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**June 2013**

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## Summer Time Sokol Fun!

From our  
President,  
Adam Wilt

After some terrible weather, Summer is finally here! Our Sokol Spirit participants have started by representing our unit at Bohemian National Cemetery for their Memorial Day Services and then again at the LaGrange Pet Parade. This is just the start of seeing Sokol Spirit throughout the summer.

The next big event is the 2013 Sports Festival (a.k.a. American Sokol Slet) from June 25-30 in Milwaukee, WI. Sokol Spirit has nearly 80 participants signed up to attend this event. Even if you aren't planning to attend for the entire week I encourage you to join us for the Closing Ceremonies Event at Hart Park on Saturday, June 29th. This event is the big finish for the week and will be capped by a fun after party at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Milwaukee.

For the rest of the summer I encourage you to keep an eye out for Sokol Spirit in Brookfield at their annual Fourth of July Event. We will also be at the Brookfield Farmers Markets (in the Brookfield Village Hall Lot) on Saturday's throughout the summer.

Starting in July we will also have some new youth programs. These will be in the early evening on Wednesdays. In July we will have a Circus class featuring Wheel Gymnastics, Aerials and Juggling. Then for August we will have a youth Soccer Skills programs. Both of these are a little different than our typical offerings but should be an exciting lead-in to our 2013-14 Sokol Season (which starts in September).

If are interested in any of these events/programs, in using our facilities or in getting more involved with the organization then please contact [info@sokolspirit.org](mailto:info@sokolspirit.org). Have a safe and wonderful summer! NAZDAR!

## “Wheelin’ in Milwaukee” – June 25-30, 2013



This theme bridges characteristics of Sokol and the state of Wisconsin. The American Sokol is based on the sport of gymnastics. The cart *wheel* is a very basic skill most gymnasts learn at a young age and are also performed by the young at heart. We have a very successful Sokol Cirque program featuring acrobatics, stunting and dance using large *wheels*. Wisconsin is known as the Dairyland state, thus being a large producer of cheese - think cheese *wheels*! Milwaukee serves as the headquarters for Harley-Davidson. Will you ride your own motorcycle *wheels* to join us? If not, you will certainly use some type of transportation with *wheels* to participate or be a spectator at this event. Information regarding the hotel, competitions, socials, tours, and more is posted at <http://american-sokol.org/2013sportsfestival.php>

# Sokol Spirit Exhibition – March 30, 2013



Picture from our March 30th Exhibition! What a fine lookin' group!!

*Please find below a corrected list of the Board of Instructors. Sorry for the error in the Exhibition Program Book.*

## Board of Instructors

2012 - 2013

KATHY BARCAL..... Directors.....HOWIE MASKILL

ELLIE BABKA.....1<sup>ST</sup> ASSISTANT

DEBBIE SIMIK.....2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT

DOROTHY BECKER.....SECRETARY

LINDA BARAN.....Youth Ambassador

DEBBIE SIMIK & WENDY SANDERS – Uniforms

**TONY & KERRY LEMONT**                      **TOTS**  
Assistants: Michelle Noga, Heidi & Mike Kotynek,  
Rachel Lemont

**KANDI PAJER**                                      **1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS GIRLS**  
Assistant: Suzanne Mazgay  
Helpers: Colleen Swinarski, Tricia Leja, Rachel  
Lemont

**JOHN BAZATA**                                      **1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS BOYS**  
Assistant: Eddie Zempich

**AMI BAZATA**                                      **2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS GIRLS**  
Assistant: John Bazata

**EDDIE ZEMPICH**                                      **2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS BOYS**  
Assistants: John Bazata & Linda Baran

**CASSIE CROFT**                                      **JUNIOR GIRLS**

**ELLIE BABKA**                                      **ADULT CO-EDS**

Assistant: Bernie Babka

**JOHN BAZATA**                                      **JUNIOR BOYS**  
Assistants: Eddie Zempich, Linda Baran

**MARY NOVAK**                                      **WOMEN**  
Assistants: Members of the Women's Class

**BOB BARCAL**                                      **MEN**  
Assistants: Members of the Men's Class

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## OFFICERS OF THE JUNIOR BOARD

Directors  
**KAITLYN BARCAL**                                      **JAKE PAYNE**  
**CHARLEY DOMABYL - Secretary**  
**GREG BARAN - Treasurer**

