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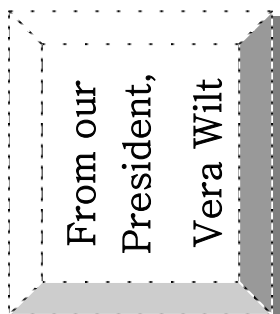
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to all our

class instructors,

officers,

committee chairs,

delegates to cooperating organizations,

participants in all our fundraisers, and

everyone *who volunteered and helped Sokol Spirit in any way this year.*

We had a successful Exhibition and after-party; we presented excellent performances at the Special Number competition; our members and friends enjoyed a terrific quiz night; we shared a wonderful membership dinner; our gymnasts from age 6 to 65 competed and won medals and trophies; we all celebrated at Central District Sokol Day; and we held a mini-fundraiser and end of year show and awards night before sending off our Wheels student and instructor, Emily Temmer as she prepares to compete with team USA at the world wheels competition in Lignano, Italy next month while instructors John Bazata and Ken Nagel go there as judges. Those events were just in the last two months, besides ongoing physical classes, Baby and Me 2, Czech classes, First Friday Movie nights, and World Beer Club!

The Summer will put regular classes on vacation, but there will be the Annual Meeting, Pet Parade, the 4th of July Parade, American Sokol's Instructors' Course, Farmers' Market, Spin classes, Adult Summer Sokol, World Beer Club and summer Wheels programs to still keep our Sokol Spirit instructors, members and volunteers busy.

Check out the events of Prague Days in Chicago June 10 through the 14th. Details of events and ticket sales are found online at: www.pragedayschicago.com.

Save the dates for the American Sokol 150th Anniversary events Friday, November 13th through Sunday, November 15th, 2015.

Until next time. . . . NaZdar!

11th Annual Spirit Exhibition – March 28, 2015



Spirit's 11th Annual Exhibition, Fun and Games, was held at George Washington Middle School. Everyone in the show worked for months to prepare, and it sure paid off: what a great Exhibition it was! Thank you to all instructors for your dedicated work teaching calisthenics and writing and teaching Special Numbers to your classes. After the Exhibition participants, families and friends attended the After Party at the gym. It was a great night. Hope you were able to share in this tradition and had a great time, too.



More photos from Exhibition and Special Number Competition



(Featured at right) Sokol Spirit's 1st Class Girls performed "Hey Mickey!" at Special Number Competition this year! They came in 2nd place, but were only behind 1st place by 1 point! Great job, girls. We are so proud of you!

Artistic Competitions (May 9 and 16) and Sokol Day (May 17)



Artistic Gymnastic Competitions took place on May 9 (Men and Boys) and May 16 (Women and Girls), followed by Sokol Day on May 17. The weather looked threatening all day but it held out for us at this year's new venue, Ehlert Park in Brookfield. It was a perfect day, and a lot of Spirit members participated in Sokol Day. Spirit was well-represented on the winners' podium at the awards ceremony: kids and adults were all up there. We are proud of all Spirit participants in the competitions and Sokol day activities. Enjoy the photos on this page and the next. Thank you to Carolyn Morriss and Kandi Pajer for these photos (and the many photos you take and send year-round)!

Artistic Competitions and Sokol Day – (cont.)



Q: Where do geometry teachers go on vacation? A: Cuba

Sokol Spirit Membership Dinner – April 27

Approximately 100 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:

Sis. Ruth Uniejewski—30 year member

Sis. Martha Hovorka—23 year member

Bro. Rudy Ondrovic—28 year member

Sis. Jacquelyn Fuchs—8 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

Michelle Noga
Semir Smajlovic
Alix Wilt
Lauren Wilt

10-year members

Brandi Arnold
Susan Kucera
Alex Lanzel
Kerry Lemont
Becky Maskill
Carolyn Morriss

15-year members

Linda Baran
Barbara Bossany
Patricia Leja
Richard Leja
Marilyn Michyeta
Casey Rocush

20-year members

Ken Nagel
Kandi Pajer
C J Rocush

25-year members

Regina McGuire
Colleen Swinarski

30-year members

Angie Bultas
Ken Kozelka
Linda Makdah
Mildred Pultorak
Jill Ravnica
Martin Umlauf
Walter Uniejewski

