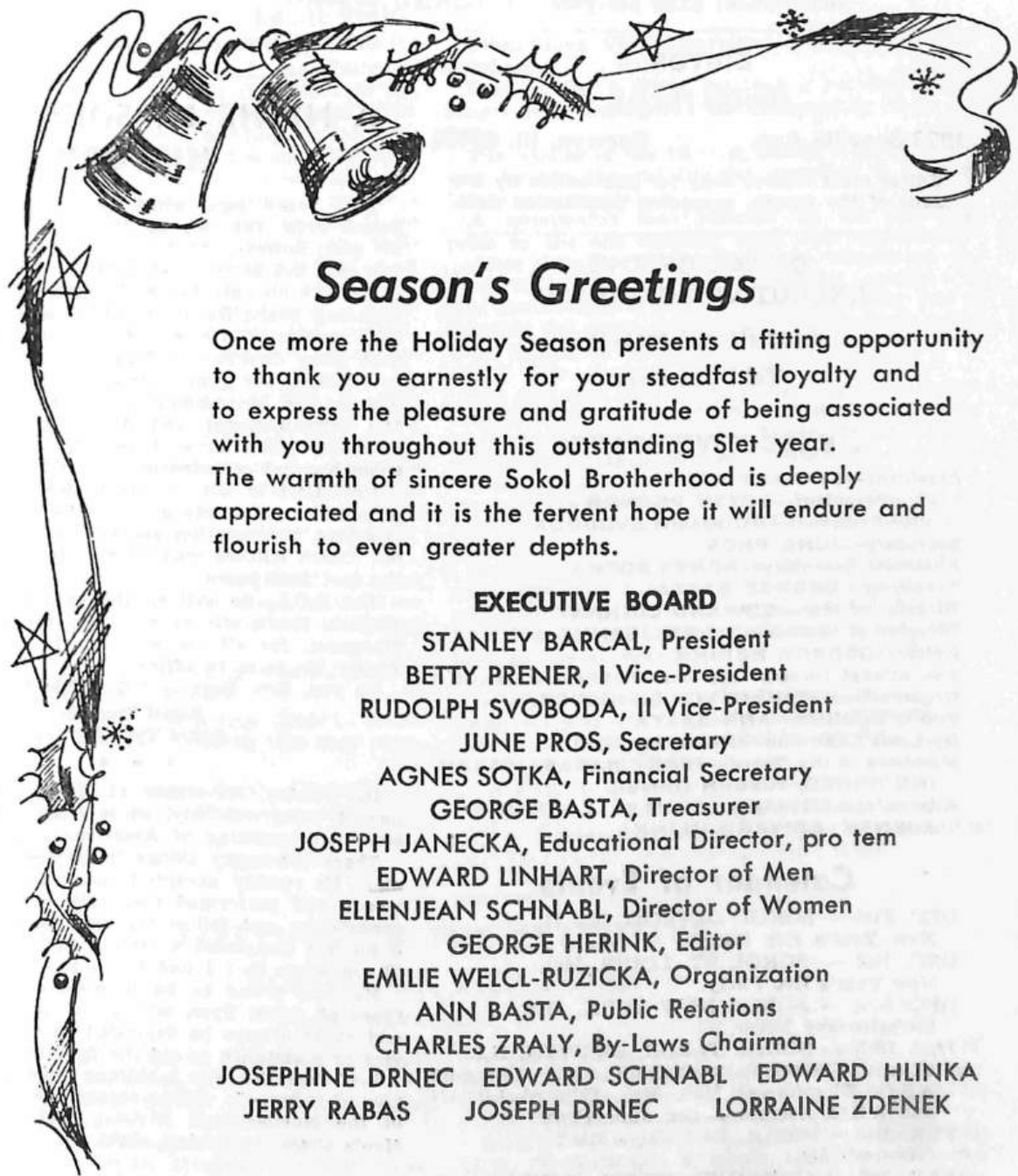


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## Season's Greetings

Once more the Holiday Season presents a fitting opportunity to thank you earnestly for your steadfast loyalty and to express the pleasure and gratitude of being associated with you throughout this outstanding Slet year. The warmth of sincere Sokol Brotherhood is deeply appreciated and it is the fervent hope it will endure and flourish to even greater depths.

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## Calendar of Events

DEC. 31st — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.  
New Year's Eve Party.  
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New Year's Eve Party.  
DEC. 31st — SOKOL NEW YORK, N.Y.  
Silvestrovský Večer.  
JAN. 19th — SOKOL TABOR, BERWYN, ILL.  
Central District's Recognition Night Honoring  
A.S.O. Director of Men, Bro. Edward Linhart  
and A.S.O. Secretary, Sis. June Pros.  
FEB. 3rd — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.  
Gymnastice.  
FEB. 3rd — COMBINED SOKOL WINTER EX-  
HIBITION, CLEVELAND, OHIO  
Cleveland State University.

FEB. 9th — SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Sibřinky (Masquerade)  
FEB. 10th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Czech Jaternice Dinner.  
FEB. 23rd — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEB  
Fun Night (Večirek).  
APRIL 28th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.  
Choral Group's Afternoon Czech Dinner Party.  
JUNE 2nd — EASTERN DISTRICT (SOUTHERN  
CIRCUIT)  
Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington National  
Cemetery.  
JUNE 21-23rd — WESTERN DISTRICT SLET  
Sokols Wilber and Crete, Co-Hosts.

## A NICHE IN SOKOL TYRS' HISTORY

Two years ago, when Bro. Bert Box became Sokol Tyrs' Director of Men, he promised to do his best; however, he delved into his personal reservoir and did better than that.

He was on call day and night and served as a sounding board for many of us who came to him with problems. He was faced with a unique job that other directors seldom encounter — that was to organize our gym classes into a condensed week and into a gymnasium owned by another Sokol. His organizational and diplomatic abilities were exercised often as well as his patience. He responsibly and conscientiously carried out his duties.

Bro. Bert is not of Czech descent. He became a member when his own children became active. His love, appreciation and enjoyment of Sokol and our Czech culture was constantly demonstrated in the last two years.

The B.O.I., as well as the gymnasts, appreciate all Bro. Box's efforts and also thanked his wife, Margaret, for all the support she has given him during his term in office.

To you, Bro. Bert — Sokol Zdar!

Sokol Tyrs Board of Instructors  
Sokol Tyrs Newsletter - July 1973

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On Sunday, November 11, 1973, Bro. Bert Box passed away suddenly, while attending a planning committee meeting of American Sokol, Inc.

There are many things to be learned from this man. He readily accepted many tasks and assignments and performed them all with dispatch, responsibility and follow through. Once, when asked if he had completed a certain task, his reply was, "I am sorry that I had to be reminded."