**ADVISOR TO THE JUNIOR BOARD**  
Sis. Linda Baran

## Membership Dinner – April 16, 2013



Member/Years of Membership
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|-----------------------|
| Bernie Babka – 50     |
| Kathy Barcal – 20     |
| Robert Barcal – 30    |
| Robert Baumruk – 25   |
| Helen Caldwell – 75   |
| Debbie Croft – 20     |
| Kyle Cruz – 20        |
| Joseph Domansky–70    |
| Blanche Dunn – 75     |
| Joseph Dusek – 35     |
| Lisa Fallara – 15     |
| Karen Frank – 10      |
| Richard Fuchs – 5     |
| Veronica Hiltcher – 5 |

*Pictures taken by David Makdah*

Congratulations to the members who celebrated membership anniversaries at the Sokol Spirit Membership dinner on April 16. Certificates and pins were presented, and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner along with great fellowship and memories. The following people have anniversaries in 5-year increments this year. Among the special honorees present were 70 year members Robert Jilek, Charles Schultz and Blanche Wostratzky (above, left)...Joseph Domansky could not be there. Of special note were our 75 year members and of them Helen Caldwell and Erma Janecka (above, right) were able to join us. Blanche Dunn also celebrates 75 years of membership in 2013, but could not attend.

At the dinner we also initiated and welcomed new member Ryan R.J. Barcal and welcomed Martha Klybert who joined last fall.

Welcome to the following new members who have joined recently through our campaign to entice new members through new programs and family persuasion: Ryan Shields joined us in February and Mary Sanders joined in May. A special welcome back to Elizabeth Cernota Clark who lives in Texas, but we hope to see her if she comes to visit her "old stomping grounds".

On May 13 and 14, we held another member appreciation event at the gym, around class times. I know that those who don't actually go to classes usually miss these events, so I repeat them at the next following unit meeting. The annual meeting provided that opportunity. This time we offered treats of Chocolate Chip cookies and gifts of Sokol Spirit Post-It notes and stickers. Thank you to my daughter, Alix, for filling in for me when I could not be there to offer the membership rewards.  
Vera Wilt, Membership Chairman

### BIRTHDAYS!!!!

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	
Sam Coath	Rachel Lemont	Lilian Kotynek	Cadence Roberts
Max Pajer	Wyatt Morriss	Mike Kotynek	Isaiah Sokol
Anna O'Keefe	Zachary Picton	Chloe Kotynek	Athanasius Sokol
Lana Papadatos	August Riedel	Donovan Blanhuciak	Cali Swinarski

Clare Ruska  
Isabella Smith

David Sabeckis

Christina Coleman  
Jake Heetel  
Kristina Mijailovic  
Alanna Gorman

Noah Morriss  
Gregory Baran  
Marina Neskovec  
Maeve Ohlinger

(If we missed anyone we are  
truly sorry and you get to stay a year younger)

### From the Youth Ambassador:

Congratulations to all Sokol Youth for another successful year. You have tumbled, hurdled and exercised your way through all the challenges. If you didn't get your Passport from your instructor, please be sure to stop by at Registration in September and grab it so you can continue to accumulate your stickers. Prizes await those who are able to fill their Passports. If you are looking for something fun to do, you can try out one of our new summer classes. There are big changes on the horizon and September starts our next journey to fitness and fun together. I wish you all a happy, healthy, safe summer and hope that you continue to practice some of the skills you learned this year in your classes. Nazdar!

Linda Baran



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### Sokol Spirit returns to the Brookfield Farmer's Market Summer 2013!

June 15, 22  
July 13, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
September 7, 14

held at the Brookfield Farmer's Market held every Sunday  
320 Brookfield Avenue.

are also looking for members to help volunteer and run the booth  
this year! Contact Cassie at [bombage2@aol.com](mailto:bombage2@aol.com) to sign up to

*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing....and the lawn mower is broken.*

## Falcon Key Club 2013

The following people generously donated to our Falcon Key Club for 2013. Their names were published in the Exhibition Program Book, but we also wanted to acknowledge their contributions in our newsletter. Two contributors also asked McDonald's Corporation to match their own gifts thus doubling the amount. The Falcon Key Club is just one way you can support the unit if you cannot help in other ways. We are extremely grateful for all the donations sent.