35-year members
Kathy Fitzgerald
Bruce Rhoades
Jerry R Zitko

40-year members

Jim Hantak
Sandra Morgan
Robert Orsula
Art Placek
Wendy Sanders
Frank Svestka

45-year members

Blanca Flosman
Marianne Ronquillo

50-year member

Edwin (Spook) Halik

65-year members

William Kostecki

75-year member

Helen Sevcu

80-year members

Mildred Jezek
Slavia Sula

In addition, we had three members in attendance with over 70-years memberships

Blanche Wostratzky-72
Helen Caldwell-77
Jerry Chvatal-73

Read about the Slavsky reunion at the Membership Dinner in the next Spirit News!



Above: Sis. Carolyn Morriss (who is often on the other side of the camera, 10 year member), Sis. Helen Sevcu (75 year member, with Sis. Dorothy Becker, Membership Dinner Chairperson), 80 year members Sis. Slavia Sula and Sis. Mildred Jezek.

Q: Where do locksmiths go on vacation? A: The Florida Keys

From the Juniors



A big thank you to all who have supported the Juniors in their various activities and fundraisers throughout our entire Sokol year. We continued this year with learning and perfecting our calisthenics number and our special number. During our Exhibition season we held a World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser, a Party-Lite candle fundraiser and a basket raffle at the Exhibition after party. After Exhibition season, we competed in the Annual Central District Special Number competition where we took 2nd place!

In the gym, both classes prepared for artistic gymnastics competition. All competitors did awesome and we had 2 medals won from the Junior boys.

The Sokol Spirit Juniors have had a very successful year and finished off the year by performing their Special Number one last time at the 'Arrivederci' fundraiser. Thank you again to all who continually support the Juniors and keep an eye out for the Juniors' Car Wash fundraiser in August!



From the Youth Ambassador – Linda Baran

We have another year in the books, congratulations to all!!! We had 1 youth member turn in their 150 signatures challenge, Theresa Lemont. She got her prize at the End of Year party. We also had 2 kids complete their passports. Only Riley Conway has turned hers in so far. Her prize was awarded at the end of year show. Good job goes out to Lilly Smith, Isabella Smith and Rachel Lemont who submitted posters to National Youth Ambassador to win tuition to Instructors School. I heard they were awesome, but unfortunately didn't win. Max Pajer, did however win, Congratulations to him. And to all the boys and girls who competed in our events throughout the year, GOOD JOB!!! You have joined hundreds of thousands of youth before you who have practiced, tried, cried, won and lost. You should be exceptionally proud of yourselves, regardless of whether you received a medal, ribbon or just a "Great Job" from your coaches. Remind your parents that participation in physical events as well as Youth Contests is all part of your Sokol fee, so if you can participate, please do so, all of your instructors have and can tell you how much fun it really is. Remember to have a safe and fun summer and I really hope to see you next year as our unit celebrates its **150th Anniversary** in a big way AND we have a Slet in Pittsburg in June. It'll be tons of fun that you should not miss!





SUNSHINE REPORT from Sis. Blanche Wostratzky

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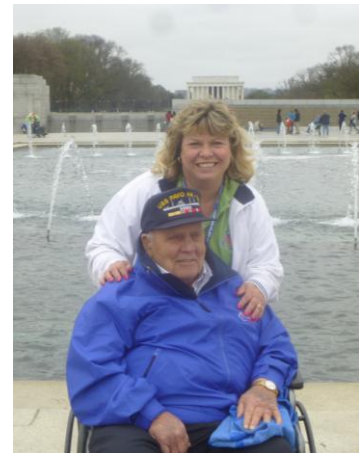
Sokol Spirit members Bro. Roy and Sis. Vlasta Zitny celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 22. They were married on April 22, 1950! To celebrate their anniversary, there were no big plans - just a nice dinner out together. What a milestone! Best wishes to you both!

On April 8th, Bro. Walter Uniejewski went on Honor Flight. Honor Flight is an all volunteer organization dedicated to honoring World War II vets with a trip to Washington D.C. for a day of honor and to see their memorial.

