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How well I realize we must not stand still. We must surge forward, adjusting our ways constantly to changing times. Above all, we must do everything possible to attain confidence and the cooperation of our younger generation. In all fairness, we at Sokol in Cedar Rapids were doing just that for a long time. The meetings of our Unit were conducted in Czech for decades. It was the Sokol and its membership that established and maintained the Czech School, Czech Reading Society and Czech Dramatic groups.

We once had a very fine Sokol singing choir directed by Bros. Spevacek and Jandera. A unique Czech Guard was mobilized in our gymnasium through the efforts of Bros. Rudolph Novak, T. B. Hlubucek, and Frank Mitvalsky. The Czech Fine Arts also numbered many Sokol members within its ranks. I fully realize that these things are of the past and forgotten by many people, but this should not be. They speak of rich traditions that earned the respect of our American public and helped to keep the good name of our nationality.

I am not suggesting we return to the old times. In fact, it is far too late to do that. Many fine Czech institutions are gone and buried, including the Czech Dramatic groups and the Czech Reading Society. The Czech School, fortunately, is still existing with a very fine summer enrollment, thanks to the members on the Czech School Board. We are grateful to all the young or younger Sokols and Sokolice who took over as officers and instructors and are doing a real fine job. However, we must never forget the work, the devotion and enthusiasm of those brothers and sisters who are no longer with us. Without their pioneering spirit, sacrifices and untiring efforts there would be no Sokol in Cedar Rapids, I feel it is only appropriate to at least remember them once in a while so that their families still alive know their work was appreciated and not in vain.

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 29th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Mother & Daughter Banquet.
MAY 4th — SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 5th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Annual Gymnasticale.
MAY 5th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Spring Pork Dinner — Crowning Omaha Czech
Queen.

MAY 5th — SOKOL FUEGNER, LONG ISLAND
CITY, N.Y.
Gym Exhibition — Cake Sale.
MAY 9th — SOKOLICE ST. LOUIS, MO.
Chicken Dinner Social.
MAY 10th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Chicken—Shrimp Dinner.
MAY 10th — SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Card & Bunco Party — Community Chest Bldg.,
Cicero, Ill.
MAY 12th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Teen Club's Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.
MAY 12th — SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.
MAY 15-16th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Rummage Sale.
MAY 17th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Falstaff Party.
MAY 19th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Sokolice 75th Anniversary.
MAY 19th — SOKOL BALTIMORE, MD.
Annual Gym Exhibition.
MAY 25-26th — PACIFIC DISTRICT SLET,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
Sokol San Francisco 70th Anniversary (Host).
JUNE 2nd — EASTERN DISTRICT (SOUTHERN
CIRCUIT)
Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington National
Cemetery.
JUNE 2nd — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.
JUNE 2nd — NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET.
A.M.L.A. Slovenian Recreation Center — Leroy
Township, Ohio.
JUNE 7-9th — SOUTHERN DISTRICT SLET.
Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas
(Host).
JUNE 9th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Sokol's Czech Festival.
JUNE 21-23rd — WESTERN DISTRICT SLET
Sokols Wilber and Crete, Co-Hosts.
JUNE 23rd — CENTRAL DISTRICT SLET,
RIVERSIDE, ILL.
Riverside-Brookfield High School Stadium.
JUNE 23rd — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Summer Gymnastic Exhibition.
SEPT. 7th — AMERICAN SOKOL, INC.
CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Beer Festival — Česká Siň Sokol.
SEPT. 15th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Grape Festival.
OCT. 5th — SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Dinner Dance — Peacock Room — Olympic
Building.
OCT. 5th — SOKOL STICKNEY, ILL.
Farmer's Dance.
OCT. 10th — SOKOLICE ST. LOUIS, MO.
Chicken Dinner Social.
NOV. 10th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Czechoslovak Afternoon Dinner Party.
NOV. 14th — SOKOLICE ST. LOUIS, MO.
Chicken Dinner Social.
NOV. 15-17th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Holiday Folk Fair.

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THE TEXAS ROUNDUP

The Southern District proudly presented its special number "The Texas Roundup" at the XIII. ASO Slet in Chicago, June 24, 1973. The Slet performance was the culmination of a year's planning, scheduling, revising, thousands of miles of travel, many man-hours, and an endless number of practices. It's success can only be attributed to truly devoted Sokols — the instructors, the performers and their parents. The cooperation was outstanding.

A request was made to report the experiences encountered in developing the number and carrying it through to its final goal.

Actual plans began in the Summer of 1972. Being an excellent composer of special numbers, Sis. Mary Jean Stoppleman of Sokol Fort Worth, was asked by the District BOI to compose the number. Sis. Stoppleman, a former Sokol championship competitor and a very active instructor in her Unit and District, readily accepted. She has been instrumental in the preparation of the District's routines each year, and is well known for her talents. Sis. Henrietta Milan, also of Sokol Fort Worth and Ass't District Director of Woman, provided the advice and assistance and responsibility for the many administrative details involved.

As preparations began, an idea which existed for some time, was cultivated; to typify our Texas Heritage. The Western theme seemed a necessity and the search for appropriate music began. Arthur Fiedler's Boston Pops Orchestra music was selected. Thus began our journey through "Deep in the Heart of Texas", "Yellow Rose of Texas", "Bonanza", "Wagon Train", etc.

