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**Sokol Spirit's 11th
Annual Exhibition
Saturday, March 28
5:00 p.m.**

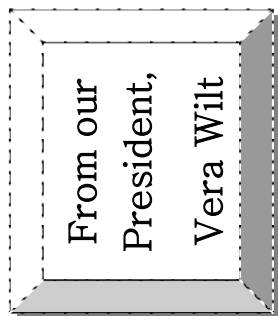
**George Washington
Middle School, Lyons
Tickets available
at the door:**

Adults: \$7

Children: \$3

**Celebration following
at Sokol Spirit.
Food, drink and
music -**

**All are welcome!!
Please join us!!**



The start of Exhibition Season means that Spring cannot be too far behind. Our classes are busy practicing Cals, special numbers and gymnastic skills to showcase at the Sokol Spirit Exhibition on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The program begins at 5:00 PM, at the George Washington Middle School, 8101 W. Ogden Ave., Lyons, IL. Our theme is *Fun and Games at Sokol Spirit*, and of course that fun and games will continue at the post show party at our own gym at 3909 S. Prairie Avenue in Brookfield. There will be great food, fun music, beverages, and prizes to win. Please plan to come to the Sokol hall after the show to continue the celebration with your friends and family.

You should have received a letter asking for ads or boosters, so please consider sending greetings in support of your gymnasts or in memory of your loved ones who have passed. Please get those back to us as soon as possible so that the book can go to press on time.

NO TICKETS are being printed this year, because most of us seem to misplace them anyway. We encourage you to come and pay at the door. If your money is burning a hole in your pocket and you want to pre-pay, please send your check with a clear indication of whether it is for admission, a booster/ad, or a donation. Performers get in free, but all spectators pay \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MARCH 28.

There is so much activity going on at our gym regularly, we hope you will come join us and find your niche. There is **something for everyone!** Here is just a sampling of what goes on at Sokol Spirit:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon/evening - our traditional classes tots through adults

1st Wednesday of the month 7:30 PM– **Unit meeting**. Come help decide the direction of Sokol Spirit.

1st Friday of the month 7PM– **Czech Film night** - \$4 donation includes the film and 1st beverage

3rd Friday of the month 7:30 PM– **World Beer Club** – \$10 includes flight of 6 beers from the region and snacks of the area as well

Saturday Mornings at 9AM – **Spin Class**, Thursday mornings at 9AM – **Baby and Me2 class**, **Czech Language classes** – See website for more info about all of these classes

Tuesday Mornings - **Senior Co-Ed Class** 9:30 – 11:15

Wednesdays - **Wheels** classes

Saturday, April 25 - **Quiz Night** 7PM \$10 admission per person, BYOB & BYO Snacks – see website for details

Sunday, April 26th - **Membership Dinner** – information to follow

Falcon Key Club – No, you did not misplace the mailing. In order not to inundate our members with mail all at once, Key Club has been scheduled later in the year.

“Way to go” to our gymnasts as well as instructors who participated in the Progressions Clinic in January. View some photos on page 4. Sokol Spirit will host the National American Sokol Instructors’ Course in July. We hope you will help when we reach out to you to fill some volunteer spots including kitchen help, laundry, and transportation. More information will follow.

Many of our members recently helped **Sokol St. Louis** celebrate its **150th anniversary**. Warmest Congratulations to Sokol St. Louis and thus American Sokol on its sesquicentennial. This was the first of many celebrations that will take place over the course of 2015. Photos can be found in this newsletter on pages 5 & 6. We all had a wonderful time!

We look forward to seeing you over the coming months, and encourage you to support us at the Special Number Competition on April 18 at Lyons Township North High School and Sokol Day on May 17th. We put these in the “Save the Dates” section, and more details will be forthcoming.

NAZDAR!

Vera A. Wilt, President

Can February March? No, but April May!



SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

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"Hello to all my Sokol friends. Hope 2015 will be a very good year for all of you. Nazdar!" Rose Vytlačil

Happy healing to 1st class boy Cole Heetel who had an appendectomy on Friday, February 6th. He is healing very quickly, and even returned to school three days after surgery. So glad you're feeling better, Cole!

