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March 2014

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www.sokolspirit.org



Join us for our annual Exhibition and celebration!

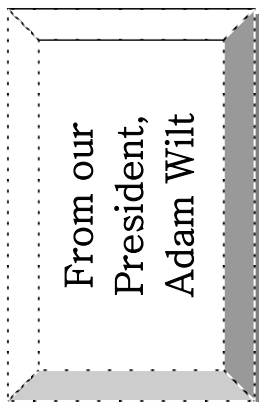
Saturday, March 15, 2014

5:30 p.m.

George Washington Middle School

8101 Ogden Ave, Lyons, IL

Tickets available at the door. Party to follow at the gym!



It's the most Wonderful time of the (Sokol) Year!

That's right, it's Exhibition Season! This is the time of year where Chicago area Sokol members get the treat of FIVE local Sokol Exhibitions (including our own on Saturday, March

15th) AND to cap it off a Special Number Competition on Saturday, April 12th at the Lyons Township H.S. North Campus. While this is something many of our long time members take for granted, it is something we should appreciate as it is a treat that most American Sokol members do not have in their area. Please take the time to join us for our Sokol Spirit Exhibition, but also take some time to attend at least one other local exhibition.

This is a great opportunity to show our support of our Sokol Brothers and Sister and to share with them our Sokol Spirit. Stay tuned to more Sokol Spirit events and activities at www.sokolspirit.org.

NAZDAR!

2014 Chicago Area Sokol Exhibitions

March 8 @ 6 p.m. – Sokol Tabor
Sokol Tabor Hall
1602 Clarence Avenue, Berwyn

March 9 @ 2 p.m. – Sokol Chicagoland
Elite Sports Complex
6360 Belmont Road, Downers Grove

March 15 @ 5:30 p.m. – Sokol Spirit
George Washington Middle School
8101 Ogden Avenue, Lyons

March 21 @ 7 p.m. – Sokol Naperville-Tyrs
Naperville Central High School
440 Aurora Avenue, Naperville

March 29 @ 6:30 p.m. – Sokol Stickney
George Washington Middle School
8101 Ogden Avenue, Lyons



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

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Our sympathies to the family of Brother Joe Domansky passed away on Dec. 22, 2013. He was a former Sokol Slavsky member (with his deceased wife Jerri) and then transferred to Sokol Brookfield when they moved. Joe was an excellent gymnast while at Slavsky. He was engaged to Jerri on Blanche and Clar's (Wostratzky) wedding evening reception. They were married the following May 3rd, 1947.

Henry Kotynek, a 43 -year member of Sokol died February 26, 2014. He was a great supporter of Sokols Slavsky, Berwyn-Slavsky, and Spirit along with his loving wife, Liselotte. Funeral services were private. Our deepest condolences to the entire Kotynek family.



Woo-hoo! Look who just joined the "80" Club that makes up at least 1/3 of Sokol Spirit's very active Sr. Co-Ed class. Sis. Marilyn Michyeta enjoyed the celebration in grand style and will be topping it off with a vacation cruise to Mexico. Ay, ay, ay!

Why don't you iron four-leaf clovers? *Because you don't want to press your luck.*

Track & Field Results – October 12 (sorry to report so late, still important none-the-less)

1st and 2nd Class Girls

AGE	NAME	AWARD/ Ribbon
5	Jenna Noga	White
6	Scarlet Pajer	1st
	Julie Roberts	Tie-3rd
	Kaitlin Gillette	Blue
	Madisyn Mazgay	Blue
	Laura Geisert	Red
	Kaitlyn Mazgay	Red
	Hannah Gillette	Red
	Lucy Daugherty	Red
	Ashly Roberts	White
7	Emily Roberts	Blue
	Julianne Noga	Red
	Rylin Conway	Red
	Mia Martinic	Red
	Jenna Pennington	White
8	Theresa Lemont	Blue
	Emma Garescne	Red
9	Lejla Smaljovic	Blue
10	Marketa Mackova	Blue
	Amanda Suvetor	Red
	Claire Podczerwinski	Red
	Haily Pedtrio	White
	Amy Donnelly	White
11	Kayla Johnston	1st
	Gabby Madovic	Blue
	Alexis Suvetor	Red