The required props were carefully designed and selected. The ring was specially made to withstand the weight of many performers and yet be portable to provide for easy transportation to rehearsals and to Chicago. It was fabricated by Bro. Ray Johnson of Sokol Fort Worth who donated his services. A 2nd ring, lighter in weight for practices, was made by Bro. Henry Grote, also of Sokol Fort Worth. Sashes for the wagon wheel and scarves caused a search for the proper material to be used. Last, but not least, was our horse — 1,000 miles away! Arrangements were made and our rider mounted with the utmost confidence and galloped before the Slet crowd.

In February, 1973, the first briefing for instructors from each Unit was held in Fort Worth. Upon their return began practice sessions, the selection of performers and their availability to go to the Slet in Chicago. Each Unit was assigned a certain number of positions in the star points.

As the practices continued, formations were also changed to achieve the best performance. Gymnasts were placed according to ability, size and weight. There was a place for everyone. Many hours of practice were required to synchronize the timing in the many variety of steps and formations. The music was modified accordingly. Sis. Stoppleman's composition required the planning of movements, formations, designs, patterns and changes to go with the music, and the abilities of the group. Later, changes were necessary due to the timing of movements and the number of people involved.

Indoor and outdoor facilities were used for rehearsals. They had to be ample (90 to 100 ft.) to accommodate the group. Many a time alternate sites were selected on short notice due to inclement weather, resulting in cramped quarters. Rehearsals were alternated between Fort Worth, Dallas and Ennis. Facilities used were: Sokol Zizka-Dallas and their grounds, Sokol Ennis, Ennis High School Stadium, and the Fort Worth area stadiums of Castleberry, Lake Worth and Trinity High Schools. The rehearsals seemed to automatically bring on either snow, ice, rain or extreme heat. Many times the weather caused last-minute chain reactions of calls notifying the Units and performers of practice changes. Each time an outdoor rehearsal was planned, it rained. It rained just prior to the District Slet and the day before the Slet in Chicago as we rehearsed. But, it was a beautiful afternoon as we performed at our destination — the XIII American Sokol Slet!

Practices for the most part were held on Sunday afternoons to accommodate the working people. Even then, scheduling had to be made around meetings and other activities within the Units. But the gymnasts and parents were receptive, giving up their free time to Sokol and our number. The rehearsals placed a terrific burden on our people, who were busily preparing for Slet competitions, routines, rehearsing their Unit special numbers, in addition to raising travelling funds, which enabled each of the Units to send more than a busload to Chicago. But no one seemed to mind as they expended their time and energy. The "Texas Roundup" number was definitely an enthusiastic driving force in getting us to Chicago.

Teaching the number was like teaching two numbers; the center section performing different movements. Special practices were held evenings with the men. Their movements were developed to coordinate with the rest of the group. Parents and leaders organized car pools to rehearsal sites. With the distances involved — Ennis and Fort

Worth 70 miles apart, and Dallas about 40 miles away from each, and in a different direction. Thousands of miles were driven as the practices accumulated. All the leaders and performers travelled at their own expense.

Performers were eliminated and substitutes assigned according to their compliance with rehearsal schedules and dedication. The substitutes proved invaluable due to injuries, illness, etc.

Uniforms were designed to suit not only the movements, but the variety of sizes and ages of the performers. After many visits to the fabric shops and discussions, the material was chosen, sewing instructions prepared and issued to the Units. Many of the girls made their own outfits as the patterns were passed from one to the other. The men and junior boy uniforms were also carefully selected.

Before presenting the "Texas Roundup" in Chicago-land, the number was performed at the Southern District Slet in Houston, June 10th. Even in the limited space our number looked very well.

After the Slet in Chicago came one of our greatest thrills, the pre-game performance at the Dallas Cowboy-New Orleans Saints football game at Texas Stadium on the night of Sept. 24th, before 50,000 people. Despite the fact that everytime the announcer spoke a word, in describing our Sokol organization, the music was "drowned out", but the performers kept right in step.

After viewing films of our number the committee responsible for the pre-game and half-time shows at the Lions American Bowl, Tampa, Florida, were interested in our group performing there, Jan. 6, 1974. Due to the length of our number, the time needed to revise it, and the travel expense involved, the trip did not materialize. However, it has left possibility for next year's Bowl Game.

Our final performance of 1973 was at the Czech Day at the State Fair of Texas program, Oct. 7th. For many of our Sokols, relatives and friends this was their first opportunity to see the number in "Dress Form".

The Southern District salutes those responsible for helping our "Texas Roundup" through its trials and tribulations, as well as through its moments of glory. The experiences will long live in the memory of those that performed so proudly — for their respective Sokol Units in Dallas, Ennis and Fort Worth, for the Southern District, and for the American Sokol Organization. We had the full support of the other Units in the District — Sokols Corpus Christi, Houston and Yukon. Unfortunately due to the vast distances involved, they could not participate. We express our appreciation to all who represented us so well, and the many kind words of praise on our "Texas Roundup".

Nazdar, Ya'll!

Southern District's Board of Instructors

"Ours is a day demanding men and women willing to give themselves to the creative tasks of the world. Never in history has it been more important for people to think deep and long, to exercise the "magic" of their mind, the talents of their hands, and the courage of their wills in the service of the time."

—Dr. Harold Blake Walker

SECOND THOUGHTS

A response to "A Time for United Action", an editorial article by George Herink, February, 1974 issue, American Sokol.

Bro. Herink's article noting the fall of the final curtain on Sokol Gymnastic activity in Chicago was read with great interest and amazement. How could this have happened in Chicago? In the headquarters area of all Sokol? In such a stronghold of the Czech people? Certainly the folding of Sokol Units has not been unusual and is even understandable to us here in the East where the number of Czechs is decreasing and other nationalities and races are increasing. But not in Chicago, the epitome of all Sokol!

