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www.sokolspirit.org

Dear Members and Friends of Sokol Spirit,

From our
President,
Adam Wilt

This article for me is bittersweet as it will be my last, for now, as the President of Sokol Spirit. I am sad to be leaving this role but I am excited for our unit to have new leadership and continue to grow. By no means does this mean I am going away but rather that I am going to take on other responsibilities within our organization.

The past four years have been a wonderful experience for me as I have had a chance to work with and learn from many members of our unit and of the other Sokol units in our District and around the country. There are way too many people to name as those who have been influential to me but if you are reading this then you are very likely one of them.

We have accomplished many great things over the past four years. This is due to the hard work of our Executive Board, Board of Instructors, Building Management Committee and the many hard working committees and delegates of our unit. There is no one thing that has been accomplished that will make our unit better but rather it is, and will continue to be, due to the collective efforts of our members. The efforts of our members at all levels of our organization continue to be the reason for our success.

Moving forward, I personally have charged myself with continuing to help lead the pursuit of making our building ADA compliant. There are many factors that will come into play in achieving this goal but I hope that the availability I will have in leaving the role of President will allow me to make greater contributions in this pursuit.

I also ask that our membership rally behind our new leaders as we continue to move forward in opening our doors to the community with new and improved offerings. The influence that we have in our community will continue to grow as we continue to improve our operations and accessibility. The current market with many "competitors" offering services and programs that are similar to those of Sokol increase the importance of establishing our identity and for being efficient in our operations. This will be important in seeking grants, attracting members/participants and for remaining relevant in a world where non-profit organizations continue to receive increasing scrutiny and expectations.

I am confident in our members and in the new leadership of our unit in leading our future. Thank you again for your help in the growth we have achieved during the past four years and thank you in advance for continuing these efforts into the future.

NAZDAR! Adam Wilt



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

BWOSTRATZKY@SBCGLOBAL.NET or 708-788-4644

Sis. Anne Adam Svec, becoming an adult member of Sokol Slavsky in 1947 after years of children's and junior classes, was one of the most generous supporters of her unit. She worked tirelessly at every fund-raising function and participated in women's classes and exhibitions, including special numbers, as long as she was able. In later years, she also was a very willing chaperone on many Jr. class social functions, including local horseback rides, Wisconsin ski trips and Warren, Michigan dunes picnics, always having as much fun as the kids. Svec and Sons Funeral home was indeed the final "home" for many long-time Sokol members, who always, through Anne's services, made the family feel comforted. Anne, whether she took on the role of President of her children's PTA or leadership in countless community organizations, always made sure the goals were met, even if she had to silently "cover" for those unable to fulfill them. She was one grand lady and we all miss her irreplaceable dedication to Sokol as well as to community. Our deepest sympathy to her son, Jim, and daughter Sharon.

Bro. Jerry Zitko, our Sokol member since 1969, while never attending Sokol classes, was one of our favorite supporters and behind-the-scenes worker at almost all the social functions we ran – his specialty (during the actual event) as bartender, which, of course, meant making sure our inventory was always well stocked. As a member of the Board of Directors, he served for many years as Sokol Spirit's leasing manager, donating countless hours to contract negotiations and tax and insurance management. And as a worker at Spirit's weekly games, the Bingo Ladies adored him, especially when their winning numbers were called. Jerry loved many pursuits, especially gardening, but his professional career revolved around the commercial printing industry, with customers such as Kraft Foods and Sears. He was the epitome of a great salesman. We miss his friendliness, his smile, his outgoing personality and extend deepest sympathy to Sis. Elaine and their children, Bro. Jerry R. and Sis Susan D'Andrea.

The following Power Boosters were mistakenly omitted from the Exhibition Program/Ad Book. We apologize for our error.

Helen E. Sevcu
Marilyn Michyeta
Dick & Marie Ptacek

Vlasta Stribrny
Marie Bultas
Ellie & Bernie Babka
The Kotynek family
Elmer Kulousek

Mary & Mark Novak
Roy & Vlasta Zitny
Janet & Anthony Barker

Good Luck from the
Pavlas family

Jacki Ptacek-Rada & family

The Luthas: Ray, Marilyn
and Andy

Bob, Kathy, Ryan, Kaitlyn
& Michael Barcal

Special Number Competition – April 12



So proud of our 1st Class Girls who received 1st Place at Special Number Competition! For a lot of them this was their first Competition!!!! Awesome job done by ALL, including instructors Kandi Pajer and Suzy Mazgay!! "Surf's Up"!