He was proud to be a member of the Men's Class of Sokol Tyrs, which he faithfully attended and could always be depended upon to render advice or assistance to aid the function of this class.

Bro. Bert Box was a shining example of a man's love of Sokol. He will be sorely missed at his Unit, in the Northeastern District and at the Senior Men's Class on Friday night.

Peter Dusek

## HELP OUR SOKOL GROW

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## A.S.O. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For almost two years the Membership Committee worked diligently with all of the Units of the Sokol organization to fulfill the desire to increase membership in the American Sokol. The committee spent many hours deciding on the program, on the course to take that would help each Unit in enrolling as many new members as possible. Our final decision was to sponsor a membership drive and award prizes to the winning Units in each District, to the District, and to the individual who enrolled the largest number of new applicants. Rules and regulations were set up and were accepted by the Executive Board. Rules were strictly followed throughout the contest. Prizes were selected for the winners. Many encouraging letters were mailed to stimulate interest in securing more new members in each respective Unit. The Drive lasted 1½ years, from September, 1971 to the end of March, 1973.

On September 1971, membership in the American Sokol totaled 7551 members. At the end of the Drive, March 31, 1973, membership was at 7831. During the contest, 358 new members were enrolled.

The culmination came at the Sokol Banquet held during our XIII Sokol Slet Days at the Lexington House, June 21, 1973. The 5 Unit prizes were awarded to:

Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Ill., of the Central District who enrolled 120 new members.

Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, of the Southern District, enrolling 105 new members.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrns, South Omaha, Nebraska of the Western District with 37 new members.

Sokol Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland of the Eastern District with 38 new members.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio, with 6 new members.

Each of the 5 Units received a beautiful Sokol plaque with inscription commemorating their effort.

The winner of the District award, a lectern, was won by the Central District, enrolling a total of 142 new members.

A wristwatch was selected as an individual prize to the one securing most new applicants.

After lengthy deliberation, the committee decided to award identical individual prizes to two members, for both did an outstanding job in bringing in more than 100 new members each. Were it not for these two, our membership drive would have been very dismal.

The two men, Bro. Edwin Halik of Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Ill. and Bro. Jerry Laznovsky of Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, were nominated by their respective Units for the individual award. They did a tremendous job in selling our organization and the Sokol Idea to the new prospective members. Both men earned the individual award.

Yes, the contest, the Drive, is over and all of us on this committee wish to congratulate the winners and thank all who had participated. We hope each of you will continue bringing in new members, for we all know that we have the best gymnastic organization in the world.

Bring in not only adult members, but also new gymnasts who will eventually become members, for the youth of our organization is our future.

Our Slet motto stated:

"A Past to Honor — A Future to Mold."

Rudolph Svoboda

Chairman of the Membership Committee  
of the American Sokol

## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE A.S.O.

NOVEMBER 27, 1973

Pres., Bro. Stanley Barcal presided. Present: Bros. R. Svoboda, G. Basta, E. Linhart, J. Janecka, G. Herink, J. Rabas. Sisters B. Prener, J. Pros, A. Sotka, E.J. Schnabl, A. Basta, A. Falta.

Correspondence: Announcement of the death of Bro. John Kasper, Sokol Houston. — Denni Hlasatel and Novy Svet publications re: Season's Greetings (ad). Approved, \$50.00 ad in Denni Hlasatel

and \$30.00 ad in Novy Svet. — Articles and information from Sokol Miami. — Sis. Prchal's card from Rotterdam, Holland, attending Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Mailed Small Girls, Jr. Girls and Women's apparatus exercises from Sokol USA. — Met with Educational Committee and submitted material. — Received final

report from Western District, \$1,001.00 for 16 students attending ASO Course. Also, one from the Southern District, \$1,447.91 for activities covered thus far in 1973.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: In contact with District Directors. Excellent response in their classes after the Slet. — Replied to questions submitted by Sokol San Francisco. Received Western District's summary of the ASO Slet. — Attended Danish Academy of Physical Education program at George Williams College. — Requested letter be sent the Presidential Sports Award Program to include gymnastics, approved. — Approved, payment of \$75.00 to Bro. Fina as ASO representative to the 3-day USGF Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Membership, Bro. Svoboda: No committee meeting as of yet. Bro. Robert Michalek is an added member to the committee.

Uniform, Sister Prener: Sales improving. Merchandise ordered as needed. Some price increases. Will appear in the American Sokol.

Education, Sis. Prener: Committee meeting was held, Nov. 14th. — Bro. Pirka will write short articles. — Units urged to have News-letters. — Approved, the sending of By-Laws, Parliamentary Procedure to the newly elected Unit and District officers. — Considering an Essay Contest. — One-half page allotted in the American Sokol for "Our American Heritage". To appear in 2 parts.

Publicity, Sis. Basta, Bro. Rabas: Submitted articles following the Slet.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: Tax reports prepared and deposited. — Cost in printing of the American Sokol publication increased.—Sent Northeastern District payment from its Special Assessment Fund for students attending ASO Course. — Price of ASO booklets now 25c each. — Received \$500.00 from Sportsman's Park Charity Racing Week. Letter of thanks will be sent. — Approved, purchase of drapes for the windows of the ASO Office, \$279.30. — Received call from Bro. Pekar of Cleveland, Ohio, reporting, due to zoning, the Sokol, Inc. failed to receive permission to build on its property. — Bro. Barcal's payment for trip to Sokol Detroit, approved. — Hereafter, all requests for use of the ASO mailing list by any Units or Districts must appear in writing.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: Reconciled all statements and accounts. — ASO Course to be finalized by the end of the year.

President, Bro. Barcal: Reported on meeting with the Bohemian National Cemetery regarding the Sokol Memorial. The cemetery agrees to donate a plot of land in an attractive and very good location. Will also install the base of the monument. After all suggestions are received, as to design and landscaping, an artist will be contacted to make up finalized plans, after which they'll be presented to the Executive Board. — ASO Slet Super 8 movies and slides are ready for distribution. The rental fee is \$50.00 deposit. When returned in good condition a \$35.00 refund will be made. Same price for both movies and slides plus additional charge for loss of slides. — Bro. Pavek has been contacted regarding the painting of the Sokol Office. Decision will be made in the near future.

Sec'y., Sis. Pros: Roster form sent all Units and Districts with deadline, Jan. 31st. This form vital for correct printing in the March issue of American Sokol. — Worked on the Sokol display at Chicago's Folk Fair. — Conducted tour (65 people) to the Milwaukee Folk Fair for the Central District.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### Eastern District

OCTOBER 22, 1973

Pres., Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. J. Babinec, F. Capek, A. Chaloupka, J. Donovan, R. Novotny. Sisters B. Hochner, B. Novotny, L. Pribil, N. Zabka, B. Zraly.