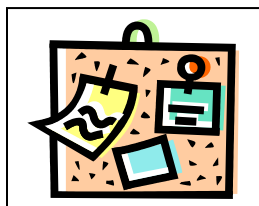
Junior Girls and Women's

AGE	NAME	AWARD/ Ribbon
12-14	Ruth Hruska	Blue
	Caroline Geisert	Red
	Rachel Lemont	Red
	Alex Gatsos	Red
	Lilly Smith	White
15-18	Kaitlyn Barcal	Red
women 50-59	Kathy Barcal	1st

1st and 2nd Class Boys and Junior Boys

AGE	NAME	AWARD/ Ribbon
5	Peter Rodriguez	1st
	Carmine Fallara	Red
6	Cole Heetel	Red
7	Dean Papodgianis	Red
	Jude Ostendorf	White
8	Max Pajer	1st
	Jake Heetel	T-2nd
	Donovan Blachuciak	Red
	Wyatt Morriss	Red
	Michel Ostendorf	White
	David Sabeckis	White
	Brandon Tello	White
12	Noah Morriss	1st
	Zach Picton	Blue
Juniors 12-14	Chris Kurgan	1st

2nd class boy Noah Morriss set an all-time Track and Field record for High Jump at 50 inches. *That's over 4 feet!* All of the competitors worked hard to get ready for their meets. Congratulations to everyone who participated. You made us 'field' good!



Spirit members! Have an announcement? Interesting article? Event? Send it to me and I will place it in our gym for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to mail me your postings and I'll get the word out: Cassie Croft bombage2@aol.com

Don't be shy! Send us your news and/or photos for the newsletter! Please put SpiritNews@hotmail.com in your address book today. We'd love to hear from you!!

I went out drinking on St Patrick's Day, so I took a bus home. That may not be a big deal to you, but I've never driven a bus before.

Trim-A-Tree at the Brookfield Zoo – November



Juniors' Rake-a-thon – November 23 (when we actually saw the grass (and leaves) on our lawns)



It's never too early. . . .

to think about taking on a leadership position in Spirit. We are always looking for new ideas and willing volunteers. New officers will be elected at our June meeting (June 4). Help support Sokol Spirit.

Also, dues for 2014 were due January 1. Are you up to date? If you would like a paid membership card, please let Dorothy Becker know by e-mail, phone, mail, or in person. (Her info is on first page). She will see that you receive a card (provided your dues are paid).

Central District Men's Volleyball Tournament – December



Three 'zdars' for our Spirit I team that battled its way thru this year's Central District men's volleyball tourney -- one of the toughest in recent memory. Very proud of our guys and their 3rd place victory are: Bros. Mike Drobick, Tom Pajer, Eddie Zempich, Adam Wilt, Howie Maskill, C.J. Rocush and Dave Kakareka (with trophy).



We're also proud of the other 2 Spirit teams entered this year, one of which included our Jr. Boys (Michael Barcal, Chris Kurgan, Christian Gatsos, and Greg Baran). All rather new at volleyball, they certainly have a lot of potential. A special thanks to John Bazata, Bob Barcal and Elmer Kulousek (not pictured), who made up the rest of the team and mentored them well.

Loved watching you all play every Friday night, gentlemen!

Central District Skills Day – December 8

Seven Spirit boys participated in Skills Day and all did very well. Only one 2nd Class boy competed in the event. Not only did Max Pajer compete but he won 1st place for his age and level (Boys 8-9, Level 5)! Congratulations to all of the boys who participated in the day. We know you all worked hard in the weeks prior to the event. You did Spirit proud!

Central District Rhythmic Competition – December 8

Twenty-nine girls and women participated in the rhythmic event, eighteen of them were Sokol Spirit's First Class Girls. All of the girls did very well performing 3 out of 5 skills on 4 different rhythmic events. The events they performed this year were hoop, ribbon, floor and clubs. 19 girls participated in the skills clinic portion. 10 girls and women competed in the ribbon event.

Five of our girls received "Red ribbon" status: Emily Roberts (40.5 points), Jenna Pennington (40.5), Theresa Lemont (42.0), Scarlet Pajer (45.5) and Rylin Conway (46.5 points). Level 4 winners include Lejla Smaljovic (3rd Place), Marketa Mackova (4th Place), Hailey Partipilo (8th place) and Ami Bazata-1st place (Women 25/34). Level 5 winners include Rachel Lemont (5th place), Caroline Geisert (4th place), Lilly Smith (2nd place) and Isabelle Smith (1st Place). Women's class winners include Ami Bazata (1st Place, Level 4, Age 25/34), Cassie Croft (1st place, Level 5, Age 25/34) and Christina Kuckie (1st place, Level 5, Age 35/49). Everyone worked very hard and represented Spirit well. Congratulations to all participants!