Quiz Nite – May 3



Quiz Night was a success! 9 teams participated – all had a great time! Congrats to the winning team. The next quiz night is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th @ 7 p.m.

From the Juniors: The 11 members of the 2013 Junior Class would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this year. With your kind donations we were able to table 13 baskets for the Exhibition Basket Raffle. We would like to thank all those who gave us small items and especially those individuals & classes who gave us entire baskets. The Smith & Gatsos Families not only for your donations, but for your help in running the event. Women's, Senior II, Men's, Tots and 1st Class Girls all gave us baskets in addition to donations. Congratulations to the Lemonts, Barcals, Smiths and all other winners, thank you for taking a chance. We have 2 juniors attending Course, one via a scholarship won from her poster entry (well done). We hope to be an even bigger stronger class next year as there are several 2nd Class members who are eligible to join us. Did you know we have 3 musicians, 3 team volleyball players, 1 Eagle Scout, 1 Track Star, 1 cheerleader, 1 Artist and 1 Skateboarder. We have a few summer events planned as a group, including a Car Wash on August 23rd so mark your calendars!!! (Don't worry, I put it on your "Save the Dates" page just for you. ☺)

Stuff you ask your mom: "Mom, where's my towel?", "Mom, where's my sunscreen?", "Mom, where's my phone?", "Mom, what day is it?", "Mom, what's for dinner?".

Stuff you ask your dad: "Where's Mom?"

Sokol Spirit Membership Dinner – May 4

Approximately 80 people (members and guests) came together at Sokol Spirit to celebrate the members who passed away this past year and to celebrate those members who achieved membership longevity awards. The following members who passed away since our last membership dinner were:

Bro. Frank Ludicky—
64 year member
Sis. Anci Dusek—
68 year member
Bro. Jerry Rabas—
13 year member

Sis. Jackie Kourim—
54 year member
Bro. Robert Baumruk—
26 year member
Bro. Joseph Domansky—
71 year member

Bro. Henry Kotynek—
43 year member
Sis. Anne Svec—
67 year member
Bro. Jerry Zitko, Sr.—
45 year member

They will be missed by family, friends, and all our Sokol members. Nazdar

Membership awards are presented for every five years of Sokol membership. The following members received awards at the dinner or by mail if they were unable to join us.

5-year members

Jennifer Baran
Ashley Croft
Ellen DuVall
Justin Simik-Valadez
Alexandra Zahrobsky

10-year members

Elmer Pavlas
Rita Pavlas

15-year members

Jon Kovar-Tooke

20-year members

Milissa Dropka
Jarmila Hruban
Mark Novak

25-year members

Daniel Maskill
Terry Maskill
Thomas Pajer
Debbie Shrofe
Mark Shrofe
Ian Stemson
Karen Veselsky

30-year members

Geri Umlauf

35-year members

Anita Skotnicki
Jan Sowinski

40-year members

Margaret Amlie
John Bazata
Lynn Goodridge
Pat Satek
Kathy Zitny

45-year members

Lorraine Hynek
Jerry Michalek, Jr.
Ruth Svestka
Jerry Zitko, Sr.
(posthumously)

55-year members

Simon Stolarik

65-year members

Ellen Jeanne Schnabl
Vladimir Vanek
Vlasta Zitny

70-year members

Helen Hlinka

75-year members

Mildred Mentzer

(pictured below)



In addition, we had three members in attendance with over 70-years membership: Blanche Wostratzky-71 year, Helen Caldwell-76 years, and Mildred Jezek-79 years!

New membership directories can be sent to you through the mail. Just send \$1 to Dorothy Becker (contact information in the header on the first page) and she'll send you one right off the presses.



2014 Farmer's Market!

For the past 2 years Sokol Spirit has been participating in this great event to market and reach out to the community and let them know how great our organization is!

Come visit our booth at the market!

June: 7, 21

July: 12, 26

August: 9, 16, 23, 30

September: 6, 13

We also need some help getting the word out! If you'd like to volunteer at the market for one of these dates contact Cassie

Croft at bombage2@aol.com.