Correspondence: Donation of \$50. from Sokol Philadelphia for next year's raffle. — Article about Eastern District Meeting published in New Jersey newspapers. — Minutes of United Sokols of the East Technical Committee Meeting. Bro. Chaloupka requested its financial report. Matter will be brought up at that group's next meeting.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek: Received reports from Sokols Little Ferry and Belcamp. Great improvement at Sokol Belcamp under direction of Bro. Martin Lago. Units should send in their monthly reports.

Director of Women, Sis. Zabka: Hopes for much improvement in the District. — Discussion arose for the paying of entry fees.

### UNIT REPORT

Sokol New York: Will celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the Independence of Czechoslovakia, Oct. 28th. — Bazaar, Dec. 8th. — Gym classes started. — Volleyball games held every Thursday.

Sokol Fuegner: Large registration in girl's classes.

Sokol Little Ferry: Picnic held at Boonton a success. — 4 new members registered.

Sokolice Little Ferry: Latest Chinese Auction netted \$1,000.

Good of the Order: "Sokol Gymnastic Exhibition" sponsored by the District will be held at the Washington School in Little Ferry, N.J., Nov. 18th. — As approved at the Annual Meeting, the District will refund \$20. per student to each Unit whose students attended the ASO Instructors School. — Appreciation to Sis. Pribil who will crochet a cape as prize for next year's raffle. — Also to Bro. Zraly for the printing of the Annual Meeting Minutes at no cost to the District.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka: Receipts, \$103.25. Disbursements, \$260.00.

NOVEMBER 12, 1973

Pres., Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. F. Capek, A. Chaloupka, F. Donovan, R. Novotny. Sisters B. Hochner, H. Rhodes, B. Novotny, H. Schroeder, B. Zraly.

Correspondence: Educational questionnaire from the ASO. — Invitation from Sokol Washington to the 55th Anniversary Celebration of the Restoration of Czechoslovak Independence.

**Southern Circuit Report: Self-Improvement workshop** will be held in December. — Competitions to be held at Sokol Belcamp, March 3rd, and at Sokol Baltimore, March 6th. — Annual ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, June 2nd. — Was suggested the Southern Circuit sponsor a bus trip and possibly participate in the Czechoslovak Day in Toronto in July. — Officers for ensuing year are: Director of Men, Bro. Edward Stetka; Assistant, Bro. Frank Stovicek. Director of Women, Sister Marie Pokorny; Assistant, Sis. Ruth Vrzalik.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek: Apparatus competitions, March 24th, for juniors and seniors. — May 11th for children's classes.

District Gymnastic Exhibition: To be held at the Washington School, Little Ferry, N.J., Nov. 18th. Program has been prepared. Sokol Baltimore will dance the Beseda. Taped music will be used for all the drills. Bro. Chares Divisek will play the piano. Invitations have been mailed.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka: Receipts, \$85.85. Disbursements, \$122.00.

## Southern District

OCTOBER 27, 1973

Pres., Bro. George Prevratil presided. Present: Bros. Don Steinman, Oldrich Parma, Larry Laznovsky, Jerry Milan, H. B. Smith, Stuart Hamilton. Sisters Bernice Hamilton, Sylvia Laznovsky, Rose Steinman, Henrietta Milan, Vlasta Laznovsky. Guests, Sisters Helen Parma, Vlasta Jurcik, Jean Mason.

Correspondence: Czechoslovakia Nat'l Council's appreciation for Sokol donation. — Sokol Fort Worth requesting District's shoulder patches.

### UNIT REPORT

Sokol Corpus Christi: October meeting, 24 in attendance. — Gained 4 members. — Flea market, Oct. 21st. — Annual barbeque, Oct. 28th. — Celebrated its 43rd Anniversary. — A Gymnasticale will be presented.

Sokol Zizka: October meeting, 68. — Gained 2 regular and 4 associate members. — Held 3 dances and 4 rentals. — Awards Dinner successful. — Purchased 4 mats and 3 small beams. — Will stage a gymnastic program for Teachers Convention, Dec. 1st. — Will participate in Dallas' dedication of a new Convention Center.

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky: Held 2 dances. — Catered dinner for a class reunion. — Annual meeting, Nov. 25th. — 110 participated in the Czech Day program. — Purchased beam pads, landing pads, ruether board cover and volleyball standards. — Will host volleyball tournament, Nov. 17th, and District BOI Annual Meeting, Nov. 18th.

Sokol Fort Worth: Gained 16 associate members. — 105 in attendance at banquet for advanced team; awards and 9 scholarships presented. — Advance Clinic of skills of instructors, Oct. 22nd. — Tumbling exhibition given at PTA meeting. — Had 3 booths at the Fort Worth Polka Festival. Also staged a tumbling exhibition and a special number. — Participated in the Czech Day program. — Purchased 2 mats and a free-exercise pad. — Set up fund-raising projects, candy and candles sales, dinners.

Sokol Houston: October meeting, 37. — Gained 14 regular and 1 associate member. — Sokol Circus, Oct. 13th, including a gymnastic program, dinner, games and dance, was well attended. — Dance, Oct. 20th. — Turkey dinner and dance, Nov. 11th.

Sokol Yukon: Sept. meeting, 20. — Hold weekly dances jointly with WFLA lodge, which support gymnasts. — Gymnasts enrolled, 115. Assisted by 6 instructors. — 22 participated in Instructor Clinic during District BOI visit, Sept. 29th.

District Directors, Sis. and Bro. Laznovsky: Visited Sokol Yukon along with Assistant Directors, Bro. and Sis. Milan. Clinic on conducting classes and use of apparatus. Recommended 2 mats and a set of rings as additional equipment. Are most impressed with Bro. Skarky's work as physical director. 2 of the gymnasts attended the ASO Instructors School in Chicago. The Unit entered a float in the Yukon Czech Day, in October. — More than 200 participated in the Czech Day at the Fair in the "Texas Roundup", 2 Unit special numbers, high and low bars and tumbling. — Volleyball tourney to be held Nov. 17th and the District's BOI Annual Meeting the following day, both at Sokol in Ennis. — Submitted reports to the Special Assessment Fund Committee. — Preparing to work on new apparatus routines for little girls, assisted by Sisters Stoeppelman and Milan.

Educational Director, Bro. Parma: Represented Pres., Bro. Prevratil at the Czech Day at the Fair. — Expressed appreciation of Sokol participation in the program. — Suggests Units elect an educational director at their annual meeting. — ASO has organized an Educational Committee. Material should be soon forthcoming. — Bro and Sis. Amick gave talks on Czech Day participation and rules of the gymnasium at Sokol Zizka.