For many years when we in the East looked to Chicago for advice and/or solutions to our problems, such as fewer and fewer Czechs, dwindling memberships, etc., we were made to understand that these were "Unit problems", and we often felt that not even your sympathies were with us. How could they be when the majority of your membership speaks better Czech than English (perhaps untrue but nevertheless our feelings) versus, for instance, Sokol Little Ferry where more than half of the officers are not Czech, and those few that are, neither speak nor read the language! And now, are we to believe that these same problems that have plagued us for so many years have now taken their toll in Chicago? Is this not one of the last of a long row of dominoes?

In his article, Bro. Herink stated, "It was in the 1920's and 30's that the Sokol movement reached its highest pinnacles." HAS THE SOKOL MOVEMENT BEEN GOING DOWNHILL FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS? During the 30 years of this downward trend, has no one said to himself: "Something must be wrong! Has no one recognized that PERHAPS some changes are necessary?"

And now that the last Sokol Hall (in Chicago) has closed, should all the Chicago Units unite as Bro. Herink suggests? For what purpose? To console each other in their continuing downward trend with memories "of the good old days"! Will the conditions that forced the closing of these halls and that prevail upon almost all Sokol Halls throughout the U.S.A. not already exist or seek them out at new locations?

Yes, I agree with Bro. Herink that a time for united action is past due. Not only in Chicago, but all over, let all Sokols unite and recognize that a problem exists, that the very existence of Sokol is at stake! Let us unite in plans and actions to reverse this downward trend, and let us do it now.

All views expressed are my own and do not necessarily express the views of the District or the Units within it.

Richard J. Novotny
President, Sokol Little Ferry, N.J.

Editor's Comment: — Announcement of the sale of the Sokol Havlicek Tyr's building did not necessarily mean that all gymnastic activity for its members had terminated; for almost all the gym-

nasts, men and women and juniors, are now attending gym classes either at Sokol Berwyn or Sokol Brookfield.

Sokols Berwyn, Brookfield, Tabor, Slavsky, Stickney and West Suburban are situated in the Western suburbs of Chicago. The vast majority of Czech people now reside in these areas. The Sokol Units mentioned are the very lifeblood and destiny of the American Sokol Organization here in Illinois. Most of the members of the A.S.O. Executive Board belong to these Units.

Sokols Detroit and St. Louis and the Units in Texas are shining examples of what can be achieved in making a successful transition to another site and starting up anew. Sokol St. Louis made the move working in close harmony and cooperation with the Sokolice Vlasta, Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, and the C.S.A. All are shareholders of what is now called the American-Czech Educational Center. In Detroit, another imposing Sokol structure, is named the Sokol Cultural Center. American Sokol, Inc. in Cleveland has been working on a similar project since its inception in 1960. It's ironic that local zoning ordinances have deterred their bold dream now after a valuable purchase of land.

Sokol Havlicek Tyrs is attempting to emulate these successful Sokol Units who are the pride of our Sokol organization, and this is the feeling of its membership, and not the whim of some journalistic crusader. Our Sokol organization has long been dormant in reactivating the old Sokol Units and organizing the new. Like some of our Czech lodges, many of our Sokol Units are content to live out their days without any hopes for the future. Our Sokol pioneers, long, long departed, would be aghast at what is transpiring today.

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

MARCH 26, 1974

Pres., Bro. Stanley Barcal presided. Present: Bros. George Basta, Joseph Drnec, Edward Linhart, George Herink, Jerry Rabas, Sisters Anne Basta, Josephine Drnec, Betty Prener, EllenJeanne Schnabl, Lorraine Zdenek, Anna Falta.

Correspondence: Sokol Detroit seeking assistance in formulating rules for a scholarship fund. Information will be sent. — Sokolice Detroit suggestions regarding ASO Slet film will be taken into consideration. — Invitation to Czechoslovak Day and Sokol Slet in Masaryktown, Canada, June 30th.—Gymnastic Association Sokol, St. Louis, requests all concerning correspondence be directed to Sokol St. Louis. Request will be adhered to.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Reported upon ASO BOI meeting, March 20th. — Sokol Detroit's participants in the ASO Course are all teaching. — Sokol Cedar Rapids praises Gymnastic Skills Program. — Received Northeastern District's dates and events of summer activity. — Sokol Camp at Potters Lake, Wis. is open. Bro. William Vrba will conduct gymnastic classes there starting in June. — Merit Award annual application request

will appear in the April issue of Sokol Gymnast. — AAU and USGF reports were presented by Bro. Paul Fina. — Apparatus exercises for Jr. Olympics and the Age Group Divisions were discussed and noted for future use in our tournaments. — ASO Convention in Detroit in 1975 and participation in Sokol Detroit's Exhibition preceding the convention were discussed. — The 1975 Sokol Slet in Binghamton, N.Y., was reviewed. Its Slet material was sent to the District Directors.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Instructing 2 classes for Sokol Berwyn's Exhibition. — Mailed music to Bro. Stetka, Sokol Batimore. — Has not been able to contribute to the Sokol Gymnast. Will however, continue submitting women's articles.—Received final report forms for monies from the Special Assessment Fund from the Central and Western Districts; which will be turned over to Bro. Linhart for approval. — Printed Song Book will soon be received.

Education Committee, Sis. Prener: No meeting held in March.