Central District Competitions – Boys (May 10), Girls (May 17)

Congratulations to all of the competitors who worked so hard over the past few months. Sokol Spirit medal winners are:

Boys:

Ages 8 & 9, Level 3
1st Place - Jake Heetel

Ages 8 & 9 Level 5
1st Place - Max Pajer

Ages 10 & 11, Level 2
1st Place - Dean Shrofe

Age 12, Level 4
1st Place - Noah Morris

Jrs 12-14, Level 4
1st Place - Chris Kurgan

Mens Tag Team, Level 4
1st Place - John Bazata &
Ray Lutha

Girls:

Ages 6 & 7, Novice
1st - Kaitlin Gillette
2nd - Hannah Gillette
3rd - Jenna Noga
4th - Vilma Vesely

Ages 6 & 7, Super Novice
1st - Madisyn Mazgay
2nd - Kaitlyn Mazgay

Ages 6 & 7, Level 2
1st Place - Julia Roberts

Ages 6 & 7, Level 4
1st Place - Scarlet Pajer

Ages 8 & 9, Super Novice
1st - Theresa Lemont
2nd(Tie) - Emma Garesche
2nd(Tie) - Julianne Noga

Ages 8 & 9 - Novice
1st Place - Jenna Pennington

Ages 8 & 9 Level 6
1st - Lejla Smajlovic

Ages 10 & 11, Level 3
3rd - Amanda Suvetor
4th - Marketa Mackova

Age 12, Level 3
1st - Kayla Johnston

Juniors 12 - 14, Level 2
1st - Alex Gatsos

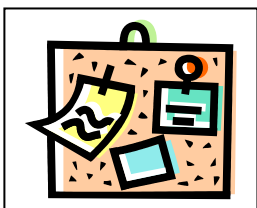
Juniors 12 - 14, Level 6
1st - Isabella Smith

Juniors 15 - 18, Level 5
1st Place - Kaitlyn Barcal

Womens Tag Team
2nd Place - Kandi Pajer,
Jennifer Baran, Jessica Rus

Pet Parade – May 31

Sokol Spirit was well represented. Seeing our Spirit kids participating and the wheels were big hits amongst the crowd! Thanks to all who came out on such a perfect day!



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!!

Come Celebrate our 10th Anniversary!



Where: Mystic Blue Cruises - Navy Pier

When: June 21, 2014

Boarding Time: 3:30pm

Cruise on Lake Michigan from 4-6pm including
Buffet dinner, beer & wine, and dancing!
Dress to impress!



Spirit Member: \$90.00/adult, Kids \$69.45

Non-Spirit Member: \$95.00/adult, Kids \$69.45

We are looking into transportation to and from the pier for the group. Please mail Jenny Keefe at jennifer_keefe@hotmail.com if you are interested. Parking at Navy Pier is limited and is around \$30 for the evening. Visit www.sokolspirit.org for more information

From the Youth Ambassador – Linda Baran

I can't believe another Sokol year is behind us. It seems like we just did our Oktoberfest registration and then it was Sokol Day. I want to thank the instructors for their help getting things passed out this year. I also want to thank the kids who participated in things throughout the year. We get high praise after each district newsletter comes out, as our gym has the most kids who take advantage of the fun contests that our National Director puts out there. I certainly hope you have been padding your passports with stickers. It shouldn't be long before someone lets me know they have a completed one and I can award a VERY COOL PRIZE. If you are able to join our unit at the 4th of July parade this summer, please email me and I will make sure you get a sticker to add to your passport. I look forward to seeing all of you next year. Thank you to everyone again and I hope you have a safe, enjoyable summer. Nazdar.

Falcon Key Club 2014 Donations

The following members of the Sokol Spirit Falcon Key Club have a special vested interest in our programs and building maintenance, and even though the Falcon Key Club was created to give members, especially out-of-town members who cannot physically participate in the unit and gym activities a chance to support our programs, many active members have also gone above and beyond with extra financial help to ensure that we continue the Sokol spirit. We deeply appreciate their continued support. A special thank you goes to the Kotynek and Kucera families who have matched their donation through the McDonald's Corporation matching gift program.