Central District Calisthenics and Marching Competition – January

Eight of Sokol Spirit's First Class Girls competed in the competition. A special thank you goes out to Sis. Ellie Babka for helping the girls perfect their calisthenics performance. ALL of the girls performed well by listening to the marching commands and performing them by themselves and performing a small portion of the calisthenics alone to the music. All of the girls that competed have medals in our hearts, but two girls took away medals around their necks for their performance at this competition. Special congratulations go to Madisyn Mazgay for receiving 5th place overall and Scarlet Pajer for receiving 1st place overall. Congratulations to ALL who competed and representing Sokol Spirit very well!! We would like to CONGRATULATE our 1st Class girls for these achievements!

Progressions Clinic – January 10-12 – Sokol Tabor

The event was led by co-directors Christina Curran-Wurst and Bryan Pracko. A new award was given out at the graduation ceremony on Sunday. A four year veteran award was given to those who have attended the last four progressions clinics. Michael Barcal and Isabella Smith of our junior class each received this award. The weekend consisted of marching, apparatus, stunting and team competitions. There were 13 instructors from various units within our district that worked with the kids all weekend. The kids ate very well due to the great assistance from our kitchen coordinators, Irena Polashek and Juanita LoGuidice from Sokol Tabor! There were many volunteers from our district who also worked in the kitchen throughout the weekend. This event is always a huge success and we have our own district members and parents to thank as well!



Eight Sokol Spirit boys and girls participated: Michael Barcal, Kylie Hyerdall, Marketa Mackova, Max Pajer, Scarlet Pajer, Hailey Partipilo, Lejla Smajlovic and Isabella Smith.

Juniors' Anti-Valentine's Day Ice Skate – Darien Sports Plex – February 15



~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In Memory of Ed Miner from Mary Ann & John Satek \$25.00

In Memory of John Satek from Viola A. Markson. \$25.00

In Memory of Jackie Kourim

From Helen Caldwell. \$25.00 From Meribeth and John Tooke. . . . \$50.00

In Memory of Anne (Anči) Dusek

From Helen Hlinka. . . . \$10.00 From Marilyn Vicker and Marcie Blaschak. . . \$25.00

In Memory of Frank Ludicky

From Doris Barda. . . . \$10.00 From Helen Caldwell. . . \$25.00
From Roy and Vlasta Zitny. \$25.00

In Memory of Joe Domansky

From Dorothy Walker. \$20.00 From Marilyn Baker \$30.00
From Libbie Domansky. \$25.00 From Lucille Boettge. \$30.00
Blanche Wostratzky. . . . \$10.00

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In Memory of Anci Dusek from Mildred Jezek. \$20.00

In Memory of Joe Domansky

From Mildred Starek Jezek. . . . \$100.00 From the Starek and Van Maren families. \$100.00

Donation to Newsletter from Rose Vytlačil \$10.00

From the Youth Ambassador – Linda Baran

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As we move forward in our Sokol year we are busy preparing for our annual Exhibition and upcoming competitions. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Coloring Contest and want you to know that participation prizes AND Passport Stickers are on their way. I was just informed that we actually had 2 winning entries: One of the Kids winners: Julianne Noga and One of the Toddlers winners: Jenna Noga. Your prizes are on their way too, CONGRATULATIONS!! Looking forward, the upcoming Newsletter will hold more opportunities for you to participate in and I hope you do so. REMEMBER that all year long you are welcome to collect your Passport Stickers from every Sokol event you partake in and put them in your Passport. When you fill it a wonderful prize awaits. If you need a replacement passport, please let your instructor or me know. Here's to a great finish to our Sokol year and a spectacular Exhibition. Nazdar!!