### Nestbuilders

Bednar-Marek  
Families  
Angeline Bultas  
Martha Hovorka  
Michael & Heidi  
Kotynek\*\*  
Paul & Susan  
Kucera\*\*  
Helen Sevcu  
Maribeth Kovar-Tooke  
John Tooke

\*\* indicate people who  
also contributed  
matching funds from  
McDonald's Corp.

### Keyholders

Dorothy Becker  
Braun Family  
Ellen Duvall  
Michelle Humowiecki  
George Lacina  
John Satek  
MaryAnn Satek

Blanche Wostratzky

### Nestlings

Marge Amlie  
Brandi Arnold  
Nestlings (cont.)  
JoAnne Bazata  
Marie Bultas  
Lynne Goodridge  
Mildred Jezek  
Rudolph Ondrovic

Bob Orsula  
Elmer Pavlas  
Emily Polacek  
Peter Rodriguez  
Marianne Ronquillo  
Charles Schultz  
Gloria Schultz  
Semir Smajlovic  
Fledglings  
Bernie Babka  
Ellie Babka

Helen Caldwell  
Richard Fuchs  
Jacquelyn Fuchs

Erma Janecka  
Marilyn Michyeta  
Richard Ptacek

Marie Ptacek  
Susan Seiffert  
Slavia Sula

Alexandra Zahrobsky  
Jeanette Zahrobsky

## Special Number Competition – April 20, 2013

We are proud of our classes who participated in the Special Number Competition. In order, here are pictures of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Girls, Tots, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Girls, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Boys' numbers. Congrats are in order for our Juniors and Seniors who performed their special number at the annual Central District Special Number Competition. The Spirit group won their division!





The senior mixed number was chosen to perform at the Opening Ceremonies at the Sports Festival in Milwaukee! Cheers to this hard-working group! You will represent Sokol Spirit well at the national Slet.



### Artistic Competitions – May 18, 2013

Sokol Spirit participated in Artistic Gymnastic Competitions. Results and photos will be featured in the next issue. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to learn and perfect routines. We are proud of you all!

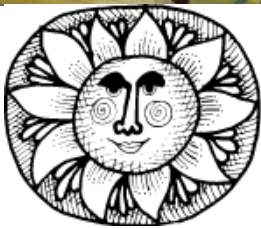
### LaGrange Pet Parade – June 1, 2013

Again this year Sokol Spirit participated in the LaGrange Pet Parade. We had a great turnout and a perfect day for a parade. The Wheels were a big hit with the crowd. No pictures yet – we'll have some in the next issue. Thank you to all who represented Sokol. For those of you who don't want to miss the parade if you participate: we were able to see the whole parade (and our Sokol kids got a lot of candy and goodies) from our line-up spot. Hope you'll consider joining us next year!

This is a picture of our Senior AM class, taught by Sister Ellie Babka (assisted by Brother Bernie Babka).

Come down in the Fall and join us every Tuesday morning 9:30 a.m..

Average age: Approx. 80, so don't think you're too 'up in years' to do some bending and stretching. ☺



# SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644

Get well wishes to Carol Shrofe. We hope you are feeling better soon.

Brother Marvin and Sister Chris Lanzel just returned from Germany following a visit with their daughter, Alex.

Con"grad"ulations to all graduates!!  
(especially Cole Heetel – Kindergarten graduate) ☺



Welcome to Jeremy Ryan Keefe. He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Sister Jenny (Polk) Keefe and Bobby Keefe.

The parents of Sister Jennifer Baran are pleased to announce that she successfully completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance from St. Ambrose University this May. She graduated summa cum laude with a terrific 3.92 GPA. Jenn was inducted into 3 Honor Societies at the University: Delta Mu Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Chi. She also completed her collegiate bowling career with a career average of 171 on some very difficult oil patterns. She is currently temping as she looks for full time employment. She is looking forward to her trip to Milwaukee to catch up with her Sokol brothers and sisters. Way to go Jenn!!

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Our sympathy to the family of long-time Sokol member Brother John Satek who passed away on April 28. The wake was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Svec Funeral Home from 2pm to 8pm and a Sokol service was held at 7pm.

Our sympathy also to the family of Elinore Stirek, sister of JoAnne Bazata. Although Elinore was not a member, she would come to many Sokol events, especially the Rummage Sale.