Our thoughts are with the family of Sis. Jacquelyn Toscas-Fuchs who passed away February 16, 2015. Her husband, Bro. Richard Fuchs, shares this statement: *Jacquelyn was a music teacher, taught private lessons to many students and was an accomplished musician. Jackie performed in many orchestras in the Chicago area. She also was manager of the "Orchestra of St. Vincent" for several years. "Truly a fantastic lady!" We are so blessed to have had Jackie in our lives! "To know Jackie is to love Jackie!"*

Our thoughts are also with the family of Leo Pajer who passed away on February 25, 2015. Our condolences to his wife, Sis. Agnes Pajer; Sis. Kathe Heetel, Bro. Tom Pajer, Bro. Joe Pajer, Sis. Kandi Pajer, and Jim Heetel; and seven grandchildren, including Max Pajer and Jake Heetel (2nd class boys), Cole Heetel (1st class boys) and Scarlet Pajer (1st class girls), and many Sokol brothers and sisters, especially his 'RPB' family. He was a long-time and active member of Sokol Tabor with a big heart who put so much of himself into his work there. He was well-loved by his family and people from many Sokols.

Central District Rhythmics Competition – December 14



This photo is from the Central District Rhythmics competition held on December 14th. Our 1st class girls competed in the skills portion of the competition. They performed 3 skills each in rope, ribbon, hoop and floor. The girls all practiced extremely hard for this competition and all of the coaches are very proud of them!

Editor's note: Thanks, Alix. So are we! Great job, girls!

Why is everyone so tired on April 1? Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

Central District Progressions Clinic – January 9–11



40 students from 5 Sokol units participated in the weekend clinic, including Spirit's Michael Barcal, Marissa Broche, Kylie Hyderall, Marketa Mackova, Hailey Partipilo, and Leila Smajlovic. Instructors included Spirit's Sis. Alix Wilt and Bro. Tom Pajer.



Mens' Volleyball – season ended January 23



Our Sokol Spirit Junior boys and Men participated in the Central District Volleyball tournament this fall and winter. Above is a photo of the Junior Boys/Men team (Team 3, not pictured are Elmer Kalousek and Christian Gatsos) and Men's Team 2. Spirit had three teams: Spirit 1 finished 3rd in the A division, and in the B division Team 2 finished 1st and Team 3 finished 3rd. The finals were held at Sokol Spirit. The games were so much fun to watch – all of the guys did a great job. We are very proud of all of our Spirit volleyballers. Thanks, guys, for a great season.

150th Anniversary – Bus Trip to Sokol St. Louis – February 14–15, 2015

Sokol Spirit was well-represented at the celebration of the 150th year of Sokol, to the exact day! (Sokol St. Louis founded on February 14, 1865). Many Spirit members joined other Central District members and loaded up busses early in the morning on February 14th. The bus arrived in St. Louis that afternoon, and still more Sokol Spirit members drove down to join us for very good representation from our unit. The participants enjoyed a program, delicious dinner, performances, special numbers, speeches, toasts and music throughout the afternoon and evening. Sokol St. Louis also had a very interesting display of memorabilia from their archives. Our group returned in very good spirits from an enjoyable excursion the next day. Most of the photos below show Sokol Spirit members. Happy Anniversary Sokol!!



What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A hot cross bunny

150th Anniversary – Bus Trip to Sokol St. Louis – February 14–15, 2015 (*cont.*)



Thank you! SOKOL SPIRIT WISHES to THANK YOU for donating to the stage tree filled with warm items for the 2014 Secret Santa Program... a social service arm of the Community Nurse Health Association which takes care of Lyons Township residents and special programs for surrounding townships providing supportive services to clients. There are over 1,000 children who attend and are served by the pediatric clinic on a documented needs basis...and these are for whom the program is targeted. In 2012, CNHA received a large grant to expand their services beyond the Lyons Township community and now they lead *The **Community Healthcare Network of the Western Suburbs***, a collaborative of providers that deliver coordinated health services. Over 120 individual items were transported to Santa's workshop! This is the 15th year of giving and Sokol Spirit and its members should be proud that it remains one of the top 5 list of 'givers' to CNHA when government funding cuts back on local programs. To see more about the association, go to www.communitynurse.org. NAZDAR and thanks for making the holiday season a special one!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please note that the resale shops run by CNHA receive items from Spirit's Rummage Sales as well.

Spirit's Rummage, Bakery and Consignment Sale – October 9 & 10

There will be no Spring Rummage Sale this year, so PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS & BOX THE GOODIES for the sale in October. Because the coat room (boutique) is now the Spirit office, we are looking for a loan of one or two coat racks. Please call 708/354-9126 or mktooke830@gmail.com. THANK YOU... Your committee: Sisters Doris Barda, Dorothy Becker, Lisa Kotynek, Chris Lanzel, Wendy Sanders, Meribeth Tooke, and Elaine Zitko

~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In Memory of Rudy Ondrovic

From Mildred Jezek \$20.00 from Mary Ann Satek. \$10.00

From Helen Sevcu. \$15.00

~ NEWSLETTER FUND ~

from Julie Barcal. \$10.00

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

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During Ape-ril showers!