Public Relations, Bro. Milan: Spoke on Sokol history and its activity at Fort Worth Polka Festival during the Sokol program, Oct. 20-21st. — Will attend Olympic meeting, Nov. 2-4th, and the National Coaches Congress. — Plans will be discussed on possible Sokol participation at the dedication of the Dallas Convention Center, Dec. 7-9th.

Annual Meeting: Scheduled, Jan. 27th, at Sokol Fort Worth. Delegates should be advised of their Unit problems and wishes. Encouraged that youth attend as observers.

Treasurer: Sis. Hamilton: Expenses, \$58.03. Balance, \$2,330.55.

## Central District

OCTOBER 24, 1973

Pres., Bro. Joseph Drnec presided with 13 members in attendance.

Correspondence: Appreciation from Sokol Milwaukee in sending Bro. and Sis. Drnec to their Recognition Dinner. — Request for participation in Czech Exhibit at Lincoln Federal. Due to time element, impossible to participate. \$10.00 donation approved.

**B.O.I.:** Still no Women's Director. Assistants are Sisters Lillian Jindra, Agnes Pajer and Sec'y., Sylvia Pistorius. — Women's Round-Robin volleyball tournament will start, Oct. 28th, with Sis. Carol Strejc in charge; as well as in the Clinic. — Men's tournament will start Oct. 17th. Juniors will play on Sunday afternoons. — The Folk Dance Group performed at the Rosary College Dinner, at the Czech Exhibit, and at the Moravian Cultural Society Dance. — The Danish Gymnastic Team was to perform at the George Williams College. — Sis. Cathy Brim from Sokol Tabor will represent the U.S. in Amsterdam, Holland, in Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics. — A Recognition Night honoring Bro. Linhart and Sis. Pros will be held, Jan. 19th, at Sokol Tabor.

**Good of the Order:** Bro. Pirka is cataloging all the books in Sokol possession. Will be most helpful in pinpointing desired information on Sokol. Is also working on exhibit for the 1975 ASO Convention in Detroit. — 2 June dates will be requested for Sokol performances at Chicago's Civic Center Plaza. — Chicago Folk Fair will be held Nov. 17-18th. District will have a display booth of Sokol material. Pictures and uniforms will be a part of the display, also included will be the sale of our Slet Program Book and souvenirs. — The bus trip to the Milwaukee Folk Fair will be on Nov. 18th. — It was moved the District's Annual Meeting be held Jan. 20th. — No meeting will be held in December. — A Nominating Committee has already been selected.

## Western District Annual Meeting

SEPTEMBER 23, 1973

Pres., Bro. Edward Pavoucek presided. Delegates present: Sokol and Sokolice Cedar Rapids — Bros. Don Pulkrab, Rick Bartunek. Sisters Libby Melsha, Marge Nejd; Sokol and Sokolice Crete — Bros. Steve Pomajzl, Elmer Pomajzl. Sisters Jean Logsdon, Alice Kalkwarf, Blanche Heeren; Sokol Wilber — Bro. Alfred Chab. Sisters Albina Banks, Lois Havel, Olga Chab, Doris Behrens; Sokol and Sokolice South Omaha — Bros. Vojmir Benak, Henry Mertz, Victor Jirka, Karel Forman. Sisters Bea Pavoucek, Jolene Hamann, Barbara Swoboda, Phyllis Jirka; Sokol and Sokolice Omaha — Bros. Leo Mach, Philip Cahoy, Gary Masek, Joseph Bures. Sisters Bozena Drozda, Helen Karpisek, Beverly Kilborn; Sokol St. Paul — Bros. James Fisher, Robert Vanyo, Robert Bastyr. Sisters Pauline Vanyo, Shirlee Bastyr, Babe Vanyo.

**Director of Men, Bro. Ray Lastovica:** District won 6 Team and 15 Individual trophies at the ASO Slet. — Gym class attendance. 1st Class Boys, 60; 2nd Class, 95; Juniors, 48; Men, 28; Keep-fit, 24. — District in process of purchasing video tape recorder. — Rules being set up. An instructor to be sent for the first time with operating instructions.

**Director of Women, Sis. Drozda:** District won 8 Team and 11 Individual trophies at the ASO Slet. — Gym Class attendance. Tots, 45; Small Girls, 234; Junior Girls, 110; Women, 39; Keep-fit, 27. — Workshops held in April and June. —

Sis. Jolene Hamann gave summary of the ASO Instructors School.

**Historian, Sis. Heeren:** District History Book contains only what the membership submits. Articles are to be sent to Sis. Heeren's home address: Rt. 1, Box 136, Crete, Nebr., 68333.

**Audit, Bros. Jirka and Bures:** Books found in good order.

**Organizational Chairman, Sis. Swoboda:** "Sokol Cedar Rapids is a great example of what it takes to work together. 100 yrs. is a long time and the hardships endured during these years become rewarding. — Do we stop and think, 'What have I done for Sokol?' or 'What has Sokol done for me?'. Doing for Sokol is contributing your time and effort to help in any activity. Even an hour means you're contributing. If you take a chairmanship it creates a greater challenge. At times things do not work out as planned. The next time you are called upon, you know you are needed. — Working and helping on different activities you are made stronger in mind. You meet many people, young and old. — After seeing our gymnasts perform at the Slet, one is proud of being part of Sokol. Let us work together as Brothers and Sisters and hope we can keep our Unit together as Sokol Cedar Rapids has done."

1974 District Slet: Sokols Wilber and Crete will co-host the Slet, June 21-23rd. The chairman, Sis. Jean Logsdon; Vice-chairman, Bro. Dan Jurena; Sec'y., Sis. Blanche Heeren; Treasurer, Sis. Lois Havel. Housing will be available at the Doane College at \$5.00 per person per night. Apparatus routines for Men, Jr. Boys, Women and Jr. Girls were approved. All Units have received the same. Tapes for Women's and Jr. Girls Floor Exercises will be sent. The 1973 ASO Slet calisthenics will be used. The 1969 drills will be used for the Small Boys and Girls. Jr. Boys calisthenics will be those of the 1973 ASO Slet. There will be a Division for Men over 30. The need for more F.I.G. Judges was noted. The Men will attempt to set up a Clinic for Judging, Nov. 17-18th. The Women will hold Clinics in their own gyms. Discussions ensued on the sharing of Slet profits.

