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August 2010

### WORDS FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

On June 5, 2010, Sokol Spirit held its Annual Meeting where major changes were made, including the election of officers and topics very important to the Sokol Spirit Unit, including a new dues structure.

At Sokol Spirit, we have to pay dues for every one of our members to (1) American Sokol, and (2) the Central District. At the ASO National Convention in April 2010, the delegates voted to collect ASO dues of \$40 per year for every member of the organization, (which includes a yearly \$5 convention fee). In addition, the Central District also collects dues at a rate of \$5 per year for every member. We at Sokol Spirit had a graduated dues structure with members with 60+ years of membership paying nothing as an honor to their long-term loyalty to Sokol Spirit. With over thirty members having 60+ years of membership, we found that Sokol Spirit was barely covering expenses to ASO and the Central District, and that did not help our own unit. Sokol Spirit values long-term members and their continued contribution to our unit, therefore, at the Annual Meeting, a proposal was voted on and accepted that dues starting in 2011 will be as follows:

- Dues for all members with 1-59 years of membership will be \$65 (this covers the ASO and Central District dues plus \$20 Sokol Spirit dues)
- Dues for members with 60+ years of membership will be \$45 (this will cover the ASO and Central District dues only—no Sokol Spirit dues)
- Dues for students and persons in the military will also be \$45

Sokol Spirit still considers members with 60+ years of membership as honorary, but we need help in paying ASO and Central District dues. We hope you understand. Our revenue from Bingo and other fund-raising events has not kept pace with the increased cost of maintaining our building which, by the way, turned 80 years old last October.

In the past, ASO and Central District have charged units on a quarterly basis. At the Convention, ASO decided to collect all dues each year at the beginning of January. We at Sokol Spirit will therefore send out dues collection notices for the year 2011 in September of 2010 with the hope that we will have all monies collected by January 1. Since we do not want to cause any financial hardship on any member, please contact our financial secretary, Sis. Vera Wilt, phone: 708-442-4444; address: 8014 W. 27th St., North Riverside, IL 60546; or e-mail: [verawilt@aol.com](mailto:verawilt@aol.com), so she can help arrange a payment plan.

Thank you to all for your support during the last year. For a variety of reasons, I decided not to run for re-election this year. As of June 5, 2010, your new president was elected and is Bro. Adam Wilt who, I have no doubt, will be a wonderful president to lead Sokol Spirit into the new decade. Please welcome him and give him your support as well.

Thank you, too, to the other officers, committee members, and delegates that are stepping down this year from their positions. You all did an awesome job and were greatly appreciated...even though you didn't think so at times. A special thank you to the Executive Board members who are "retiring" for only a short time, I hope: Bro. Ken Nagel, who as Men's Director kept the men's activities in good shape; Bro. John Bazata, who as 2nd Vice President kept everything in the gym running smoothly; Sis. Diana Rhoades who served so well as Educational Director; Sis Doris Barda who served as Sunshine Chair for many years and did make our lives brighter, and to Sis. Ellie Babka, who did an outstanding job as Membership Chairperson...Sokol Spirit is indebted to you all.

I wish you all a very happy summer vacation. Don't forget, registration for classes is September 10, 2010 at the gym. Come, join our classes—we have some new and exciting activities planned.

Nazdar, Dorothy Becker

## SWIM•RIDE•RUN2CAMP

Sokol Spirit athletes are working to prepare to participate in the Chicago Triathlon August 29 as part of the ASO Swim/Ride/Run2Camp fundraiser. Please respond generously to fundraising requests you may receive from our members Bro. Bob Barcal, Ken Nagel, Howie Maskill, Adam Wilt, John Bazata and Sis. Kathy Barcal and Kandi Pajer.



### SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Doris Barde

- Get well soon greetings to Sis. Alex Lanzel who is recovering from surgery.
- Speedy recovery to Sis. Ellie Babka, who is having knee surgery this summer. She is trying to be in top shape so she can lead her class onward and upward in September. Best of luck, Ellie.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

A big thank you to our Junior Class who participated in the Bohemian National Cemetery Memorial Day observation. Your attendance was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Sokol Spirit juniors are the greatest!

## MEMBERSHIP DINNER

On June 5, 2010 after the Sokol Spirit Annual meeting, our yearly membership dinner/awards night was an exciting event. Approximately 100 people attended with many friendships renewed. Thanks to the women's class for procuring the food, running the raffle, and doing the dishes. Thanks to the men's class for moving tables and chairs, and thank you to Sis. Ellie Babka, membership chairman, for presenting the yearly membership awards. Pictured are members with 60+ years of membership.