From the Juniors:



A big thank you to all who have supported us in our various activities and fundraisers so far this year. We finished off 2014 with a Rhythmic competition for the Junior Girls (pictured left) and an outing to Sky High, Xtreme trampoline with the juniors from Sokol Naperville (below). We started the year with hosting a bake sale for all classes at the gym and participating at the Cal and Marching competition held at Lodge 306.

In the gym, both classes have begun to prepare for our annual Exhibition. We are learning our calisthenics routine and our special number. While also preparing for our exhibition the junior boys and junior girls will begin to prepare for artistic gymnastics competition in May.

As exhibition is approaching fast please keep a look out for the candy sale and basket raffle fundraisers at the performance and the after party. The Juniors will also be selling candles! Thank you again to all who continually support the Juniors!



From the Youth Ambassador: Congratulations to our December coloring contest winners and runners up: Winner for Tots-Jacob Rodriguez; Runners up for kids classes-Lejla Smajlovic; Hailey Partipilo, and Kaylee Thom. Your prizes are on their way. Look for your next newsletter which should be arriving to your homes soon. With the upcoming Exhibition and Special Number competitions closing in, it is great to see how much talent so many of the kids have. I wish you all the best of luck in your upcoming performances. Be sure to add the sticker to your passport!! Remember we have our **150 Name Game going on until April 19th.** It's a great way to meet some new kids and Sokol members. Please be sure to turn your entries in for a guaranteed surprise. I look forward to handing out the prizes, check the poster board in the gym to see who has made it so far!!!

Linda Baran

World Beer Club – Third Friday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.



March 20 April 17 May 15 June 19

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

Falcon Key Club

The Falcon Key Club fund raising mailing will NOT be sent to you this month. The unit voted to conduct the once-a-year fund raising event during the summer months. The Falcon Key Club consist of those members are those who are willing to “contribute a little more” to support the Sokol programs including the maintenance of the building. We know that you are being asked to contribute to the exhibition ad book and to buy tickets for the exhibition at this time of year, so we do not want to add to that commitment. This year the Exhibition ad book will repeat the names of those Falcon Key Club members who contributed in 2014. Those of you who will contribute to the Falcon Key Club during the 2015 summer campaign will be listed in the exhibition ad book in March 2016. Therefore, you can contribute to the Falcon Key Club throughout the summer. We really appreciate those members who give generously to the Falcon Key Club especially those members that are out of town and cannot attend many of our local activities. So, watch for the Falcon Key Club mailing this summer, and thank you in advance for your support.—Dorothy Becker, Falcon Key Club Chair.

Attention Members!!!

Did you know that as a member you can use our hall for personal parties? The asking donation for use of the hall has been lowered to \$100. The only stipulation is that you clean up after your event and leave the hall in the same, or better, shape than when you found it. Call Bro. Mark Shrofe for more information at 708-485-9663 and leave a message, or visit our website sokolspirit.org.

Spirit Membership Dinner

The Annual Sokol Spirit Membership Dinner will be held on April 26, 2015. Mark your calendars and watch for the mailing. We honor those members who have continuous membership in five-year increments. So, come honor those members, pick up your membership directory, enjoy good food, and renew or make some friendships. Special this year is a reunion for members and non-members who were Sokol Slavsky juniors during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. Are you one? Do you know one? Contact Sis. Dorothy Becker for more information.
beckerd9749@sbcglobal.net or 847-842-0390.

BABY and ME 2 © Classes

A gymnastic/music class for Parent (Guardian) and Baby* together -
tumbling, stretching, progressive skill-based socializing and FUN



*Baby must be walking and under 3 years of age
Tots classes available at 3 years and toilet trained.

LOCATION: SOKOL SPIRIT GYM, 3909 S Prairie, Brookfield
MONTHLY for 4 consecutive weeks NOW through June 2015
COST: \$50/4 sessions each month for one family (one baby)

MINIMUM: 3 sets of “families”; Max 9 sets

REGISTRATION: Forms at sokolspirit.org must be filled out before class starts.
Preregistration discounts ask baby&me2@sokolspirit.org or 708/721-3196. Sokol Spirit is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization.