**Officers for 1974:** Pres., Bro. Edward Pavoucek; Vice-Pres., Bro. Leo Mach; Sec'y., Sis. Phyllis Jirka; Treasurer, Sis. Blanche Masek; Educational Director, Bro. Robert Bastyr; Organizational Director, Bro. Phil Cahoy; Public Relations, Sis. Alice Kalkwarf; Historian, Sis. Blanche Heeren; Auditors, Bros. Victor Jirka, Joseph Bures; Guide, Bro. Alfred Chab. — BOI Officers. Director of Women, Sis. Bozena Drozda; Assistants, Sisters Beverly Kilborn, Jean Logsdon; Director of Men, Bro. Raymond Lastovica; Assistant, Bro. Dan Jurena.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOKOL CEDAR RAPIDS

The Gymnastic Association, Sokol St. Louis, Mo., congratulates Sokol Cedar Rapids on its 100th Anniversary which it celebrated, October 20, 1973. As Sokol St. Louis had its Homecoming, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21st, it was most difficult to express our personal congratulations at that time. In all sincerity our thoughts were with you on

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*At this Holiday Season  
THE AMERICAN SOKOL  
BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS  
wishes to extend to all Sokol Units  
and their Members  
the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for a*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*and a*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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## American Sokol Organization Merit Award for 1973-74

Upon the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee which had met and thoroughly examined all applications of applicants, the following Merit Awards have been approved by the Executive Board to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund. Those applicants not awarded should re-apply next year.



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**SOKOLS AT ROTTERDAM  
M.R.G.**



Sister Mildred Prchal, our former National Director of Women, and delegate of the U.S.G.F. to the Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships in Rotterdam, Holland — taught and escorted the two top gymnasts who qualified for this meet.

Sara Brumgart, a student of the University of Illinois, Campaign; and Kathy Brym, a Junior at George Williams College (Illinois) and a

member of Sokol Tabor, were the two member contingent to represent the United States. It was the first time U.S. women have competed in this type of World meet. Modern Gymnastics as practiced today, began in the United States about ten years ago, but Sokols had originated and practiced this type of gymnastics since their inception.

In this meet, the gymnast has to perform in front of a panel of judges for two minutes. Each has to have a routine in 4 different events — the large hoop, ball, ribbon, and clubs, accompanied to piano music. The European countries were favored in this meet, which is brought out in Sister Prchal's following report:

Midred Prchal:

**ROTTERDAM  
VI WORLD'S MODERN RHYTHMIC  
GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
November 15-18, 1973**

The five member USGF. delegation including two gymnasts, Sarah Brumgart, Katherine Brym, Coach, Nora Veyette, official pianist, Dr. Don Morrison, and delegate, Mildred Prchal, arrived in Rotterdam on Sunday, November 11th.

The first Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics meeting was held on Monday, November 12th in the de Doelen Concert Hall.

27 nations, 64 individuals and 18 alternates were registered for the VI World's Championships: West Germany, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Hungary,, Italy, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, East Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Jugoslavia, New Zealand, North Korea, United States, Roumania. 19 of these countries en-

tered the group competition. 24 countries entered the individual competitions.

The 1975 VII World's MRG. Championships are to be held in Spain. The events will consist of a 6-member group exercise with three jump ropes and three balls; a compulsory individual exercise with clubs, including 4 compulsory elements selected from the 1973 Rotterdam exercise and 4 original elements; an individual exercise (optional) with ball, an individual optional exercise with ribbon and an individual optional exercise with hoop.

THE SPORTPALEIS AHOY' where the World's Championships were held, is a beautiful arena or stadium seating 6000 people on the outskirts of Rotterdam. Two floor exercise areas 12m x 12m were provided for the gymnasts, one with a rug covering and one without; long jury tables were on both the north and the south sides, a piano was placed besides each of the floor areas. Gymnasts came up stairs from the dressing rooms at one end of the arena and entered the exercise area upon the appearance of a green light.

At 8:00 p.m., just before the program started, Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands arrived and was escorted to her seat, whereupon a band of over one hundred musicians played the hymn of her country and marched around the arena. A choral group sang a number of songs. Groups of costumed girls threw flowers into the bleachers while bouquets were presented to the Princess. Then the groups of 27 participating nations, marched into the arena; the leader of each group carrying the flag of her country — I was happy to see the American flag for the first time in the World's Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships. The Chairman of the Nederlands Gymnastiek Verbond presented Mr. Gander, President of the FIG. After Mr. Gander's address the countries marched off and the competition began.

From the beginning it was obvious that the Russian, Czechoslovakian, and Bulgarian teams would be competing for top honors, but Italy, Korea, East Germany and others received high scores. The skillful handling of the rope, interesting changes of pattern, throwing of the rope and other intricate elements necessary for a winning composition, in many cases, were breathtaking. The two winning groups were Russia and Czechoslovakia and there was not much doubt that these teams would be contenders for first place in the finals to be held on the 18th.

November 16th, 6:00 p.m. — competitions with clubs and hoops. 32 gymnasts (1st half of the group of 64) marched in single file upon the podium, judges following. Each gymnast and judge was introduced; they then retired and prepared for individual competition. Gymnasts alternated, one with club, the next with hoop. The officially prescribed Indian Clubs are very difficult to purchase in our country — I was fortunate to find two pairs of clubs in one of our Sokol gymnasiums one and one-half years ago and later brought five pairs from Europe. Although this is "old" apparatus, the handling of clubs in MRG today is comparable to that of a professional "juggler" but unlike the static position of the specialist, the gymnast must execute high leaps, pirouettes and difficult gymnastic elements while twirling or throwing clubs.

The hoop, too, had many risky throws upward (14 ft. maximum) and it was here where we saw very excellent Czechoslovak gymnast lose her opportunity to compete in the finals when her hoop broke in two pieces during her exercise.

November 17th, 5:00 p.m. — competition with ball and ribbon. It was during the ball exercise competition that the interpretation of the music was most noticeable. Here the skill of the pianist and his artistic rendition of the selected music influenced the evaluation of many of the more unexperienced gymnasts.

November 18th, 1:00 p.m. — The program included the finale for the 6 highest gymnasts, and the 6 highest groups, the distribution of the awards and the closing ceremonies.

#### The final group results were:

1. Russia .....	37.50
2. Czechoslovakia .....	36.85
3. East Germany .....	36.60
4. Italy .....	36.40
5. Bulgaria .....	36.30
6. Korea R.D.P. ....	35.80

#### The final individual results:

A tie for 1st place:

I Shugurova .....	Russia
I Gigova .....	Bulgaria
III Krachinnikova .....	Russia
IV Filipova .....	Bulgaria
V Patocska .....	Hungary
VI Robeva .....	Bulgaria

The opportunity to see gymnasts of our country participate in this MRG World's Championship was another step forward in our effort to bring this beautiful sport to the high level where, without doubt, it belongs.

Our gymnasts, Sarah Brumgart and Katherine Brym, were credit to the United States. As pioneers who had never seen a world's Championship in Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics, their appearance and presentation of their exercises were excellent.