Publicity & Public Relations, Sis. Basta: Ad for Lyra Singing Society's Concert has been arranged.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: February financial report compiled. — Transferred funds to a Certificate Savings Account at Lincoln Fed. Savings & Loan Ass'n.— Sokol Praha request of accounting of money owed the ASO. — Sokol Fuegner, South Chicago, notified of its ASO obligations. — Sokol San Francisco requested copies of Sokol By-Laws and the Sokol Idea.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: Agreed with Financial Sec'y. report. — Gave a 10-month financial status of the Uniform Division. — Recommended transfer of funds to a Certificate of Deposit, approved. — Splicing Slet movie film which will be reviewed March 29th.

Editor, Bro. Herink: Asked guidance on printing certain material. This matter is for Unit resolution.

Uniform Division: Sis. Prener: Gave February sales report. Accounts Receivable are current. United Parcel Service shipping charges will be increased, April 1st.

General Discussions: Sis. Prener reported upon attending the 85th Anniversary celebration of Sokolice Omaha. Activity in the Omaha area is excellent. — All Board members present took part in discussing the question of reactivating old Sokol Units and organizing new ones. Local leadership is necessary in looking to the future. Responsibility, perserverance, cooperation, and enthusiastic participation are necessary to overcome the existing obstacles. — Upon receipt of more information pertaining to the proposed Sokol monument a meeting will be called to determine the next move.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Northeastern District

FEBRUARY 27, 1974

Pres., Bro. Edwin Jirousek presided. In his report stated attending "The Night in Prague", Jan. 26th; Combined Unit Exhibition at Cleveland State University, Feb. 3rd; Cotillion Ball, Feb. 16th. —

Delegated Bro. Emil Pekar to speak on behalf of the District on Radio Station WZAK.

Treasurer, Bro. John Galik: Reported upon the 4th quarter Unit assessments received. — January expenses totaled \$9,282.40, which included purchase of a \$5,000.00 Savings Certificate; Meeting Hall rental, \$75.00; Annual Meeting dinner, \$442.50; Bus to Detroit, \$315.00; Deposit, AMLA Slet site, \$50.00; and other miscellaneous payments. — Other outstanding bills approved for payment totaled \$99.18. — Report was approved.

Sokol Cleveland—Cech—Havlicek, Bro. Frank Kavan: February meeting was cancelled due to Winter Exhibition. — Unit is seeking a new custodian.

Sokol Tyrs, Bro. Richard Franks: Beseda Dance Group performed for the Zorta Club at the Sheraton Hotel, Feb. 21st. Will perform at the Folk Festival at Villa Angela Academy, March 31st; and at St. John's College, April 16th.

B.O.L., Sis. Georgia Jencik: Combined Winter Exhibition had 893 adult tickets sold and 210 student tickets. Financial report not complete, awaiting several bills. 325 gymnasts participated. In the future, improvements must be made in the seating, parking, and the sale of special tickets.— Sis. Jencik and Bro. Rich Rejna were praised as chairmen for one of the best exhibitions, the numbers being most impressive. However, marching tactics should be stressed before each gym class.— A Sokol Course is being planned the last week in August. — A Mini-exhibition will be held at Tri C, May 10th, with the Sokols participating. — The Women's classes are having a Social at Sokol Nova Vlast, March 13th. — Men's and Women's competition will be held, May 4th. — Workshop for Jr. Boys and Girls, May 5th. — District Slet, June 2nd.

Old Business: Bro. Dennis Jirousek attended the DTJ Exhibition and was introduced as the District representative. — A Recognition Award has been designed, and will be given to every competitor. On the reverse side will be the Meet, place and the score.

New Business: Bro. Jirousek read excerpts regarding the Sokols in a recent Study on ethnic groups in Cleveland, entitled "Ethnic Committees of Cleveland".

Eastern District

MARCH 18, 1974

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

Correspondence: Annual Meeting report from Sokol Belcamp. Bro. Frank Novak re-elected President. — Article published in New Jersey newspapers about Sokol Little Ferry and the change in the community.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek: Received reports of activities from Sokol Belcamp, Baltimore and Little Ferry. — Attended United Sokols of the East technical committee meeting at Guttenberg, N.J. — Requests all Units send in their reports. — One gymnast from Sokol Little Ferry was victorious in the United Sokols competition.

Director of Women, Sis. Zabka: Women's division won the Organization prize at the United Sokols Belcamp and Baltimore, April 20-21st. Bro. Peter Dusek of Cleveland will instruct. All students of the District are invited to attend. Expenses of the Instructors will be derived from the District's assessment fund. — Requests all Units send in their reports. — Plans are being made for a District Exhibition, Nov. 17th, somewhere in the Southern Circuit. Suggested a volleyball game be played before the exhibition. — A District Course will be held in August. — Entry fees for the March 16th apparatus competition were received from Sokols Belcamp and Baltimore. — District trophies, now at Sokol New York, will be transferred to Sokol Fuegner.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Miami, Sis. Ruzicka: Unit staged a 2-day bus tour to St. Petersburg, and also, a 2-day bus tour to Disney-World and Mrs. Polaseks at Winter Park, Fla. — A 6-day tour to Panama, Canal Zone, and Bogota, Columbia, is planned. — Attendance at Sokol meetings is 165 to 195, and the membership is still rising. — Sokol Miami will celebrate its 5th Anniversary in November. It is hoped the District will conduct a bus tour for the occasion.

Sokol Baltimore: Unit plans a bus tour to New York City, March 16-17th. — Wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, June 2nd. — Bro. Henry Vrzalik was elected as President of the Unit. — Jr. Girls were informed by the ASO they will receive a trophy for 6th place at the XIII. Slet. — Annual Exhibition, May 19th.