I was privileged to be able to attend with my dad as his guardian. The day was more than we could have ever imagined. As one vet said, it took as much planning for this day to occur, as it did to plan the D-day invasion! There was not one detail overlooked. From the water cannon salute arriving at Dulles Airport and upon returning to Midway, the private police escort that we had all day to ensure we did not get stuck in DC traffic, to the ability to get 90 vets and wheelchairs on and off 5 motor coach buses at numerous stops with no issues, having entertainment for the vets at both airports, to organizing over 1500 pieces of mail for "mail call", and to creating a Welcome Home Celebration at Midway airport with well over 2500 people. This was certainly not a small job...and to think it was done all by volunteers. It is hard to find just one word to describe the entire day... but, awesome, amazing, emotional and perfect are some that come to mind.

Honor Flight Chicago has a mission of finding the remaining 15,000 WWII vets in the Chicago area, so that they can have their "day of honor". If anyone knows a WWII vet, a relative, neighbor, a friend of friend, a person from church please have them go to www.honorflightchicago.org. This experience is completely free for the vets, and openings are available this summer. It is the least we can do for the freedoms that we enjoy every day.

-- Submitted by Sis. Debbie Milas



~ MEMORIAL FUND ~

In Memory of Anci Dusek from her Sokol friends \$85.00

In Memory of Joe and Anci Dusek (father and mother) from son Joe Dusek. . . . \$200.00

In Memory of Jacquelyn Fuchs from Ellie and Bernie Babka. \$25.00

In Memory of Earl Spillar

from Blanche Wostratzky. \$10.00

from Helen Sevcu. \$50.00

In Memory of Leo Pajer

from Juliann Barcal \$15.00

from Joe Dusek. \$25.00

from Mary Ann Satek \$10.00

from Mildred Jezek. \$20.00

from Blanche Wostratzky. \$15.00

Donations were also received in memory of Leo Pajer from Dorothy and Henry Becker and Helen Sevcu

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

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



June 19 (tentative for July 16 & Aug 20 – check website first)

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



**Sokol Spirit returns to the Brookfield
Farmer's Market Summer 2015!**

June 6 & 20 July 7 & 25

August 8, 15, 22 & 29 September 5 & 12

Village Hall Parking Lot - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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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.

The American Czech Educational Center in St. Louis MO is excited to announce The Best of Czech Republic Tour for
July 2016. It is certain to be a breathtaking trip for all those interested in Czech Culture, Czech Beer, and a good
time. As The American Czech Educational Center is home to our very own Sokol St. Louis, we would like to share
this opportunity with all of our Sokol members. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting
experience, please contact Ryan Newcomer 2nd Vice Pres of Sokol St. Louis via e-mail at rttnpb@icloud.com or
(314)495-6048. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, and the registration deadline is October 31st
2015, so don't wait 'til it is too late

Going on vacation near Cedar Rapids, Iowa? Sokol Spirit has an "Affiliate Contributor Level Membership" to the
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, www.NCSML.org. Recently with our renewal we received 24 passes
for one person each for a visit to all the NCSML galleries free of charge. Sister Meribeth Tooke as Educational
Director holds the passes. Please call her 708/354-9126 or e-mail mktooke830@gmail.com your interest. The
permanent exhibit, "Faces of Freedom: The Czech and Slovak Journey" is dynamite. During the next few months
they are sponsoring special lectures, tastings on beer before they go off to the Czech Republic on a beer tour! A
little more close to home, they are sponsoring a Moravian jazz trio (Emil Viklicky Trio) Friday, June 26, 7pm at The
Arts Center of Oak Park (Oak Park, Illinois). Cost: \$10. Tickets and details at their website.

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

At this time we're asking you to please 1) mark your calendars and 2) start boxing your goodies! 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.