I was happy to meet many of our citizens from the United States, who had come to see the World's Championships and who were proud to see our representatives among the finest exponents of Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics in the world.

## THE UNIFORM DIVISION

has to report an increase in the price of  
SBS Navy Blue Cotton Gym Shorts ..... \$1.45

We also take this opportunity to wish for you and yours JOYOUS HOLIDAYS and that the NEW YEAR brings you HEALTH and HAPPINESS.

UNIFORM DIVISION  
American Sokol Organization

that day, and it is our hope the affair was most successful and inspiring to everyone that attended.

We know that 100 yrs. of service to our Sokol Organization, to your community, and to our country was not easy, but certainly an accomplishment never to be forgotten. We wish to pay our highest tribute to Sokol Cedar Rapids and hope that you embark on the next century with renewed vigor in upholding the ideals of our Sokol founders, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner. Sokolský Nazdar!

William J. Shana  
Educational Director

## FINANCIAL REPORT American Sokol Organization

November 1973

### RECEIPTS

Dues .....	\$1,768.75
Convention Fund .....	36.00
Special Assessment .....	57.00
Dividends and Interest .....	989.91
Subscription and Advertising "American Sokol" .....	107.00
Resale Jewelry .....	87.00
Sokol Manuals, Membership Kits .....	43.00
Postage .....	11.22
A.S.O.-B.O.I. Instructors Course .....	3.50
Donation .....	500.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	45.75
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	3,649.13
A.S.O. Uniform Division — Payment toward Advance .....	1,701.17
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$5,350.30</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Administrative Department</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 424.66
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for October ..	113.30
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric .....	363.91
Office Supplies .....	159.86
Travel Expense .....	20.00
Miscellaneous Expense .....	161.23
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	\$1,242.96
<b>Educational Department BOI</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 208.82
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for October ..	51.64
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	25.00
Add'l copies "Sokol Gymnast" ..	28.00
Postage, Phone .....	9.88
Travel Expense .....	75.00
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	398.34
<b>Sokol Publication</b>	
Editor "American Sokol" .....	75.00
Printing "American Sokol" .....	600.14
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	675.14
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Uniform Div. — Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone, Office Supplies .....	332.80

A.S.O.-B.O.I. Instructors Course at Naperville, Ill. ....	260.00
Special Appropriations — Northeastern District .....	3,120.00
Miscellaneous .....	41.15
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	\$3,753.95
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$6,070.39</b>
<b>Balance brought forward:</b>	
Western National Bank of Cicero — Checking Account .....	\$3,473.23
Receipts — November 1973 .....	5,350.30
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	8,823.53
<b>Disbursement — November 1973 .....</b>	<b>6,070.39</b>
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	\$2,753.14

## FINANCIAL REPORT XIII American Sokol Slet

JUNE 21-24, 1973

### INCOME

Slet Ticket Advance Sales ..\$	5,121.50
Slet Ticket Gate Sales .....	4,233.50
Slet — Chip Sales .....	1,355.65
Slet — Cash Sales .....	384.63
Entry Fees .....	1,599.00
Championship Competition Ticket Sales .....	1,005.00
Special Number Competition Ticket Sales .....	538.00
Miscellaneous Sales & Credits	408.09
Donations and Overages .....	20.45
Social Sokol Tabor Thurs. & Fri. — Chip Sales .....	920.10
Social Sokol Tabor Thurs. & Fri. — Cash Sales .....	3.60
Victory Dance — Ticket Sales	1,614.50
Victory Dance — Chip Sales ..	1,434.80
Slet Seals — Donations .....	3,917.80
Banquet Sales .....	6,912.50
Program Book — Ads .....	6,025.00
Program Book—Well Wishers	2,275.07
Program Book — Sales .....	1,543.50
Souvenir Sales .....	3,187.50
Trophy Donations .....	1,065.00
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<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$43,565.19</b>

### EXPENSE

Administrative Expense .....	\$ 3,637.22
Slet Expense .....	8,091.85
Miscellaneous Expense .....	142.11
Social Sokol Tabor Thurs. & Fri. ....	889.61
Victory Dance .....	1,324.59
Slet Seals .....	1,410.00
Banquet .....	6,600.30
Program Book — Printing ..	4,697.70
Souvenirs .....	3,693.69
Trophies .....	1,024.74
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<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>31,511.81</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>\$12,053.38</b>

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 2,053.38
Transferred to A.S.O. ....	10,000.00
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	12,053.38
15% Allocated to Central Dist.	1,808.01
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Balance to A.S.O. ....	10,245.37
Plus — Souvenir Inventory ..	1,025.58
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\$11,270.95

Prepared by: George C. Basta, Treasurer Slet Com.  
 Agnes D. Sotka, Assistant

## FRANCES C. HULAC

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we announce the untimely passing of our Sister Sokolice, Frances C. Hulac, on September 22, 1973.

Sis. Frances was an ardent Sokol member who had strong feelings for our Sokol ideals. She was a member of Tyrs, Omaha and then the combined Units of Omaha Sokolice for 45 years. Served in the capacity of Financial Secretary and Unit Captain.

She held the honored position as Western District Women's Director for 23 years. In 1938, she traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia as a representative of Sokolice Omaha on the U.S. Gymnastic Team. Took active part in many of our past Slets. She taught gymnastic classes in Omaha.

Sis. Hulac is mourned by her husband, Frank; son, Frank Jr., of Omaha; daughters Frances (Mrs.

Lee Lancaster) of Ripon, Wisconsin, Dr. Georgia Hulac, Moscow, Idaho, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Sokol Omaha Auditorium, Tuesday, September 25th, 1973.

May she rest in Eternal Peace.

Bozena M. Drozda

## New Federal Basic Grants For Education After High School

Washington - (Special) - National and local ethnic groups across the Nation have launched a massive drive to tell youngsters in their communities how to get a share in the \$122 million the government has set aside for Basic Grants to help students continue their education beyond the high school level.

The Basic Grant can be used to help a student attend the college, vocational school, technical institution or hospital school of nursing of his choice. The money is a grant — not a loan the student would have to repay.

The maximum size of a Basic Grant during the first year of the program will not be large — a maximum of \$450. per student, with an average Basic Grant running around \$250. These amounts are expected to rise substantially when the program is expanded next year.

Basic Grants will be given directly to students by the U.S. Office of Education. The same set of standards will be applied to students from all



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areas of the Nation, and the only real criterion is need.

Applications for Basic Grants are now available from all local post offices, state employment service offices, and from country agricultural agent's offices. In addition, many local schools and colleges have applications, and are ready to help students complete them. Deadline for filing applications for the 1973-74 school year is January 31, 1974.