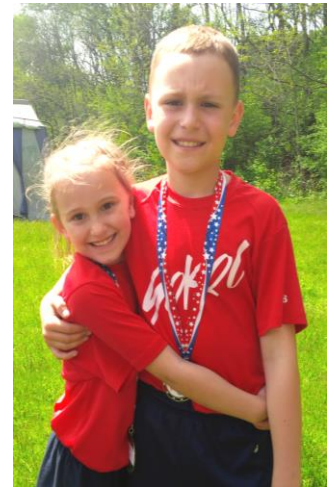
Marge Amlie
Bernie Babka
Ellie Babka
Kathy Barcal
JoAnne Bazata
Dorothy Becker
Bednar-Marek Families
Angeline Bultas
Marie Bultas
Helen Caldwell
Ellen DuVall
Richard Fuchs
Jacquelyn Fuchs
Lynne Goodridge

Edwin "Spook" Halik
Martha Hovorka
Michelle Humowiecki
Lorraine Hynek
Mildred Jezek
Michael & Heidi Kotynek
Kotynek Families
Paul Kucera
Susuan Kucera
George Lacina
Marvin Lanzel
Marilyn Michyeta
Elmer Pavlas
Marie Ptacek
Richard Ptacek

Marianne Ronquillo
Steve Sabeckis
MaryAnn Satek
John Satek (in memory)
Charles Schultz
Gloria Schultz
Helen Sevcu
Slavia Sula
John Tooke
Meribeth Tooke
Adam & Lauren Wilt
Vera Wilt
Blanche Wostratzky
Alexandra Zahrobsky
Jeanette Zahrobsky

Please see these pictures (in color) and many more at www.sokolspirit.org.

A special THANK YOU to Carolyn Morriss for these photos.



SOKOL SPIRIT CLASS FEES FOR 2014 - 2015

- 1 CHILD
- 2 CHILDREN
- 3 CHILDREN

(*Class fees include all competition fees)

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF SOKOL SPIRIT
MEMBERS OF SOKOL SPIRIT MEN AND WOMEN
MEMBERS OF SOKOL SPIRIT SENIOR CO-ED
MEMBERS OF OTHER SOKOLS

CLASS FEE(*)

\$340
\$560
\$780

MEMBERSHIP

\$65
\$65
\$65

Please direct any questions to Howie Maskill at hmaskil22@yahoo.com sokolspirit.org



Sign me up for Sokol
again, Mom and Dad!

World Beer Club

Join Sokol Spirit once a month as we enjoy the vast variety of the Beers from around the World.

Third Friday of each Month @ 7:30 p.m.
Sokol Spirit | 3909 Prairie in Brookfield | Lower Hall

2014 dates

June 20 | July 18 | August 15 | September 19 | October 17 | November 21 |

\$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

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Looking for a way to stay active this summer? Join us for SUMMER SOKOL!



When: June 5th - August 21st Thursday nights from 7:30pm- 9:30pm
Who: Co-ed 18+ Cost: \$50 for members
We'll be offering exercise, various sports and socials.
?s: contact Howie Maskill – hmaskil22@yahoo.com

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American Sokol Men's Softball – 2014 Schedule

Here it is: for the two American Sokol Central District teams. Our men play on Monday and Wednesday nights in Berwyn at Janura Park (28th & East). The games start at 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45p.m. There are two teams, the games are fun to watch and the guys would appreciate the support (and, on some nights, they really *need* a cheering squad)!

<u>June:</u>		<u>July:</u>		<u>July (cont):</u>	
11 (Wed)	7:45, 8:45	2 (Wed)	6:45	28 (Mon)	7:45
16 (Mon)	6:45	7 (Mon)	6:45	30 (Wed)	6:45
23 (Mon)	6:45, 8:45	9 (Wed)	7:45, 8:45		
25 (Wed)	8:45	14 (Mon)	7:45, 8:45	<u>August:</u>	
30 (Mon)	7:45	16 (Wed)	6:45, 7:45	4 (Mon)	7:45, 8:45
		21 (Mon)	6:45, 8:45	11 (Mon)	8:45

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Happy Birthday to the following Sokol Spirit kids

May	June	July	August
Lejla Smajlovic	Max Pajer	Rachel Lemont	Gregory Baran
Rylie Conway	Isabella Smith	Wyatt Morriss	Noah Morriss
Ashly Roberts		Zachary Picton	Jake Heetel
Amy Donnelly		David Sabeckis	Chloe Kotynek
Michol Ostendorf		Laura Geisert	Mike Kotynek
Jude Ostendorf		Bobby Brabec	Lilian Kotynek
			Candence Roberts
			Donovan Blanhuciak
			Maeve Ohlinger
			Jacob Rodriguez

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

Did you check out all the activities taking place at Spirit this summer on the previous pages? WOW! Also, check out the website for summer Wheels classes and any updates!