SOKOL SPIRIT, 3909 Prairie, Brookfield

CZECH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION CLASSES Post 5/15 V2

MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, BASIC CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: Session I: September 14 – November 2, 2015 **8 weeks** \$155 per Session/Minimum 3 students. Session II: January 11, 2016 – February 29; Session III: April 4, 2016 – May, 23 Textbook: Basic Czech I by Ana Adamovicova and Darina Ivanovova (Amazon \$18) Note: Translations offered following class-appointment preferred

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00–8:30pm, INTERMEDIATE CZECH CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR: Session I: September 16 – December 10, 2015 (11/25 skip) **12 Wks** \$140 per Student/Minimum 5 students. Session II: January 6, 2016 – March 23; Session III: April 6, 2016 – June 22. Textbook: Basic Czech

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 in the English language

2nd TUESDAYS of the Month 7:00-8:30pm starting September 8 through June 14, 2016 \$5 per person includes 1st pilsner, water bottle, or pop free NOTE: Extra fees apply when there is a hands-on activity...please preregister so supplies can be ordered and you are not disappointed. Sept; St. Wenceslav and his murderous family; Oct: Czech Beer story; Nov. Czechoslovak Communist Alphabet (1945-89); Dec: Christmas Gingerbread making; Jan.: Czech History Monuments-Vysehrad, Prague Castle, Karlstejn, Hora Rip; Feb. Bozena Nemcova and Revival movement; March: Easter traditions-egg decorating+; April: Folklore/Open-air museums; May: Grand story of Bata; June: Unesco Sites JOIN US IN LIVELY CONVERSATION and perhaps learning new family traditions.....

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 \$5 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.

September 4 Holiday Makers/Ucastnici Zajezdu (R; 117 min, 2006) A comedy based on the 1996 novel Účastníci zájezdu by Michal Viewegh, (popular contemporary Czech writer) Tribeca Fest. Win.

October 6 The Shop on Main Street/Obchod na Kora Golden Globe & Oscar in 1996; political (PG-13 125 minutes; 1964)

November 2 Secluded, Near Woods/Na samote u lesa (G; 92 minutes; 1976) Ulrich and Vera Bench travel to the countryside with their children Peter and Susanna to look for a cottage to purchase.

December 4 Old Believers-3 film documentaries in B/W on the Ruthian orthodox religious persecution Filmed from 1984 to 2001 (G; 100 minutes w filmmaker interview B/W)

February 5 Cunning Little Vixen Opera by Leos Janacek done in comic strip animation by Rudolf Tesnochldek (G; 98 minutes; 2009 w 8 minute interview with animator)

March 4 Beauty in Trouble/Kraska v nesnazich (R; 109 minutes; 2009) Surviving 2002 Floods

April 3 Alois Nebel-Animation (PG-13; 84 minutes; 2013) **Railway station life at the end of the Cold War**

May 6 The Valley of the Bees/ Udoli Vcel (PG-13; 96 minutes; 1967 B/W) 13th century historical drama

June 3 Capricious Summer/Rozmarne Leto (PG; 74 minutes; 1967) Romantic Comedy between friends at the Lake cottage.

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

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Q: Where do fish go on vacation? A. Finland



Summer 2015:

June 5 – First Friday Czech Film

June 6 – 1st Brookfield Farmers Market

June 19 – Beer Club (featured region: Mediterranean) 7:30p.m.

July 4 – Brookfield July 4th Parade. See website for time/location of line-up.

Q: What do you throw out when you want to use it but take in when you don't want to use it? A. An anchor



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



Save the Dates:

September 4 – First Friday Czech film

September 8 – New Cultural series starts

September 11 – 6-8 p.m. Class registration

September 12 – Oktoberfest

Week of September 14 – ☺ classes resume, Czech language classes start

Oct 9 & 10 – Spirit Rummage, Bakery and Consignment Sale

November 7 – Spaghetti Dinner

November 13-15- American Sokol 150th Anniversary events – more info to come



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Competition	Pancake Breakfast	Spaghetti Dinner
Czech Language Classes	Parades	Special Number Competition
Exhibition	Quiz Night	Spin Classes
Farmers Market	Rhythmic	Sr. A.M. Class
Friday Films	Rummage Sale	Track and Field
Membership Dinner	Sokol Day	Wheels
Oktoberfest	Sokol Spirit Rocks!	World Beer Club

Look at how busy we've been this year!

Complete this word find and submit it for huge and valuable prizes (guaranteed to exceed the cost of the stamp required to mail it), courtesy of your Newsletter Editor. Everyone can play! Take a selfie holding your word find and you may see yourself in the next newsletter. To send it in use my address/email on first page of newsletter. Deadline: July 1, 2015. Good luck!!

Name: _____ Age/class: _____

Hometown: _____ Email: _____

Q: Where do zombies go on vacation? A: The Dead Sea