## SOKOL SLÁVSKÝ

Po letních prázdninách sokolská činnost byla opět zahájena začátkem září a všude v tělocvičnách zavládl obvyklý ruch.

Hlavním účelem Sokola je nejenom tělesná výchova, ale současně i vzdělávací činnost. A o tu se v naší jednotě již po několik roků svědomitě stará vzdělavatelka sestra May Konečná. Do schůze si vždy připraví věcný a poutavý proslov na různé thema, většinou spadající do téhož měsíce. V říjnu vzpomínala 28. října a co všechno se událo za uplynulých 55 let.

V schůzi 7. listopadu byly promítány světelné obrázky, t. zv. slides, z Československa a Rakouska.

Obrázky byly velmi zajímavé. Program byl současně potěšující se setkání s přáteli.

## SOKOL NOVÁ VLAST

Schůze sokolské jednoty Nová Vlast odbyvané 14. října za řízení starosty br. Přemka Kociána byla pěkně navštívena.

Před veškerým jednáním vzdána pietní vzpomínka zesnulé sestře Vivian Lacinové. Její dlouholeté členství v naší jednotě vyplněno bylo neúnavnou prací a činností. Byla naší cvičitelkou, náčelnicí, jakož i náčelnicí župy.

Velmi radostným bodem bylo opětně přijímání devíti nových členů. Tímto se naše jednota umístila na prvním místě v tomto roce v náboru nových členů.

K oslavě 75. výročí otevření Národní síně na Broadway — oslavy se účastní 2 zástupci za jednotu. K oslavě 55. prohlášení Československé republiky 28. října 1918, zasláno \$10.00 co sponzorský příspěvek. Dále oznámeno dar \$200.00 Patronátu České síně Sokol.

Zpráva cvičitelského sboru zahrnuje i zprávy o účasti na mimořádných krajských i mezinárodních podnicích, jak kulturních tak i tělocvičných. — Na cvičení 17. června do Detroit vypraveno 17 dorostenek; na slet Americké obce sokolské 40 cvičících. Družstvo žen nižšího oddílu v závodech získalo druhou cenu. Též i ve 2-týdenním kurzu instruktorů A.O.S. v North Central College, Naperville, Ill., byla naše jednota zastoupena.

Činnost v tělocvičně neutuchla ani po dobu letních prázdnin. Po otevření pravidelných tělocvičných hodin, pravidelně cvičí náčelník Don Kotlan: 10 mužů, 8 dorostenců a 17 žáků. Náčelnice Doris Bachna: 25 žen, 45 dorostenek a 39 žaček. Celkem

144 cvičenců. Spolupráce je velmi pěkná a zvláště dobrovolná ochota vypomáhat jest mimořádná.

Tradiční Beer Festival 8. srpna byl jak finančně, zábavně tak i velikou návštěvou velmi úspěšný. Další společný večerek a tanec byl pořádán 27. října a 8. prosince bude nejlepší zábava v roce, veselá "Mikulášská"!

Ze stavebního výboru oznámeno, že klub "250" tento rok již po třetí od svého založení obnovuje členství pro 250 členů, začínajíc dne 16. listopadu. Byl založen na finanční podporu stavebního fondu. Další informace milerád sdělí předseda br. Dale Pátek, 16118 Huntmere Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

M. Polanka

## SOKOL NEW YORK

Sokol New York zahájil novou sezónu ve své tělocvičně na 71. ulici mezi První a York Avenue. Tělocvična má novou parketovou podlahu a jako celá sokolovna je pěkně nově zařízena. Cvičitelství sbor je složen z řady zkušených cvičitelů, kteří jsou pro cvičící připraveni. Novinkou je rozdělení mužské činnosti na úterý (tělocvik) a čtvrtek (volleyball). O volleyball, (každý čtvrtek od 8:15 do 10:30) projevují zejména zájem noví uprchlíci z Československa. Žádáme všechny tyto zájemce, aby si přišli zahrát odbíjenou do Sokolovny. Sokol, nesokol, každý je vítán! A stejně tak děti, dorost, muži i ženy. Všichni jsou vítáni v naší tělocvičně v patřičných složkách.

Sokol připravil předvánoční Mikulášský trh s programem bohatším než v minulých letech. Mimo stánky s vánočními dobrotami i s drobnými dárky, byly tam obvyklé pout'ové atrakce. Přijel svatý Mikuláš se svým průvodem, mimo to však byl i program se zpěvem starodávných koled a předvánočními zvyky ze staré vlasti. Mikulášský trh byl 8. prosince odpoledne. Další příležitostí k setkání s krajanými a k společné zábavě bude Silvestrovský večer 31. prosince.

Americké Listy

## ELLA ŠIMANER

Členstvo naší sokolské rodiny a celá naše krajská veřejnost nechtěla ani uvěřit té smutné zprávě, která se tak rychle roznesla, že naše dlouholetá členka sestra Ela Šimanerová není již mezi námi a že odešla tam odkud není již návratu. Odešla tak náhle, aniž se rozloučila s rodinou a našimi sestrami, s kterými po tolik let tak přátelsky spolupracovala a všem byla opravdu upřímnou sestrou.

Sestra Šimanerová byla členkou Sokolic Havlíček-Týrských plných 54 let. Byla cvičenkou již v dorostu a cvičila po mnoho dalších let v ženách. Vždy pilně pracovala pro dobro naší jednoty a udržovala sokolské heslo "ni zisk - ni slávu". Sokol jí byl druhým domovem po celý život. Po dobu 28 let byla pokladní naší jednoty, což je důkazem její spolehlivosti a svědomitosti a velké obliby u všeho našeho členstva. Pracovala na různých výborech a zejména v kuchyni, kde pod jejím vedením sestry připravovaly chutná jídla při všech našich zába-

vách a podnikcích. Také po dlouhou řadu let pomáhala v našem sokolském campu v Crystal Lake.

Pracovala věrně a oddaně po boku svého manžela zesnulého Václava Šimanera a byla mu opravdu pravou rukou v jeho práci, kterou konal jak v naší jednotě tak i v župě střední, kde byl dlouholetým starostou. Oba měli mnoho známých a přátel v sokolských jednotách a jiných organizacích v Chicagu i po celých Spojených státech. Letos o sokolském sletu a zejména banketu setkala se sestra Šimanerová s mnoha známými, se kterými při rozhovorech prožívala mnoho sokolských vzpomínek z mladších let. Budeme sestru Šimanerovou postrádat v naší sokolské rodině, neboť pomáhala a radila všude, kde bylo třeba. Měla podrobné záznamy o všech podnikcích, které jsme pořádali a vždy věděla jak se dobře připravit pro příští podnik. Pokladní knihy vedla bezvadně a vždy měla radost, když jsme měli pěkný finanční výsledek pro jednotu. Vážila si členství v naší jednotě a my jsme jí nesmírně vděční za všechnu tu práci, kterou vykonala a za její dlouholeté sokolské přátelství. Bude nám scházet při naší další sokolské práci. Budeme jí vždy vděčně a s úctou vzpomínat.