Sokol Little Ferry: Exhibition to be held, March 31st. — Planning a Spring Dance at Boonton Camp.

Sokolice Little Ferry: Sis. Claire Holmes was elected Unit's President. — Having a catered dinner following a theater party, March 26th. — Working jointly with the Men's division.

Sokol Fuegner: Exhibition to be held, May 5th, followed by a Cake sale.

Sokol New York: Exhibition, April 20th. — Bro. Frank Havlik was named "The Sokol of the Year 1973" for his outstanding work and dedication to Tyrs' Sokol Ideals.

Good of the Order: Bro. Novotny brought up the question on how to promote Physical Fitness. Sis. Zabka stated a great deal depended upon the instructor. — Bro. Babinec suggested a better cooperation and attendance of other organizations in promoting a closer relationship.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka: Receipts — \$146.65. No disbursements.

Pacific District

FEBRUARY 10, 1974

Pres., Bro. Vaclav Salak presided. Present: Bros. Spanek, Meier, Jozifek. Sisters Pelc, Nekuda, Kis, Meier, Duffy, Jozifek. Guests, Bros. Joseph Libor, Wes Meier. Sisters Ann Libor, Sheila and Joan Louzensky.

President, Bro. Salak: In opening the meeting stressed the need for cooperation from all the

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MERIT AWARD - 1974

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Board of Instructors, the delegates at the XI American Sokol Organization Convention, held in Cleveland in June, 1970, and the A.S.O. District Directors Conference, held in Chicago in November, 1972, approved Merit Awards to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund.

The Merit Award Committee is accepting applications of students who are planning a course or program in an accredited two-year or four-year college. Although physical education will not be a criteria, more consideration will be given to those who are training in the physical education field.

The amount to be awarded is to be \$200.00 per year to one student per district which has under 1,500 members and one additional student per district which has over 1,500 members. This award is renewable for a second year. In order to qualify for the second year, applicant must maintain a "C" average or better. Second year allocation is NOT automatic; applicant must file letter of intent to reapply for a second year. This letter is to be signed by the Unit and District Directors, designating approval or disapproval. The letter of intent, the original application and the transcript of grades will be reviewed. The final selection is to be made by the Merit Award Committee, approved by the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors and the American Sokol Organization Executive Board. When a renewal is granted, a transcript of grades after the second year must be submitted to the American Sokol Merit Award Committee. A "C" average or better must have been maintained during the second year. Failure to submit such a transcript will result in a request for repayment of the award.

The following points will be considered by the Merit Award Committee in selecting the candidates:

1. Should have attended Sokol classes regularly for at least three years immediately prior to this application. Juniors may be included but must become adult members — girls at age 17 and boys at age 18.
2. Must have attended and successfully completed one Sokol District or American Sokol Organization Instructors' School.
3. Must have taught or assisted in Sokol gym classes.
4. Recommendation of high school Physical Education teacher.
5. Recommendation of Physical Director of Sokol Unit.
6. Recommendation of District Physical Directors.
7. Approval of District President.

In the course for which the Merit Award was granted is completed, there is no obligation to repay the amount of the Merit Award. However, the recipient of the Merit Award and one member of his family shall be requested to sign a statement promising to repay the Merit Award in full, should the student fail to complete the course for which the Merit Award was granted.

The student agrees that he or she will not engage in any campus disorders or violent demonstrations and that he or she has no subversive connections or leanings. Any infractions of these understandings will be cause for complete revocation of the Merit Award and immediate repayment made.

Merit Awards will be made in September of each year. If the quota for the District is not filled, a review of all Merit Award applications, not previously approved, will be made and any restrictions imposed may be removed for that year.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER
THAN AUGUST 1st, 1974**

(APPLICATION FOR MERIT AWARD ON OTHER PAGE)

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Changes in Code of Points in Vaulting Effective for National Competitions 1974

VAULT

1. The following vaults have been eliminated

- # 1 — Straddle (horizontal)
- # 2 — Layout Squat
- # 3 — Layout Straddle
- # 4 — Stoop (horizontal)
- # 5 — Layout Stoop
- # 8 — High Front Through Handstand
- #14 — Handstand $\frac{1}{4}$ Turn

2. New Scoring of Vaults:

- # 9 — $\frac{1}{4}$ turn Giant Cartwheel 9.70 pts.
- #15 — Handspring 9.70 pts.
- #19 — Yamashita 9.70 pts.

Vaults # 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22 retain their value of 10.00 pts.

3. New Vaults:

1. Jump to inverted support with $1\frac{1}{2}$ forward somersaults 10.00 pts.
2. Jump to inverted support with $\frac{1}{2}$ turn and backward somersault ($1\frac{1}{2}$) 10.00 pts.
3. Jump to inverted support — cartwheel and $1\frac{1}{2}$ backward somersaults 10.00 pts.
4. Jump to inverted support with $\frac{1}{4}$ turn (cartwheel) crossways somersault ($1\frac{1}{2}$) 10.00 pts.
5. Jump to inverted support — 1 turn during the first flight with forward walkover (hand-spring) or forward somersault

($1\frac{1}{2}$) — longitudinal or lengthwise turn during first flight 10.00 pts.

