of the Prodigal Son/ *Návrat ztraceného syna* 1967, black/white, 103 minutes PG-A raw
psychological drama. An engineer unable to adjust to the world around him following his suicide attempt is at heart a scathing portrait of social alienation and moral compromise. A Czech New Wave movie.

April 7 Something Like Happiness/ *Štěstí* 2005, 98 minutes, R-Drama Three young adults must sort out feelings and responsibilities...a deceptively easy-going film. Writer/director Bohdan Sláma has captured those type of childhood friendships grown into maturity which are encircled by loosely connected sets of parents all long time acquaintances because of their kids. This global phenomenon is given a sharp pang with its local setting, a dream-crushing industrialized part of the Czech Republic, and Sláma works the two dynamics to bittersweet effect.

Sokol Spirit's 3rd Tuesday of the Month Cultural Programming

2016-17 Season Theme: Czech Music Stories

(3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Upstairs in the Czech Language 2nd Floor Classroom)

Donation \$5/person 7:00 - 9:30 pm with discussions lead by Pavlina Reichlova, Czech language head teacher
Pop/Water or first pilsner beer free! **JOIN US IN LIVELY CONVERSATION and perhaps learning some new family traditions. Questions ? Email czechclass@sokolspirit.org**

January 17 The Story of Czech National Anthem and Frantisek Skroup The Czech Anthem was born in Czech theater, during the National movement. The song came from a play, *Fidlovacka*. The verses and melody became catchy that it was chosen to be the Czech national anthem. The story of Czech anthem with translation will be provided.

February 21 Czech Legends and their connection to Czech music – Smetana's *Libuse* Czech Legends were a favorite opera inspiration for Bedrich Smetana, who composed during the Czech Nationalistic movement. He composed several operas which had a historically similar context. The opera *Libuse* became most famous due to its melody of Queen *Libuse*, who predicted the glory of Prague and established the Dynasty of *Premyslovci* in the Bohemian Kingdom.

March 21 Leos Janacek and *Otevřeni studanek* and small workshop constructing an Easter straw cross Easter is not only time for egg decorating and Easter folklore traditions. There is also a custom of cleaning the springs around Easter time. Springs, little streams were the main source of drinking water for Czech people. Therefore, they organized cleaning projects to refurbish the spring or natural dwell after the winter season. The tradition was an inspiration for Leos Janacek, who brought many of folklore customs into his music. Materials may be extra to construct the cross.

Czech Language/Conversation Classes

MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 8 weeks \$155 per Session/Minimum 3 students. **Session II: January 9, 2017** – February 27; **Session III: April 3, 2017** – June 5; Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18)

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 Weeks \$140 per Session/Minimum 5 students. **Session II: January 4, 2017** – March 22; **Session III: April 5, 2017** – June 21. Textbook: Basic Czech.

Please Note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened.

Holiday Greetings!



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*- Love, Bob, Kathy, Ryan,
Kaitlyn & Michael Barcal*

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, too! Nazdar!

- Dick and Marie Ptacek

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Holiday Season! Peace, love and healing.

- Jacki Ptacek-Rada and family

Wishing everyone peace, good health and happiness in the New Year.

- Millie Pultorak

Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok.

- Helen Sevcu

Wishing you all a wonder Holiday season.

- Gloria and Chas Schultz

Veselé Vánoce to all.

- Angeline Bultas

Happy Holidays to my Sokol family and friends.

- Joanne Bazata

Holiday greetings to all of you.

- Lisa Kotynek & family

As 2016 ends all too quickly, may the Holidays and Year 2017 be one of the best for all in our Sokol family.

- Bernie & Ellie Babka

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year! Nazdar!

- Vlasta Stribrny

Veselé Vánoce!

- Bruce & Diana Rhoades

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

- The Husak family

Wishing you happiness and good health in the holiday season and the New Year!

- The Pajer & Heetel families

Best wishes for the Holidays and happiness throughout the New Year!

- The Zitko family

Happy Holidays!

- The Becker family

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

- John, Debbie, Johnny, Jimmy & Abby Milas and Walter Uniejewski

Warmest holiday greetings & best wishes in the New Year to you all from Hebron, Kentucky. Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok.

- Lynne Goodridge

Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

- Barda and Rus families

Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok. Happy Healthy Holidays!

- Linda Bednar

Holiday Greetings from the Rocush clan:

Chuck and Carol Rocush; Casey & Lindsay Rocush; C.J., Gina, Mila, A.J. & Audrey Rocush; Steve, Colleen, Cali & Chaz Swinarski; Scott, Cara, McAna & Jordan Craft.

To all my Sokol brothers and Sisters: Have a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. You always have a

family at Sokol Spirit.

- Vera Wilt



Calendar of Events

January and February 2017:

January 2: Senior A.M. class resumes
Week of January 9: Classes resume
January 17: Cultural program – 7pm
January 20: World Beer Club – 8pm
January 29: Pancake Breakfast 7am-noon
February 3: First Friday Film – 7pm
February 17: World Beer Club – 8pm
February 21: Cultural program – 7pm

First Wednesday 7:30pm	Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting
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Save the Dates:

March 3: First Friday Film – 7pm
(and your newsletter editor's bday)
March 17: World Beer Club – 8 pm
March 21: Cultural program – 7pm
March 25 – Annual Exhibition, Riverside-Brookfield H.S.
April 7: First Friday Film – 7pm
April 30: Membership Dinner - afternoon
(all events at Sokol Spirit unless specified)

See the website for more information about these and other events.



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



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