Ann Bašta

## Výstava českého a slovenského umění

Organisace československých spolků ve Velkém Chicagu, ve které je zastoupena též i Americká Obec Sokolská a její chicagské jednoty, uspořádala s velkým zdarem a úspěchem již II. výstavu českého a slovenského umění. I. výstava byla na podzim v minulém roce a II. letos v době od 20. října do 4. listopadu t.r. Výstavu navštívilo 4,212 zaregistrovaných osob, důkaz, že své poslání plně splnila.

Zakladatel těchto výstav je bratr Karel M. Prchal, býv. dlouholetý starosta A.O.S., který byl také hybnou pákou a duší tohoto podniku. Patří mu lví podíl na zdaru výstavy a je potěšující, že již nyní docházejí zprávy z různých států USA, že podle tohoto "chicagského vzoru" se pořádají, neb mají pořádat, podniky podobné. Úkaz opravdu chvály hodný, protože význam této výstavy spočívá hlavně v tom, ukázat naši mládeži, z čeho a odkud její rodiče přišli a že musí být na svůj původ hrdá, neboť kultura našeho národa sahá více než 1,000 let zpět a byla již v plném rozkvětu dávno před tím, než byl objeven Nový svět.

Letošní výstava byla zaměřena hlavně na umění malířské, které zde bylo zastoupeno mistry starými, počínaje 17. stoletím i mistry novými t. zv. expresionisty z dnešní doby. Byla zde vystavena stará práce velkých uměleckých hodnot (Mucha, Švabinský, Úprka, Bílek atd.), jakož i díla nejmladší, ještě dosud nedoceněná, ku příkladu taková "ledová technika" práce Ervína H. Synka, věc v USA ještě skoro neznámá a nemající zde konkurence.

Nevšední zájem budily též práce ze samorostů, kresby a ornamenty vypalované a malované na dřevo a na plátno, broušené sklo, jablonecká bižuterie, vamperská krajka, národní kroje, krásné

ruční práce čl. žen, staré knihy atd. Bylo zde vystaveno též roucho kardinála Berana, které při své návštěvě v Chicagu daroval českým Benediktinům a malá částečka z roucha sv. Vojtěcha, stará již přes 1.000 let.

Vystavované předměty jsou majetkem našich krajanů, kteří je k tomuto účelu zapůjčili a kterým patří dík a vděk všech, kteří měli možnost tyto skvosty shlédnout. Byla totiž mezi nimi některá díla opravdu ojedinělá, která se hned tak nespátrají.

S naší literaturou, historií, zpěvem a tancem se mohli návštěvníci seznámit v krátkých programech, které řídil br. Karel M. Prchal a hudbu k nim obstarával prof. Jaroslav Plevka hrou na varhany.

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Výstava byla krásným kulturním přínosem naší krajské společnosti, jejíž smysl pro krásu a umění, jak vidno z celého tohoto podniku, není právě ten nejmenší. Je radostné na tom právě to, že ho umožnily a podpořily právě naše sokolské jednoty a řady ČSA, které první pochopily jeho význam a poslání a svou finanční pomoc — sponzorstvím — a prací svých jednotlivých členů výstavu uskutečnily . . . Dokázalo se tím vytvořit opravdu z ničeho velkou věc, která prospěla nám všem.

Vlasta Matelová

## Velký úspěch Uměleckého koncertu, Sokol Opera, Washington, D.C.

V neděli odpoledne 18. listopadu pořádal Sokol Washington, D.C. Umělecký Koncert se sólisty "Sokol Opera", pod vedením ředitelky sestry Lídy Brodenové. V nádherné kapli Mount Vernon College ve Washingtoně. Kaple stavěna do výše jako Koleseum, s bezvadnou akustikou, se skleněným stropem a stěnami, s výhledem do krásného parku se staletými stromy, dodávali pohádkový ráz mistrovským skladbám. Krásné slunečné počasí dovršovalo, trpěním se světlem, báječně vybranému programu, naší sestrou L. Brodenovou. Sestra Lída Brodenová, ač prodělala těžkou nemoc, jako zázkem tuto překonala a jen jí vrozenou uměleckou schopností řídila celý program a větší část umělců doprovázela.

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K dalšímu vystoupení zasedla k pianu mladá umělkyně Jana Kašparová, aby sonatou "Waldstein" in G major od Beethovena, se zapsala do srdcí posluchačů. Její další virtuózní přednes "Baccarole" od Chopina, byl uchvacující. O této mladé umělkyni ještě mnoho uslyšíme. Její nadání je nesmírné, hudba je pro ní život, hudbě zasvěcuje celé své srdce a to z ní udělá velkou umělkyni.

Charles Kuliga zazpíval arii s opery "Eugen Oňegin" od Tchaikowského, arii s opery "Prodaná Nevěsta", a arii s opery "Rusalka". Má velkou kariéru před sebou. Již nyní vystupuje jako sólista na velkých koncertech ve Washingtonu, Kennedy Centru a jinde.

Radostnou událostí byl návrat do Washingtonu naší známé umělkyně, Dagmar Hasalová White, která naposledy zpívala se Sokol Opera před 13 léty v Dvořákově opeře "Šelma Sedlák", za řízení ředitelky sestry L. Brodenové. Pochopitelně naše umělkyně paní Dagmar White, na naší žádost se

účastnila připravovaného koncertu. Po dobu jejího pobytu v zahraničí, pořádala umělecké koncerty, sklízela velké úspěchy. Za doprovodu Jany Kašparové, zahájila Rondo s opery "Il Re Pastore" od Mozarta. Za Ramonu Nevros Calevas, zazpívala slovenské písně, když tato náhle onemocněla. Po přestávce následovali arie s oper a to: "Gianni Schicchi", Puccini, "Susannah", Floyd, "Dvě Vdovy", Smetana, "Libuše", Smetana.

Po ukončení koncertů, účinkující v čele se sestrou L. Brodenovou, byli zahrnuti velkými ovacemi, kterých si po právu zasloužili. Posluchači, kterých bylo nad očekávání hodně, nedali si ujít příležitost osobně gratulovati tak ohromnému úspěchu našich umělců. Trvalo to dosti dlouho, než se koncertní síň vyprázdnila.

Vzácné sestře Lídě Brodenové, naší umělkyni, přejeme hodně zdraví a síly do další práce v její umělecké činnosti. Sokol Opera svým koncertem nás mile potěšil a patří jí náš dík.

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