SOKOL SPIRIT, 3909 Prairie, Brookfield

CZECH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION CLASSES

MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: (8 weeks) \$140 per Session/Minimum 3 students. Session II: January 5, 2015 – February 23; Session III: April 6, 2015 -May, 25. Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18)

TUESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, LIFE LEARNERS CZECH CONVERSATION 8 weeks \$140 per Session/Minimum 3 students. Session II: January 6, 2015 – February 24; Session III: April 7, 2015 - May 26. Textbook available.

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: 12 Wks \$100 per Student/Min. 8 students. Session II: January 7, 2015 – March 25; Session III: April 8, 2015 – June 24. Textbook: Basic Czech I (see above)

Please note: If the minimum number of students is not reached, the number of lessons may be shortened. Discount with advance payment, please ASK. If paid in advance, please mail check to Sokol Spirit c/o Czech Language Class.

CZECH CULTURAL CLASSES and SPECIAL EVENTS (In English)

THURSDAYS, 6:30 – 8pm, CZECH & SLOVAK JEWELS: (4 weeks) \$35 per session/Minimum 3 students. (After minimum of 3 students, \$10 per drop-into class.) Custom handouts. Session II: March 5 - 26, 2015; Session III: May 7 - 28, 2015. Possibility of extension with pupil interest.

THURSDAYS, 6:30 – 8pm, CZECH & SLOVAK TREASURES: 4 weeks @ \$35 per session/Minimum of 3 students (After minimum of 3 students, \$10 per drop-into class Custom Handouts Session II: April 9 - 30, 2015; Session III: June 4 - 25, 2015 Possibility of extension with pupil interest.

Use registration form to pay in advance and register for diff event activities. Form available sokolspirit.org at Sokol Spirit gym, or various Czech events. Questions? Email czechclass@sokolspirit.org Questions? Email czechclass@sokolspirit.org.

SOKOL SPIRIT FIRST FRIDAY CZECH FILMS.....from Sokol Spirit's Foreign Language Committee

The series continues this Fall ... a \$4 donation with free pilsner, water, or pop. Each film has handouts and is accompanied by our head Czech language teacher, Pavlina Dropka, except where indicated.

***March 6th Babí léto /AUTUMN SPRING** Bittersweet Comedy Czech Traditions Fanda, an old man who refuses to grow up. Despite pleas from his exasperated wife Emilie and son who want him to make some serious decisions about the future, he ignores their nagging and spends the days seeking amusement and adventure. Aided by his pal and former theatre colleague. (95 minutes; 2001; PG-13 for language)

***April 3rd Prodaná nevěsta /THE BARTERED BRIDE OPERA**, [Smetana](#)'s three-act comic opera (1860's). (90 minutes; 1981; G)

***May 1st Ostře sledované vlaky/CLOSELY WATCHED TRAINS**, Academy Award-Best Foreign Language Film World War II, work at a train station on the German border. Filmed in Lodenice (Central Bohemia), Czechoslovakia (93 min; 1966; R-Suicide)

***June 5th Postřižiny/CUTTING IT SHORT**, Comedy in Sm. Town w Brewery/Political Satire (94 min; 1980; R-frontal nudity)

Sponsor: Foreign Language Committee of Sokol Spirit
Questions? czechclass@ or education@sokolspirit.org

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What season is it when you are on a trampoline? Spring-time!

What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket? Two points just like everybody!



Calendar of Events

First Wednesday	Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30pm
Third Monday	Sokol Spirit BOI Meeting 7:30pm

March 2015:

March 8 – Sokol Chicagoland Exhibition 2pm

March 20 – Sokol Naperville Exhibition 7pm

March 20 – Beer Club 7:30pm

March 21 – Sokol Stickney Exhibition 6 pm

March 28 – Sokol Spirit Annual Exhibition
5pm, After Exhibition party follows at the
gym

March 30-April 6 – No Sokol classes ☹

Save the Dates:

April 3 – Czech film series 7pm

Week of April 6 – Classes resume ☺

April 17 – Beer Club 7:30pm

April 18 – Special Number Competition –
Lyons Township North Fieldhouse –Time TBA

April 25 – Quiz Nite 7pm –see website for info

April 26 – Membership Dinner

May 1 – Czech film series 7pm

May 9 – Boys & Men's Competition - NCHS

May 15 – Beer Club 7:30pm

May 16 – Girls & Women's Comp - NCHS

May 17 – Sokol Day (more info to come)



Don't forget to check in at the gym: www.facebook.com/sokolspirit



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