## ~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In Memory of John M. Satek

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Becker Family. . . . . 50.00  | Fran & John Wilkinson<br>\$50.00 | Ed Rackus. . . . . \$25.00    |
| Jerry & Elaine Zitko.\$50.00  | Henry & Lisa Kotynek \$10.00     | Susan J Wexler. . . . \$25.00 |
| Virginia Fernandes. . \$15.00 |                                  | Debbie Milas. . . . . \$10.00 |

Walter & Ruth Uniejewski  
\$10.00

Theresa & Larry Linton  
\$25.00

Jan & Chuck Kalat. . . \$50.00

Val Husak. . . . . \$10.00

Julie & Scott Massey \$40.00

Jim Sprtel. . . . . \$25.00

Domansky & Wostratzky  
families. . . . . \$20.00

Nutrition Services Dearborn County Hospital. . . . . \$50.00

Ellie Wombacher. . . \$25.00

In Memory of Marion Ondrovic from Rudy Ondrovic. . . . . \$25.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

Ellie & Bernie Babka. . . \$25.00

Helen Sevcu. . . \$20.00

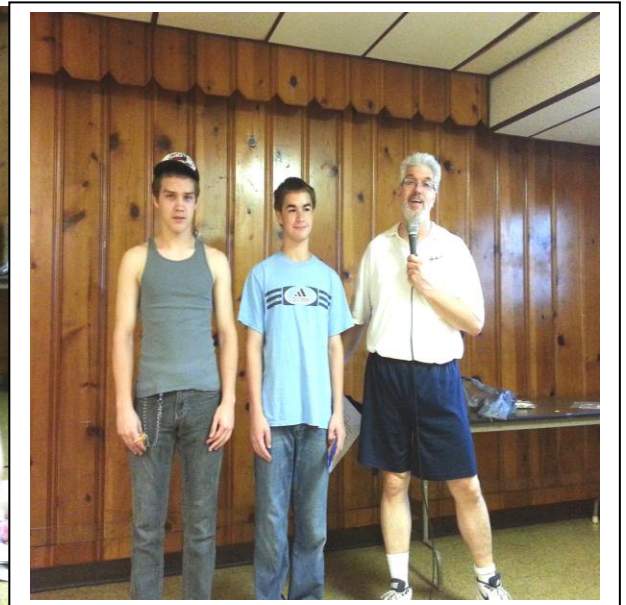
Slavia Sula. . . . . \$20.00

In Memory of John Satek from Blanche Wostratzky. . . \$10.00

In Memory of Jeri Domansky from Blanche Wostratzky. . . \$10.00

End of the Year pictures!

Hope to see all of these smiling faces (and many more) back next year!!





## CZECH FILM SERIES / CZECH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sokol Spirit's 1st Friday of the Month 2013 CZECH FILM SERIES (English subtitles) – Donation \$4/person 7-9:30pm with discussions lead by Pavlina Dropka, lead Czech teacher in the Czech Classroom..... Pop/Water or 1st pilsner beer free!

June 7<sup>th</sup>: LIDICE..Part historical poem, part love story, the core issue is extraordinary events clashing into the ordinary events of life. The large-scale events of the war are brought into human terms, as the film follows small-town love affairs and everyday white lies that set the groundwork for the eventual destruction of the village, and it is the humanity of the village, rather than the often quoted numbers of victims, that makes the massacre a tragedy worth remembering. (126 minutes)-R rating NOTE: On Sunday, June 9th, the Czech American Congress holds a ceremony in Cresthill at the Lidice Monument. A bus trip is planned and leaves from Klas Restaurant and Sokol Spirit in the morning. The event takes place at 11a.m. Further info call Sokol Spirit member Brother George Lacina at 708/749-0037.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Občan Václav Havel na dovolené /CITIZEN VACLAV HAVEL GOES ON VACATION...The documentary focuses on a little-known episode in the Czechoslovakian dissident's life when he decided to test the boundaries of his totalitarian state by taking an extended vacation, visiting friends all over the Czech countryside in August of 1985 (after Charter 77 and prior to the formation of the new government at which he would be the 1st president). Subjects include Czechoslovakian dissenters; totalitarianism; Politics and government of Czechoslovakia 1945-1992 and the social conditions (77 minutes)-G rating NOTE: Scenes of Sokols performing callisthenic routines on the field in the Strahov Stadium at the introduction and conclusion.