6. Each vault with one longitudinal or lengthwise turn during the second flight with legs stretched or flexed 10.00 pts.
7. Each vault with $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 longitudinal turn in the first phase .. 10.00 pts.
8. $1\frac{1}{2}$ forward somersaults during the first flight to inverted support, forward walkover (hand-spring) or any other dismount .. 10.00 pts

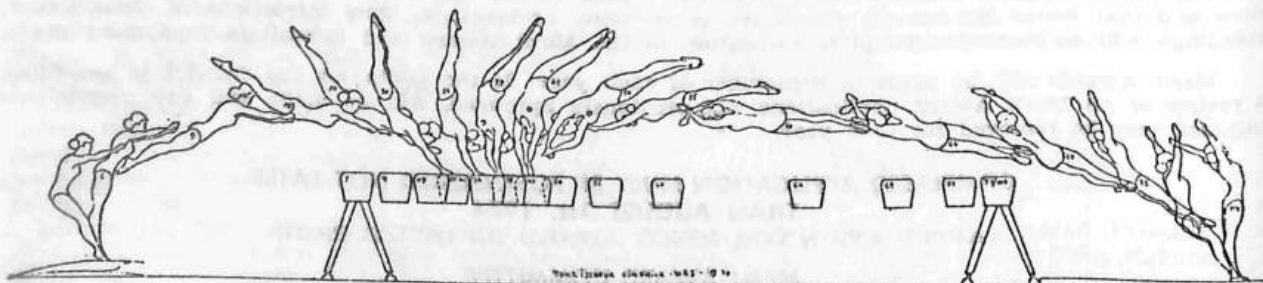
4. Prescriptions for the vaulting finals:

- a. Two different vaults performed by each gymnast.
- b. One of the vaults must include a lengthwise or crosswise turn.
- c. The vaults may be of the same kind, one simple, the other with a turn.
- d. It is permissible to execute two vaults with turns, but in this case the turns must be different.
- e. If a gymnast executes two simple vaults and one turn is lacking, the better vault will be subject to a penalty of 1 point.
- f. Scoring is applied to the two vaults. The better executed one counts.
- g. The gymnast is expected to perform two vaults. If she presents only one, there will be penalty of 1 point on the mark awarded.

5. Team — Of the 12 vaults executed by each team, no more than 6 may be the same.

GETTING OLD

"You get old when you lose interest," says Frank (Frantic Frank) Lane, 72-year-old baseball executive, "When I get up in the morning, the first thing I do is read the obituaries. If my name is not listed, I know it's safe to get shaved and start another beautiful day."



Handspring with $1/1$ turn around the Longitudinal Axis.
By Ludmila Turischeva, USSR, 9.70 pts.

A. S. O. 1974

DISTRICT SLETS AND ACTIVITIES

EASTERN DISTRICT:

August 17 to August 25 — American Sokol Instructors School
 July — August — 6 weeks — Czech Language School at Sokol Camp, East Haddam, Conn.
 M. Provaznikova
 November 17, 1974 Eastern District Slet.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT:

Apparatus Competitions and Events:

May 4, 1974 Senior Men — Sokol Cleveland, Czech-Havlicek
 Senior Women — Sokol Nova Vlast
 May 31, 1974 Boys — Sokol Nova Vlast
 Girls — Sokol Cleveland, Czech-Havlicek
 June 1, 1974 Junior Boys — Sokol Nova Vlast
 Junior Girls — Sokol Nova Vlast
 June 2, 1974 Senior Men — Marching and Calisthenics
 Competitions at A.M.L.A.
 June 2, 1974 North Eastern District Slet at A.M.L.A. Recreation Center, Leroy
 Township, Ohio
 June 23, 1974 Sokol Detroit Annual Gym. Exhibition at Sandy Bottom Lake, Michigan.
 August 1974 American Sokol Instructors School — Sokol Nova Vlast

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

Competitions and Events:

May 10, 1974 2nd Class Boys & Girls Apparatus Competition
 May 19 1974 2nd Class Awards Dinner & Program
 June 1, 1974 Unit Special Number Competitions — Morton West High School
 June 22, 1974 Juniors and Seniors Apparatus Competitions
 June 23, 1974 Central District Slet "Sokol Day" — Riverside Brookfield High School
 August 4 — August 24 Combined Sokol Instructors School (Central District & District Lud.
 Stur — Sokol USA), Potters Lake, Troy, Wisconsin.

WESTERN DISTRICT:

June 23, 1974 Sokol Crete & Wilbur host Western District Slet — Doane College
 in Crete, Nebraska
Competitions and Events:
 June 21 High Division Junior Girls and Women Apparatus Comp. — Doane
 College Gym
 June 22 Junior Boys and Men — Apparatus Comp.
 Junior Girls and Women (Low-Inter.) Apparatus Comp.
 Championship Competitions
 Dinner & Victory Dance — Sokol Wilbur
 June 23 Western District Sokol Slet — Doane College Stadium

SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

Competitions and Activities:

June 7-8, 1974 Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, will host Southern District
 Slet, Sunday, June 9th at Ennis, Texas
 Apparatus Competitions for Children, Juniors, and Seniors
 Volleyball tournament
 Swimming meet
 Unit Special Number competition for Children, Juniors, and Seniors
 June 9, 1974 Southern District Slet at Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky, Ennis
 July 7-20, 1974 American Sokol Instructors School (Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky).

PACIFIC DISTRICT:

May 19, 1974 Sokol San Francisco will host Pacific District Gym. Exhibition
 May 25, 1974 Sokol Los Angeles Exhibition — Los Angeles City College
 Children, Juniors and Seniors competitions — Burlingame High School
 May 26, 1974 70th Anniversary Sokol San Francisco Banquet
 August 18-25, 1974 Pacific District Slet — Burlingame High School
 Children's Camp — Dinky Creek, Calif.