At the membership dinner, Sis. Dorothy Becker distributed the June 2010 membership directory. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact Sis. Becker at 847-842-0390 or [BECKERD9749@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:BECKERD9749@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or 340 Lake Shore Drive North, Barrington, IL 60010. Please let her know of any additions/corrections you find. Remember, these books are for the personal use of our members only, and information is not to be distributed without permission of the members.

## OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 5, 2010

President	Adam Wilt
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres	Carol Rocush
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres	Dorothy Becker
Treasurer	Bob Barcal
Recording Sec	Debbie Nardi
Corresponding Sec	Ellie Babka
Financial Sec/Membership	Vera Wilt
Educational Director	Becky Maskill
Publicity/Public Relations	Meribeth Tooke
Men's Director	Howie Maskill
Women's Director	Kathy Barcal
<u>Board of Directors</u>	
Chairman	Bernie Babka (2012)
Vice Chairman	John Tooke (2011)
Secretary	Dorothy Becker (2011)
Treasurer	Wendy Sanders (2012)
Leases/Rentals	Jerry Zitko (2011)
Members	Joe Dusek (2012), Laura Hruska (2012), Mark Schrofe (2012), Phil Kent (2011), Marv Lanzel (2011), Meribeth Tooke (2011), Missy Dropka (2011) Jerry Zitko (2011), Elmer Kulousek (2011), John Tooke (2011)
Members-at-large	
<u>Board of Instructors:</u>	
Men's Director	Howie Maskill
Men's Assistant Director	Ken Nagel
Women's Director	Kathy Barcal
Women's Assistant Director	Debbie Simik
Uniforms/T-shirts	Wendy Sanders
Youth Ambassador	Linda Baran
Strategic Plan Coordinator	Laura Hruska
<u>Standing Committees</u>	
Trustees/Finance Committee	Bob Barcal, Bernie Babka, Marv Lanzel, Meribeth Tooke, Vera Wilt
Audit Committee	Anne Svec, Meribeth Tooke, Vera Wilt, Carol Shrofe, Linda Bazata
Falcon Key Club	Ellie and Bernie Babka
Bingo/Raffle Management	George Lacina, Chair; Dorothy Becker, Treasurer
Refreshments Management	Meribeth Tooke, Chair and Treasurer
Pull Tabs Management	Wendy Sanders, Chair; Millie Sullivan, Treasurer
Bingo Meetings & Schedules	Wendy Sanders
<u>Other Committees &amp; Functions</u>	
By Laws Chair	Meribeth Tooke
Flag Monitor	Eddie Zempich
Historians	JoAnne Bazata and Doris Barda
Newsletter Editor	Pat Satek
Newsletter Circulation	Phil Kent
Memorial/Newsletter funds	Helen Sevcu
Sunshine Chair	Blanche Wostratzky
Unit Meeting Refreshments	Carol Shrofe
<u>Delegates</u>	
Bohemian National Cemetery (4)	Angie Bultas, Anne Dusek, John Tooke, Meribeth Tooke
Central District Delegates (6)	Bernie Babka, Ellie Babka, Aggie Pajer, Deb Simik, Howie Maskill, Mike Drobick
Czech American Congress (2)	Joanne Bazata, Vera Wilt
TG Masaryk (3)	Robert Baumruk, Tony Hanuska, _____
Tabor Hills/Bohemian Home (7)	Angie Bultas, Helen Sevcu, Tony Hanuska, <u>4 openings</u>

## 100 YEARS YOUNG

A very happy 100th birthday in July to Sis. Anne Turek, mother of Sis. Dorothy Becker. Anne began as a member of Sokol Janos and then was a member of Sokols Slavsky, Berwyn-Slavsky, and now Spirit. Way to go Anne! Her grandsons only say that in her 100 years she has never seen a Cubs World Series win.





**Men, Junior Boys, Boys  
Central District 2010  
Gymnastic Competition**



**1st Class Boys and 2nd Class Boys – Central District 2010 Special Number Competition**



## WORKIN' AT THE CAR WASH!

Our Juniors recently held a successful car wash in the hall parking lot. Among those pictured below are Jimmy, Danielle, and Franky Hedderman, Meli Barones, Greg Baran, Alix Wilt, Jake Payne, Jenny Braun, Kaitlyn Barcal, Trish Leja and Katie Payne.



## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Wishing Happy 50th wedding anniversary to Bro. Jerry & Sis. Elaine Zitko on June 18, 2010...and they said it wouldn't last!



*Beautiful Bouncing Bundles of Joy!*

Bro. CJ and Sis. Gina Rocush and big sister, Mila, welcomed son/brother AJ a month early on April 17. He made his appearance weighing 15 lb. 13 oz. and 19½ inches long. Best wishes to the happy family.

