

Sokol Spirit

Brookfield Sokol Educational Institute
3909 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513-2143

WWW.SOKOLSPIRIT.ORG

October 2010

WAY TO GO ALIX AND KATIE!

Sis. Alix Wilt graduated the American Sokol Instructors Course #1 in her class for the Advanced II Level. She was also the recipient of the annual Bro. Bob Liptak Award. Junior Girl Katie Payne graduated #1 in her class for the Intermediate Level. Excellent

achievements! We're proud of you! Sis. Wilt was recently awarded the American Sokol Merit Award, as well as the Kropik Scholarship from CSA Fraternal Life. She is now a freshman at Marquette University. Good luck in your studies! Read Alix's essay, "How Sokol has Prepared Me for the Future," elsewhere in this newsletter.

THANKS BLANCHE!

After 56 years, Sis. Blanche Wostratzky has decided to take a break from working with publicity and the distribution of our newsletter. She and her crew were invaluable to the production of the newsletter. For much of those 56 years she also handled publicity for Sokol Slavsky, Berwyn-Slavsky, and then Sokol Spirit. In Blanche's own words: "I was still living in Cicero and was chairman of one of our Fun Fairs that Sokol Slavsky had at that time. I had a committee meeting with plenty of volunteers and who should be there but Ethel Carraro, who at that time was the editors' secretary of the Life Newspaper. Ethel volunteered to do my publicity for the Fun Fair. From that time on, I was able to contact her with all my Slavsky news. I also had 54 years as newsletter expeditor. My daughter Janice and you were very little babies when your dad (Bro. John Satek) helped me with the mimeograph machine and put it in my basement. I did the newsletter for a few years while Janice was swinging in her little baby swing." THANKS, Blanche for your dedication! You served us well and we'll miss you. Hopefully all your knowledge has been passed on to our new newsletter expeditor, Bro. Phil Kent. Good luck in your new duties as Sunshine Chair!

CSA FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR



At the annual CSA (Czechoslovak Society of America) Get Together in Lisle, Illinois, August 6-8, 2010, Sis. Pat Satek received the prestigious honor of being named 2010 CSA Fraternalist of the Year. She was presented the award by fellow CSA and Sokol Spirit member, Bro. Adam Wilt. Pictured is Sis. Pat giving her acceptance speech, with Bro. Wilt behind her. The application submitted by her CSA Lodge, Woodrow Wilson, listed her many contributions to CSA, American Sokol, and community endeavors, as well as her recent attempts to try to learn the Czech language. The September CSA Journal article announcing her honor closed with this paragraph: "*Pat has a great deal of passion and enthusiasm; she routinely goes the extra-mile when it comes to social and service projects. She is friendly, respectful, dedicated and generous. Since her transfer four years ago to Lodge Woodrow Wilson, her delightful and*

quirky sense of humor has been a welcome addition." Cary Mentzer, CSA Vice-President, then entered Sis. Pat into the running for the National Fraternal Congress of America (www.NFCAnet.org) Fraternalist of the Year, where, of 61 nominees, she was named second runner up. Congratulations!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

We are proud to announce the following Spirit members who were honored at our annual Membership Dinner in June. Receiving awards (in 5-year increments) were:

5 years: Brandi Arnold, Sheila Bauer-Gatsos, Linda Bednar, Alexandra Lanzel, Elizabeth Maskill, Elmer Pavlas, Rita Pavlas. Also Associate members Lynn Braun, Susan Kucera, Nora Mendez, Carolyn Morriss, Cecilia Payne

10 years: Linda Baran, Barbara Bossany, Patricia Leja, Richard Leja, Marilyn Michyeta, Casey Rocush

15 years: Kimberly Pelletier, Ken Nagel, Jr., Kandi Pajer, C. J. Rocush

20 years: Regina McGuire, Colleen Swinarski

25 years: Angeline Bultas, Kenneth Kozelka, Linda Makdah, Lillian Picha, Mildred Pultorak, Jill Ravnic, Martin Umlauf, Ruth Uniejewski, Walter Uniejewski, Pola Valasek

30 years: Denise Conway, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Nancy Michalek, Bruce Rhoades, John R. Satek, Jerry Zitko, Jr.