POLISH MEN'S NATIONAL GYMNASTIC TEAM VISITS TEXAS

The Polish Men's National Gymnastic team presented an exhibition at L. D. Bell High School Gymnasium in Hurst, Texas. Saturday evening February 23rd. The event, sponsored by L. D. Bell and the Texas High School Gymnastic coaches association, was sanctioned by the United States Gymnastic Federation and was directed at promoting gymnastics and simultaneously developing good will and better understanding between our nations.

Previous United States stops on the team tour were in Chicago, at Michigan State Univ. and in Tulsa. After they left Fort Worth they were to perform at the Naval Academy and at New Haven, Conn. This group consisted of their Chief of Delegation, coaches, judges, and even gymnasts. Five of the team members were on Poland's 1972 Olympic team which placed 4th. All have an outstanding record of participation in many international competitions, the European Championships, and the World Games. The capacity crowd enjoyed their exhibition of skill.

At the conclusion of their performance, Senator Meyers presented the team a Texas flag on behalf of Governor Dolph Briscoe. Miss Becky Ward, Miss Fort Worth, presented western boots, billfolds, belts and engraved belt buckles which had been donated by various boot companies. The team acclaimed this was the most hearty reception of their United States tour.

Gymnasts from the Sokol unit of Dallas, Fort Worth, and Ennis attended the program. Five members of Sokol Fort Worth's advance tumbling team performed in a tumbling segment of the program under the direction of the units instructors, Sis. Henrietta Milan and Sis. Mary Jean Stoppleman. Bro. Jerry Milan, American Sokol representative to the U. S. Olympic Committee, was instrumental

in the arrangements of the Polish performance in Texas. Brother Jerry, an ardent Sokol, is also a gymnastics coach at Trinity High School in Euless. Bro. Emil Milan, formerly the American Sokol representative to the Olympic Committee, current President of the Texas High School Gymnastic Coaches Association, Inc., and gymnastics coach at L. D. Bell High School was also responsible for the teams appearance in Texas.

The entire two hour performance of the Polish team was video-taped for television and presented on local television the following Saturday night. Brother Jerry Milan was the gymnastic expert commentator along with the sports director of the television station.

The team's Texas visit ended with a Czech meal and dance at Sokol Fort Worth on Sunday evening.

S.L.

KEEP FIT AND REMEMBER THAT:

Weak stomach muscles cause sagging abdomens; and weak back muscles are a major cause of back pain.

Sokol Gymnasts!

- ATTEND YOUR CLASSES REGULARLY
- PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNIT EXHIBITION
- ENGAGE IN YOUR DISTRICT'S COMPETITIONS

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION
Merit Award Committee
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

I desire to make application for the American Sokol Organization Merit Award. Please mail application forms and all other instructions to:

Signature of Sokol member: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

My age is: _____ years. I am a member of Sokol _____
of the _____ District.

Units — Sis. Louise Kis was approved as the District Secretary. — Sokol San Francisco will host the District Slet on Memorial Day week-end. Sokol San Francisco will celebrate its 70th Anniversary with a banquet that Saturday evening, May 25th.

District Slet: Bro. & Sis. Meier reported on their meeting with Bro. Hintnaus, District Director of Men, the week previous. — Sis. Meier, District Director of Women, reported Sokol San Francisco has a paid instructor, with gym classes numbering about 50 children and juniors. — Approved, trophies will be awarded the competitors instead of medals. — Burlingame High School will be acquired for 2 days for the competitions and exhibition. — Admission will be charged. — Was suggested the women perform last year's drill. — Competitions will be Saturday morning and afternoon, with the exhibition on Sunday afternoon. The Victory Dance in the evening (gymnasts admitted free). — District to finance the trophies. — Stara Garda will perform a special number. — Board of Instructors in charge of the program. — Bro. & Sis. Louzensky to be on the Housing Committee. — As a fund-raising project a Color T.V. or \$350.00 will be awarded. Drawing to be held at the Victory Dance. Winner need not be present.

Childrens' Camp: Will be held at Dinky Creek, August 18-25th. — Camp rental for the week is \$250.00. — Suggested to charge \$25.00 per child, only gymnasts accepted. — The age limit to be 7 to 17 yrs. of age except, the children of the counselors. — No outside guests will be allowed to any camp activity. — The Unit physical director's signature must accompany each application to the Camp. — Bro. Hintnaus will be the Camp Director. — Bro. & Sis. Louzensky volunteered to be Camp Counselors.

Treasurer, Sis. Nekuda: Balance — \$2,421.32. Sokol Portland is delinquent for dues payments for all of 1973.

Central District

FEBRUARY 27, 1974

Pres., Bro. Joseph Drnec presided with 10 members present.

Educational Director, Bro. Ernest Pirka: Very active in the ASO Educational Committee. — Song Book is now in the process of being printed. Will be soon available. — Commented on difficulty in obtaining important Sokol documents dating back before 1920. Many important pieces of Sokol lore have been forgotten, lost or discarded because proper storage space was not available. All Sokol mementoes, past and present, are welcome for the Central District's Library.

Director of Men, Bro. Paul Lebloch: District Director's Conference was held, Feb. 17th. All Units represented except Sokol Racine. — It was suggested the volleyball and basketball tournaments sponsored by the District be held on separate week-ends, with all scheduled games played in one day, if possible. — Sokol Racine returned tapes, stating they do not hold classes. Pres., Bro. Fetek of Sokol Racine will be contacted to arrange for the District Officers to attend one of their meetings.