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In Memory of Frank Ludicky from Diane and Jessica Rus. \$10.00

In Memory of Joe Domansky

From Roy & Vlasta Zitny. \$20.00 From Lawrence & Patricia Domansky. \$50.00

In Memory of Henry Kotynek

From Bernie & Ellie Babka . . . \$20.00	From Audrey Mongello. \$25.00
From Hank & Dorothy Becker . . . \$20.00	From John & Meribeth Tooke. . . . \$50.00
From Helen Sevcu. . . \$25.00	From Lisa and Michael Kotynek. . . \$100.00

In Memory of Anne Svec

From Slavia Sula. . . \$10.00	From Rosemarie Kosik. \$25.00
From John & Meribeth Tooke. . . \$50.00	From John & Mildred Squire. . . . \$50.00
From Dick & Marie Ptacek. . . \$15.00	From Sharon Svec*. \$85.00
From Joan Sedlacek . . . \$20.00	From American Wilbert
From Henry & Dorothy Becker. . . \$25.00	Vault Group \$100.00
From Mildred Jezek. . . \$25.00	From Central Federal Savings
From Bernie & Ellie Babka. . . \$25.00	And Loan \$100.00
From Marilynne Higgins. . . \$25.00	<i>*donations received in memory of Anne Svec</i>
From George & Eleanor Kovar. . . \$25.00	

In Memory of Jerry Zitko, Sr.

From Slavia Sula. . . \$10.00	From Anthony & Carmella
From Karen Karnik. . . \$10.00	Jandacek. . . \$25.00
From Judy Komarek. . . \$10.00	From Roger & Audrey Baird. . . . \$25.00
From Amy Markvart. . . \$10.00	From Henry & Dorothy Becker. . . \$25.00
From Carol Daum. . . \$10.00	From Bernie & Ellie Babka. . . . \$25.00
From Geraldine Coates. . . \$10.00	From Mildred Jezek. \$25.00
From Aldono Gallo. . . \$10.00	From George & Linda Makdah
From JoAnn Zielinski. . . \$10.00	& Family. \$25.00
From Georgiana Krupka. . . \$10.00	From Angeline Bultas. \$25.00
From Gerald & Arlene von Schwedler . . \$15.00	From Ethel Rus \$25.00
From Carl & Milissa Dropka. . . \$20.00	From Dick & Marie Ptacek. . . . \$25.00
From Mario & Joyce Mongello. . . \$20.00	From Mary Ann Satek. \$25.00
From Maria Mongello. . . \$20.00	From Helen Sevcu. \$25.00
From Dominic & Anne Mongello	From Chuck & Linda Bednar. . . . \$25.00
& Family . . . \$20.00	From Thomas & Donna Tallman. . \$30.00
From Emily Polacek . . . \$20.00	From Sokol Milwaukee. \$40.00
From Henry & Jeanette Dajc . . . \$25.00	From Delphine Sodini. \$50.00
From Karen Halla. . . \$25.00	From Meribeth & John Tooke. . . \$50.00
From Patty Goyette-Gill. . . \$25.00	

In Memory of Henry Kotynek, Anne Svec and Jerry Zitko from Blanche Wostratzky. . . . \$50.00

*Please send any Memorial Fund and Newsletter Fund items to the attention of
Helen Sevcu, 2411 S. Elmwood, Berwyn, IL 60402*



Calendar of Events

Meetings resume in the Fall (with the September 3rd meeting):
 First Wednesday Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm
 Third Monday Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

June/July 2014:

Thursdays – Summer Sokol (18+) 7:30-9:30pm

June 20 – Beer Club 7:30pm – Spirit Lower hall (Every 3rd Friday)

June 21 – Sokol Spirit 10th Anniversary Cruise

Fourth of July Parade – (I need to check the date on that ☺) - check website for info

July 18 – Beer Club 7:30pm

Save the Dates:

August 15 – Beer Club 7:30pm

August 23 – Juniors Car Wash
 9:00am – 2:00pm cars \$5 vans \$8

September 5 -- Class Registration 6-8pm
 – 1st Friday Film resumes

Week of Sept 8 – 2014-15 Classes Begin

September 13 – Oktoberfest 4-10pm

September 19 – Beer Club 7:30pm

Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5 – 1st Friday Films

October 3 and 4 – Rummage Sale(?)

October 18 – Quiz Nite

March 3 – Newsletter Editor's birthday



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

Next Newsletter deadline: August 20

Happy Father's Day! Have a safe and fun summer!



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