35 years: Marcia Blaschak, Milena Fiala, James Hantak, Pamela Koning, Sandy Morgan, Robert Orsula, Frank Svestka

40 years: Blanka Flosman, Marianne Ronquillo

45 years: Edwin Halik, Jr., George Kourim

50 years: Jackie Kourim

55 years: Carol Koutsky

60 years: William KostECKI, Frank Ludicky

65 years: Anne Turek

70 years: Pauline Sauer, Helen Sevcu

75 years: Mildred Jezek, Slavia Sula

Our members are important to us – and we give special thanks to our long-timers who are still very active in our classes and help with fund-raising. We also give thanks to Sis. Pat Satek who, as always, does such beautiful calligraphy work on the certificates. Our Women's Class, with Sis. Carol Shrofe in charge, and Sis. Missy Dropka, reservationist, are also on our thank you list. Nazdar – 'til next year when a whole new bunch of members will be honored.

ALIX WILT'S ESSAY FOR AMERICAN SOKOL MERIT AWARD

"How Sokol has Prepared Me for the Future"

Not many high school seniors can honestly say that they do not know what their life would be like without the presence of their favorite sport or extracurricular activity. When I think about my life without Sokol, I cannot even begin to imagine where I would be right now. The organization that has been a part of my life since I was born has continued to fill my time even after 18 years. I have come to realize that Sokol has played a crucial role in developing my past, present and future, making it impossible to have coasted along all these years and not become prepared in multiple ways for the big changes and decisions that I will soon be facing.

While it may be easy to say that Sokol has taught me discipline, social skills, coordination and leadership qualities, that only begins to describe the ways this organization has prepared me for the future. After attending three American Sokol Instructor Schools and assisting to teach the group of 2nd class girls at Sokol Spirit, I have finally begun to plan out my future. Over the years in Sokol I have gone from being a shy tot to being the outspoken young adult getting the kids up and moving around. Through my experiences in the gym, I have realized my passion for teaching others, which is why I plan to study Elementary Education in college. Other than teaching, I have had the chance to lead my peers, as well as learn how to interact with people of all ages. While teaching at my Sokol gym is what gave me that extra push into planning my future career path, I look back and realize the list describing what Sokol has done to prepare me for the future is endless. While I plan to give back to Sokol in the future, it seems nearly impossible to reciprocate the great things this organization has done for me. My goal though, is to help other young people benefit from Sokol in the way I have and to encourage them to look at it the same way I do: Sokol is my home, and the members are truly my brothers and sisters.

SOKOL PICNIC ROAD TRIPS



Enjoying the 80th Annual Booya Picnic at Sokol Minnesota's Camp in Pine City, MN, this summer are Doreen McKenney, Ellie Babka, Norm Petrik, Bernie Babka, Jerry Zitko, Joan Sedlacek, and (kneeling R to L) Elaine Zitko, Dr. Joyce Tesarek and (furbag) Rascal Babka. The Zitkos and Babkas spent a few days visiting with Jan Babka Schreier and husband Mark in Minnetonka, and took in the picnic just because it's always great to visit with long-time Sokol friends.

The Babkas also trekked to Sokol Milwaukee's picnic in August. Shown below are (standing L to R) Ellie Babka, Pat Hron, MaryAnn Schoepke, and Bernie Babka and (kneeling L to R) Greg Schoepke (President of Sokol Milwaukee) and Jim Hron (Men's Director).



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

- Get well wishes to Bro. Tony Hanuska and Bro. Bob Baumruk who are recuperating from falls in their homes.
- Sis. Ellie Babka underwent knee surgery this summer. She seems to be recovering nicely and is back leading her class.
- Our sympathy to the Flosman family on the death of Blanka's sister, Dagmar Lavicka.
- All the best to Sis. Alex Lanzel who had surgery recently.
- Best wishes for a full recovery to Bro. Carl Dropka who suffered a serious heart attack the beginning of September. He is now recuperating at home.
- Our sympathy to the Wilt family on the death of Vera's sister, Marie Smelhaus.