Happy Birthday to the following Sokol Spirit kids



January	February	March	April
Lilliana Smith	Theresa Lemont	Filip Sulc	Emma Garesche
Julianne Noga	Sophia Deir	Jenna Pennington	Caroline Geisert
Tommy Conway	Nicholas Corradino	Hannah Gillette	Lillian Luethje
Lucy Daugherty	James Corradino	Kaitlin Gillette	Anna Picton
Vilma Vesely	Brandon Tello	Michael Barcal	Adam Kutak
Jenna Clark		Kaitlyn Barcal	Amanda Suvetor
Alexis Suvetor		Ruth Hruska	Julian Martinez
Madisyn Mazgay		Scarlet Pajer	
Kaitlyn Mazgay		Emily Temmer	
Christopher Roberts		Dean Papadogianis	
Anna Pachla		Jeremy Temmer	
Peter Rodriguez		Emily Roberts	
John Luethje			

***If any names were omitted from these lists, we truly apologize, but please let us know.*

Adult Quiz Night – May 3

***Like trivia?
Think you have a team that can't be beat?***

**Come join us at Spirit for our
Annual Adult Team Trivia Night!**


When: Saturday, May 3 at 7:00pm

Where: Sokol Spirit's lower hall

3909 S. Prairie Ave in Brookfield, IL

Details: Bring a friend, bring a team, or just bring yourself! This event is BYOB and BYOS (snacks!) We also have beer available for purchase. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams (of no more than 10 people) are encouraged! We will also have split the pot raffles.

Questions? Call Kathy at 708-485-3269. See you there!!


**KEEP
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ITS
QUIZ
NIGHT**



presents...

The Spirit of European Spring/Easter Handicrafts

... a program for the community

Saturday, March 29th 9a.m.–11:30a.m.

Sokol Spirit, 3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield

\$10 advance ticket includes supplies/\$12 at the door;
Seniors over 60 years and Children 8-12 years \$8 advance/\$10 at door

Stations offered:

(Limit of two stations per person. Capacity = 10 persons per station. Indicate two stations below.)

- ❶ Egg Decorating—directed instrument technique, Batik wax-resistant dying with two colors
- ❷ Egg Decorating—organic onion sign dying with leaves
- ❸ Egg Decorating—drop technique, Batik wax-resistant with two colors
- ❹ Wheat-weaving Heart with Wheat Flower and Ribbon
- ❺ Cornhusk Dolls and Swans to hold eggs
- ❻ Spring Masks—*think Mardi Gras...elves, fairies?*

We reserve the right to limit class size, content, etc. Extra quantities may be purchased. Sponsored by the Sokol Spirit Education Director, Czech Foreign Language Committee. For more information, E-mail czechclass@sokolspirit.org

REGISTRATION for March 29, 2014 Event

Detach this form and mail to Sokol Spirit, c/o Easter Cultural Event, 3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois 60513.

NAME _____ Stations: ____ & ____ E-mail _____

NAME _____ Stations: ____ & ____ E-mail _____

Address, Town, Zip _____

Phone ____ / ____ E-mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (NO CASH; Make check payable to Sokol Spirit)

How do you catch a rabbit? *Make a noise like a carrot.*



AT



SPRING, 2014 RUMMAGE & BAKERY SALE **Some Large Consignments**

Friday, April 4th: 9:30-Noon & 4-9:00pm// Saturday 5th: 9:30-Noon

3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield (just 2 blocks north of Ogden)

Gym: 708/485-9663, No presales, Bag sale ALL DAY Saturday

Stop at our Spirit Café for coffee, tea and home-made treats!

NAZDAR...Thank you.

You can drop-off your donated items starting now (to the downstairs coat room).

The consignment process is for Members ONLY for large items by picture.

Contact Meribeth at mktooke830@gmail.com for more info.

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BABY and ME 2 ©

**A new Sokol Spirit gymnastic/music class
for Parent (Guardian) and Baby* together**

***Baby must be walking and under 3 years of age.**

**CLASS:
DATES:**

Monthly for 4 (four) consecutive weeks on Thursdays, 9a.m. to 10:30a.m.
April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2014

MINIMUM:

Subsequent sessions May 1, 8, 15, & 22 and June 5, 12, 19 & 26.
3 sets of "families"; Maximum 9 sets of "families"

COST:

\$50 for 4 sessions each month for one family (one baby).

Register education@sokolspirit.org or mktooke830@gmail.com or 708/354-9126. Medical and Release forms must be signed before class starts.