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Robert Michalek, former member of Sokol Brookfield, who passed away on May 29. Bro. Michalek was a past president, board member, instructor, director and bingo caller. He was well known for his very successful Spaghetti Dinner. Burial will be in Brooksville, FL. Our sympathy also to the family of Sis. Pola Valasek, a 25-year member, who passed away on July 13 and to the Lanzel family on the death of Bro. Marv's brother.

## DISNEY MAGIC MUSIC DAYS

Back in May, Junior Boy Jimmy Hedderman, along with the rest of Lyons Township High School Marching Band, participated in Disney Magic Music Days at Disney World, Orlando, FL. They left on Thursday, April 29, traveled 23 hours by bus to Orlando, and returned home on Monday, May 3. The band had the honor of marching in the Disney Dream Come True Parade down Main Street on Saturday and played for a crowd of thousands, enduring the sweltering 90+ degree temperatures. The band members got a behind-the-scenes tour of Disney's back lot before/after the parade and had lots of fun park-hopping and going on rides during their free time. On Sunday, the band participated in Disney Music Workshops, where they met and worked with professional Disney musicians, learned to play some Disney songs, and got the feel of what it's like to rehearse for a professional show. Everyone had a great time. What a great experience for Jimmy and the LT Band! The group arrived home safely, ahead of schedule, Monday night, despite rainy conditions. They weren't affected by the flooding, but saw some of the devastating impact as they drove through Nashville and other areas along the way.



1st Class Girl Andrea Udziela placed FIRST All-Around Level 4 for 8-year-olds in the GIJO State Meet.

### NEW JUNIOR BOARD OFFICERS

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Junior Board: Danielle Hedderman–Girls’ Director, Jake Payne–Boys’ Director, Jane Malina–Treasurer, Meli Baronas–Secretary.



### Calendar of Events

- Every Sunday **Sokol Spirit Bingo** 4pm open
- First Wednesday **Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting** 7pm
- 8/1-10 American Sokol National Camp – Sokol Camp, Imperial, MO
- 8/29 Swim/Ride/Run2Camp – Sponsor our Sokol Spirit athletes in the Chicago Triathlon!
- 9/10 **CLASS REGISTRATION**
- 9/18 Central District Presidents’ Conference
- 10/22-23 **Fall Rummage Sale**

### SOKOL SPIRIT’S FIRST QUIZ NITE!



Everyone had a great time at QUIZ NITE! Plus, we raised over \$500 for new equipment. Watch for another Quiz Nite, coming soon. Start recruiting team members now!



### SOKOL SPIRIT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SEEKING PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Sokol Spirit has formed a Program Development Committee in an effort to create new programs while our current Sokol program is not utilizing the building. On the following page is the job description for a Program Director. Anyone interested should submit his or her resume to [HMASKIL22@YAHOO.COM](mailto:HMASKIL22@YAHOO.COM).

# **Sokol Spirit**

**3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL**

**Job Title:** Program Director

**Reports To:** Program Development Committee

Sokol is seeking a self-motivated individual who is looking for a challenging opportunity to oversee the day-to-day operations of newly formed programs.

Sokol Spirit offers high quality instruction for beginning through advanced students, offering various recreational sports, fitness, cultural, educational and social activities. The mission of American Sokol is to provide fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural and social programs.

## **Position Description**

Work to foster the growth of our organization through expansion of Program offerings and business development. Cultivate new partnerships and business opportunities. Work with the Unit and National Office to support the American Sokol Strategic Plan and its Mission, and develop best practices in the area of programming, income production, and compensation.

## **Key areas of responsibility**

- Develop and manage physical, educational, cultural, and social Programs in a positive environment.
- Hire and Manage instructor staff.
- Generate and Manage program income, funding, and finances.
- Market programs to the community.
- Build and maintain participant enrollment and report attendance figures and program evaluations to Executive Board on a monthly basis.
- Formulate, document, and oversee Operating Policies and Procedures to ensure Quality, Consistency, and Compliance with Safety, and Health regulations, and any legal requirements.
- Maximize use of facility in coordination with existing programs (hours, square footage, # of participants)
- Research and develop ways to expand our programs and visibility within the community.

## **Qualifications**

- High School diploma or equivalent is required, college degree in Business preferred.
- Experience in the fields of child development, cultural enrichment, education, and/or fitness is certainly a plus and prior management and/or strong customer service and sales experience is preferred.
- Must have strong marketing, communication, and interpersonal skills with a proven track record of leadership.
- Must have experience using computer technology.
- Entrepreneurial Spirit and self starter attitude is a must.
- Flexible schedule may be required.

## **Compensation**

- Commission Salary based on program enrollment.

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**Interested candidates can submit their resume to [HMASKIL22@YAHOO.COM](mailto:HMASKIL22@YAHOO.COM)**