~ MEMORIAL/HONORARIAM FUND ~

Honoring Sis. Anne Turek on her 100th Birthday

From Beatrice & Alfred Benfiglia	\$25.00	From Teresa Caminiti	\$20.00
From Eve & Don Ciner	\$25.00	From Cara & Scott Craft	\$25.00
From Gerard J. Dedera	\$100.00	From Sandra Delimata	\$50.00
From Florence & Richard DelCarlo	\$35.00	From Donetta & Jeffrey Frankiewicz	\$50.00
From Kathe & Jim Heetel and Family	\$50.00	From Elvy Hramek and Erika Kaye	\$25.00
From Lois & Laddie Jenicek	\$25.00	From Umaporn & Edward Jilek	\$50.00
From Patricia & Al Kolarik	\$25.00	From Val Korbel	\$20.00
From Barbara & Bruce Kukowski	\$50.00	From Carol LeBreck	\$20.00
From Marion & Rudolf Ondrovic	\$25.00	From Kandi & Tom Pajer and Family	\$50.00
From Jill Ravnicek and Jacquie Ravnicek	\$100.00	From Mary & Bob Rimdzius	\$200.00
From Marilyn & Ronald Rodewald	\$50.00	From Amy & Mark Sauer	\$30.00
From Anne Svec	\$25.00	From JoAnn & Robert Ciner	\$25.00
From Meribeth & John Tooke	\$65.00	From Barbra & Tony Valentine	\$50.00
From Carol & Gerald Vovis	\$100.00	From Ruth Willig	\$15.00
From Mildred Smolik and Diane & Jim Hermes			\$30.00

In memory of Mary Hall, Paul Nevill, and Bill Smith from John & MaryAnn Satek	\$25.00
In memory of Caroline Koutsky and Carol (Cookie) Johnson from Jerry Koutsky	\$50.00
In memory of Pola Valasek from Bernie & Ellie Babka	\$10.00
In memory of Dagmar Lavicka from Helen Sevcu	\$15.00
In memory of Leo Vodicka from Helen Sevcu	\$10.00
In memory of Harold Toberman from Helen Sevcu	\$10.00

In Memory of Carol Koutsky

From Bernie & Ellie Babka	\$10.00	From Helen Sevcu	\$15.00
From Patsy Larson, Karen Ryden, and Joann Albertson			\$75.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

Honoring Sis. Anne Turek on her 100th Birthday

From Meribeth & John Tooke	\$65.00	From Barbra & Tony Valentine	\$50.00
Mildred Pultorak	\$20.00	From Slavia Sula	\$20.00
From Helen Sevcu	\$25.00	From Blanche Wostratzky	\$15.00
From Mildred Jezek, Linda Starek, and Lane & Tom Maren			\$100.00

In memory of Pola Valasek from Helen Sevcu	\$10.00
--	---------

WE GET MAIL...

Sis. Jenn Baran was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National College Scholastic Honor Society just before Labor Day. Her GPA last semester was a 4.0 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA. Sis. Michelle (Humowiecki) Rodenberg writes that her husband, Ryan, started teaching at FSU and they have relocated to Florida. Their little guy, Evan, is walking great and loves getting into things other than his toys, like the kitchen cabinets, the food pantry, clean laundry, etc. He is a bundle of energy and a pretty happy little guy, now over 14 months old.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sis. Janet Lutha and Anthony Barker were married on September 5. Pictured L to R on the happy day are Bro. Andy Lutha, Bro. Ray Lutha, Sis. Janet and husband Anthony, Sis. Marilyn Lutha.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Please support the Newsletter and send greetings to your Sokol friends at the same time by clipping this coupon and mailing it with your donation by November 15. Your greeting will appear in a special Holiday issue. The holiday greetings annually generate needed funds to support the distribution of this newsletter. **THANK YOU** in advance for your *generous support!*



Here's my greeting and donation to support the Sokol Spirit newsletter.

Name: _____ Donation: \$ _____

Greeting:

Make check payable to SOKOL SPIRIT.

Mail to: Sis. Pat Satek, 46 Northgate Rd., Riverside, IL 60546-1639

Check \$ _____

Deadline: November 15, 2010 * THANK YOU and NAZDAR!

Cash \$ _____

JANE MALINA CROWNED 2010 HOUBY QUEEN

Congratulations to Junior Girl, Jane Malina, who was crowned as Cicero/Berwyn's Houby Queen for 2010! Jane is a senior at The Willows Academy High School. She has been playing the cello for ten years and is a member of the West Suburban Youth Orchestra. Among her many interests and hobbies are playing volleyball, dancing and gymnastics. She hopes to major in Business Administration and minor in French, in order to someday run her own event planning business. Her community involvement activities include her participation in three Relays for Life to raise money for cancer research. Pictured are Jane's sister, Anne, Jane, parents Amy and Bro. Lance Malina, and grandfather Bro. Charles Malina.





Thank you for your show of support in electing me to be President of Sokol Spirit for the 2010-11 year. I am very honored and humbled to serve in this role.

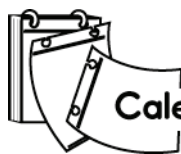
The 2010-11 Sokol Year has started very well and has already seen some new concepts come to realization. One of these ideas was the search, selection and hiring of a Unit Program Director. After a three month process, the recently formed Program Development Committee selected Sis. Lauren Classen as our Program Director. Her hiring was approved at our September Unit meeting.