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Contact us at: czechclass@sokolspirit.org or education@sokolspirit.org or phone: 708-354-9126

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2014 Winter/Spring Czech Foreign Language, Appreciation and Cultural Classes

Head instructor: Pavlina Dropka

CZECH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION CLASSES:

MONDAYS, @ 7:00-8:00pm, BEGINNING CZECH INSTRUCTION: 12 sessions \$150 each Minimum 3 students
Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) **Session II: April 7th through June 30th**

TUESDAYS @ 6:30-8pm, LIFE LEARNERS CZECH INSTRUCTION : 10 sessions \$110 Minimum 3 students Textbook/CD available from Sokol Spirit for \$45: Czech, Step by Step by Lida Hola, '08 edition **Session II: April 8th through June 17th**

WEDNESDAYS @ 7-8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH Grammar & Conversation: 12 sessions \$100 each Minimum 8 students. Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) **Session II: April 9th through July 2nd**

!!!!Please note if the minimum students are not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened!!!!

Sponsored by the Foreign Language Committee of Sokol Spirit Questions? czechclass@sokolspirit.org

CZECH CULTURAL CLASSES and SPECIAL EVENTS:

THURSDAYS @ 6:30 – 8pm, CZECH & SLOVAK LAND JEWELS: 4 sessions \$35 with a minimum of 3 students signed up first, then \$10 per drop-into class Custom Handouts
Session I May 8 through May 29th Session II June 5th through June 26th Possibility of extension with pupil interest

SATURDAYS @ 9:30 – 11am, CZECH & SLOVAK POSTCARDS: 4 sessions \$35 with a minimum of 3 students signed up first, then \$10 per drop-into class Custom Handouts
Session I May 10 through May 31th Session II June 7th through June 28th Possibility of extension with pupil interest

Spirit of European Spring/Easter handicrafts (see ad on previous page)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th @ 9am-11:30am

PRIVATE LESSONS, TUTORING and TRANSLATIONS available by SOKOL SPIRIT teachers, \$30/hour

in the 2nd floor Czech Language Classroom with one of our Czech Language teachers. Building WIFI connected.

Regular Appointments available on Mondays, after Beginning Czech Instruction starting at 8pm.



Sokol Spirit's 1st Friday of the Month 2013-4 CZECH FILM SERIES 7-9:30pm

Donation \$4/person English subtitles Pop/Water or 1st pilsner beer free! Presented by Pavlina Dropka

March 7th ZELARY/ Želary (Fictional Moravian town) - 2005; 150 minutes plus a Behind-the-scenes 22 minutes; Film shot in the Slovak Republic northern mountains near Poland-beautiful cinematography! Rating: R – for violence and some sexual content/nudity. Story starts in Spring, 1943 and continues for 2 years. Shot in the Beskids Mountain Range in Slovakia), where time has stopped

April 4th UP and Down/Horem, Padem 108 Minutes; 2004; R Rating for swearing and racist language, and off-color situations, sexual content and brief violence; 18 minute review of how film was made including interview with Petr Forman (Milos' son) who states that the film is about the "Czech State of Being". Czechs caught in downfall of USSR.

May 2nd Divided We Fall/Musíme si pomáhat 122 Minutes; 2000; PG-13 Rating for some moderate profanity, a little violence, some mild sexual dialogue. In a war-torn village (1941-43), one couple makes the ultimate sacrifice to save another. The film offers a story about human frailty, the possibility of a healing aftermath—and, yes, forgiveness

June 6th The Good Soldier Schweik 1 & 2 99/90 minutes; 1956; PG; Jaroslav Hasek, humorist's portrayal of a Czech soldier in World War 1.

Questions? czechclass@sokolspirit.org



Calendar of Events

First Wednesday
Third Monday

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm
Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

March/April 2014:

March 15, 5:30 p.m. – Sokol Spirit Annual Exhibition (please note date/ time change); party at the gym following Exhibition

March 16-23 – No Sokol ☹ (recover from Exhibition)

March 29 – Spring/Easter Handicrafts (Spirit)

April 3 –Baby and Me (Session 1) starts

April 4 & 5 – Spirit Rummage Sale

April 12 – Special Number competition (LTHS-North)

April 18 & 21 – No Sokol classes (for Easter)

Save the Dates:

May 3 – Quiz Night

May 4 – Membership Dinner (info TBA)

May 10 – Boys' and Men's competition (Spirit)

May 15 & 16 – Sokol class sessions end ☹

May 17 – Girls' and Women's competition (LTHS-North)

May 18 – Sokol Day (info TBA)

May 20 – End of the Year Pot Luck (info to follow)

June 7 – LaGrange Pet Parade



Check in at the gym: www.facebook.com/sokolspirit



May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.



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