September 6<sup>th</sup>: KOLJA/KOLYA Winner of the 1996 Academy Award and Golden Globe as Best Foreign Language film, this irresistible comedy treat was embraced by critics and audience everywhere! A confirmed bachelor is in for the surprise of his life when a get-rich-quick scheme backfires...setting off a wild set of circumstances—and leaving him with a pint-sized new roommate! Now, with a mischievous five-year-old named Kolya suddenly in his care...life in this once carefree playboy's tiny apartment changes faster than he could ever imagine! Uplighting and endlessly funny. (105 minutes)-PG-13 rating Sponsored by the Foreign Language Committee of Sokol Spirit Questions? czechclass@sokolspirit.org

### **CZECH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION/MUSIC/APPRECIATION CLASSES:**

**STARTING Monday September 9th @ 7-8:30pm, BEGINNING INSTRUCTION** – 1 1/2 hours through November 25<sup>th</sup> – 12 sessions \$125; Minimum 6 students Custom Handbook Sister Pavlina, Dropka, head teacher

**STARTING Wednesday September 11th @ 7-8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE INSTRUCTION-1 1/2 hours** through December 18<sup>th</sup>-15 sessions \$110; Minimum 9 students Custom Handbook Sister Pavlina, Dropka, head teacher

**STARTING Saturday SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30-10am, LIFE LEARNERS** – 1 1/2 hours through December 7<sup>th</sup> 10 sessions \$105; Minimum 6 students Textbook/CD available for \$45: Czech, Step by Step by Lida Hola, 2008 edition Sister Lenka Mezera, head teacher

NEWWWWWWWWWWWWW.....

**STARTING Saturday SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10-11:30am, CZECH/SLOVAK LAND JEWELS** – 1 ½ hours through October 16<sup>th</sup> 8 sessions \$90; Or \$12 per drop-into class; Minimum 6 students Sisters Pavlina Dropka and Lenka Mezera team rotating teaching Custom Handouts ...in January, 2014 this series will continue with Czech/Slovak History/ Sites

**STARTING Tuesday, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7-8pm, CZECH SOKOL JUKE BOX**– 1 hour through November 5<sup>th</sup> 6 sessions \$50; Minimum 6 students Sister Pavlina Dropka, head teacher

**STARTING Thursday, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7-8:30pm, CZECH LANGUAGE CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS** – 1 ½ hours through November 21<sup>st</sup> 8 sessions \$90; Minimum 6 students Sister Pavlina Dropka, head teacher  
Please note if the minimum students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened.

Sponsored by the Foreign Language Committee of Sokol Spirit Questions? [czechclass@sokolspirit.org](mailto:czechclass@sokolspirit.org)

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES to be taught through the VILLAGE OF BROOKFIELD this Fall, 2013.** Sister Lenka Mezera and Brother John Tooke, team teaching This class will probably be inside the Brookfield Village Hall with two 4-week, two days a week or 8 sessions/16 sessions starting in October, 2013, negotiations pending.

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Czechoslovak American Congress presents its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Czechoslovak Festival Sunday July 28, 2013  
*Kiwanis Park, 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield (by Brookfield Village Hall near Metra Station)*  
Starts at 11:00 a.m. Traditional Food, Drinks, Booths, Music and Dancing, featuring live traditional music and United Moravian Societies Sohajka Dance Group. Enjoy – and bring extra chairs!!



First Wednesday Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm  
Third Monday Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm  
*No summer meetings (meetings reconvene in September (4<sup>th</sup>))*

**Summer 2013:**

**June 25-30** - Wheelin' in Milwaukee  
**July 4** – Brookfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
**July 27-August 3** – National Summer Camp

**Save the Dates:**

**September 14** – Class Registration/  
Start-of-another-great-year celebration event  
**Week of September 16** – Classes begin

A HUGE THANK YOU to the officers of the unit, Kathy Barcal and Howie Maskill, directors of our gym classes, and all the volunteers for their outstanding dedication to Sokol Spirit this year. A big Na Zdar!!!

Don't be shy! Send us your news and/or photos! Please put [SpiritNews@hotmail.com](mailto:SpiritNews@hotmail.com) in your address book today. We'd love to hear from you!!

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