Now I'm sure that many of you may wonder, what will this Program Director do? The role of the Program Director will be to establish new programs and classes to take place in our building at times when our building is not being used. This will include a wide array of activities and we will announce and promote the programs in this Newsletter, at unit meetings, and throughout the community in the near future. These additional activities will not interfere with our traditional Sokol classes, and will be available to our members as well as helping us attract additional interest in our organization.

In addition to hiring a Program Director, the Executive Board is working hard to increase efficiency, improve communications and to find ways to better fulfill the Sokol mission. Some of the other new changes that will help us attain our vision include:

- Creating our first full unit budget for the 2011 Calendar Year
- Establishing job descriptions for each of the roles in our unit
- Creating Executive Position and Board short term and long term goals

I am very excited to continue work on these projects as well as to work on many other items during the year. If, at any time, you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact me via email at ADAM.WILT4@GMAIL.COM or by phone at 708-804-4400.



Calendar of Events

Every Sunday	Sokol Spirit Bingo 4pm open
First Wednesday	Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7pm
Third Monday	Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm
10/22-23	Sokol Spirit Fall Rummage Sale
11/6	Sokol Spirit Spaghetti Dinner <i>Doors open at 4 p.m.</i>
11/6	Central District BOI Annual Meeting
11/7	Central District Annual Meeting
11/21	Central District GIJO Turkey Tumble
11/27	Wreath Sale Pick-Up and Bake Sale
12/5	Rhythmic Competition at Elite
12/18	Sokol Spirit Holiday Dinner Dance
1/15/11	Sokol Spirit Quiz Night



Don't miss our
**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**
November 6

SOKOL SPIRIT'S ANNUAL WREATH SALE

Support Sokol Spirit's traditional fall fundraiser—order fresh wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays. Complete the order form below and return with your payment by November 9 in the Wreath Order box at Sokol Spirit; or you can mail your order and payment to Kati Payne, fundraiser chairperson: 3715 Sunnyside, Brookfield, IL 60513; cell phone: 708-469-8883; home phone: 708-387-9361. Checks are to be made payable to **Sokol Spirit**, and are due by **NOVEMBER 9, 2010**. Payment must accompany order. Profits from this fundraiser will help the Juniors attend the Sokol USA Slet in Cleveland this summer! NOTE: Wreath pick-up will be at Sokol Spirit on Saturday, November 27, from 12:00-3:00pm. The Juniors will be holding a bake sale at the pick-up to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Qty.	Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Qty.	Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
_____	24" Wreath	× \$15.00 =	_____	_____	Garland	× \$25.00 =	_____
_____	36" Wreath	× \$22.00 =	_____	_____	Basket Centerpiece	× \$20.00 =	_____
_____	48" Wreath	× \$31.00 =	_____	_____	Mantelpiece	× \$35.00 =	_____
_____	60" Wreath	× \$36.00 =	_____	_____	Nobel Swag	× \$18.00 =	_____
_____	12" Noble Fir	× \$17.25 =	_____	_____	Yule Log	× \$14.25 =	_____
_____	20" Noble Fir	× \$21.00 =	_____	_____	Fire Starter Basket	× \$19.00 =	_____
_____	36" Noble Fir	× \$38.00 =	_____	_____	12" Noble Wreath with Candles	× \$21.50 =	_____
_____	Balsam Bouquet	× \$13.00 =	_____				
	Check Payable to SOKOL SPIRIT				GRAND TOTAL	=	_____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

Exciting news!
We're compiling a

We all have favorite recipes our friends ask for over and over. Wouldn't you like a way to share them with our Sokol members and friends!? Here's your chance! Send your recipes to:

**Carol Rocush, 145 Richmond Drive,
 Bolingbrook, IL 60440**

Be sure to include your name and phone number in case of questions. The recipes will be compiled into a cookbook we'll sell as a Sokol Spirit fund raiser.



OR ... email your recipe to:
SPIRITNEWS@HOTMAIL.COM

Visit our website: **WWW.SOKOLSPIRIT.ORG**

Try your luck! BINGO every Sunday in our lower hall, doors open at 4 p.m. *Support Sokol Spirit!*

Moving? Please let us know your new address! Contact:
BeckerD9749@SBCglobal.net Dorothy Becker • 340 Lake Shore Dr. N • Barrington IL 60010-3425

Sokol Spirit

Brookfield Sokol Educational Institute
3909 S. Prairie Avenue
Brookfield IL 60513-2143

NON-PROFIT OR
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 134
BROOKFIELD, IL