District Slet: Will be held June 23rd. — Bro. Divisek will be asked to clarify Union rules regarding music at the Slet. — The Relay Race will again be run. — Folk Dances, under the direction of Bro. Fred Kala will again be presented. — It was suggested all past Slet calisthenics and music be placed in one central location, with notations how well that particular drill was accepted. Thus, future Directors will have access to all information as to calisthenics and music.

On the Agenda: An outing to the Ozarks in April is in the planning stage. — Also an outing to the Indiana Dunes this summer. — Sis. June Pros will contact Toronto, Canada, in regards to participation in their 1974 Slet. — A 2nd Class Awards Night, Competition, Victory Dance, and an evening of special numbers will be held. — A Course will be held at Potters Lake, Wis., for several weeks in August. Each Unit may select 4 members to attend the camp with expenses paid.

Bills Presented: Approved for payment. Sokol St. Louis Conference — \$87.00; Milwaukee Conference — \$20.80; Tapes — \$39.96; Junior volleyball and basketball tournament trophies — \$50.00.

New Business: Sokol Brookfield has not submitted bill for rental of storage space of District's properties. Inquiry will be made. — Bro. Drnec donated metal file cabinet to the District for storage. — Approved, purchase of 2 books titled "Dances of Czech People" and "National Dances for Children". — Profit from Recognition Dinner was \$182.25.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand — \$1059.58.

Southern District

FEBRUARY 26, 1974

Pres., Bro. George Prevratil presided. Present: Bros. Don Steinman, Oldrich Parma, Jerry Milan, Larry Laznovsky, Harrell Hamilton, Stuart Hamilton, Frank Cechan. Sisters Bernice Hamilton, Sylvia Laznovsky, Rose Steinman, Henrietta Milan, Helen Parma, Vlasta Laznovsky.

Correspondence: Check from ASO for \$1,489.21 as reimbursement for visual aids; travel expenses to Corpus Christi, Houston, Dallas; Instructors Course in Naperville, Ill.; Instructors Clinic in Ennis; and organizational trip to Yukon, Oklahoma. The amount drawn against the District's special assessment fund.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Corpus Christi: February meeting, 29 in attendance. Gained 3 regular members. — Planning meet between Kingsville High School gym team and the Sokol juniors. — Flea market, Feb. 17th. — Barbeque, April 17th.

Sokol Zizka: February meeting, 32. Gained 2 associate members. — Held Mardi Gras Dance, 2 regular dances. — Beseda practicing for State Fair and other occasions. — Several gymnasts to participate in Monterrey, Mexico exhibition, Mar. 14th. — Requesting a Judging Clinic. — Purchased new mats and reuther board.

Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky: Feb. meeting, 30. Gained 4 regular and 11 associate members. Will host District Slet. Bro. Larry Laznovsky will be

Slet chairman. Program Book will be issued. Competitions to be held at SPJST Lodge 25. — Bulletin board being installed. — Swimming pool readied for opening. — 13 gymnasts attended Polish team exhibition. — Tumbling class initiated on Saturday mornings. — 3rd Anniversary celebration of building very successful.

Sokol Fort Worth: Gained 10 associate members. — Held rummage sale. — Attended Polish team exhibition. Unit's tumbling team participated during the program. — 67 girls received Gym Skills patches. — Bro. Stoeppelman giving lectures on Sokol history and education. — Newsletter published monthly. — Family night and spaghetti dinner, Mar. 16th. — Dual meet with Garland Flippers, Mar. 3rd.

Sokol Houston: February meeting, 24. Gained one regular and 8 associate members. — Jaternice dinner & dance, Feb. 2nd. — Western Dance, Mar. 2nd. — Plans for a Czech Day in July during anniversary date

Sokol Yukon: February meeting, 24. Gained 2 regular, 1 associate member. — One class period conducted on Sokol history.

Director of Men, Bro. Laznovsky: Conversed with Bro. Skarky of Yukon who is having troubles of interrupting routines and calisthenics. — Volleyball tourney in April. — Confirmed that Bro. Milan will be Head Instructor at the District Course. Contacted Bro. Peter Dusek and Sis. Norma Zabka as additional instructors. — Discussed Czech Concert Orchestra with Bro. Pokladnik for the Slet music. — Sokol in Ennis has some used mats available. Approved, the District purchase same and loan them to Sokol Yukon.

Director of Women, Sis. Laznovsky: Will hold teaching session along with Sis. Vodehnal in Ennis, Mar. 10th. — Taught apparatus routines to the instructors in Dallas. — Attended Polish team exhibition. — Placed subscriptions for gym magazines for Units as approved at annual meeting.

Educational Director, Bro. Parma: Bro. Petrzeka held educational class on Sokol history at Sokol Houston, Jan. 26th. Class was attentive and responsive; requests educational and Slet films.

Public Relations, Bro. Milan: Polish Olympic team exhibition at L.D. Bell High School. Feb. 23rd, was a huge success. Event received television coverage and publicity in the Star-Telegram. Sokol Fort Worth hosted the Polish team the following day with some 200 in attendance. The group were given cowboy hats, ballpoint pens, Sokol patches and pins. Bro. Milan participated in the narration of the exhibition.

Dividends and Interest	1,027.86
Resale of Jewelry	19.00
Sokol Manuals, Postage	14.74
Refund — Plate Glass Insurance	54.73
	<u>2,765.58</u>

A.S.O. Uniform Division —	
Payment toward Advance	1000.00

Total Receipts\$ 3,765.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department

Salaries	\$ 269.24
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February	119.28
Rental, Janitor Service & Supplies, Phone, Electric	320.31
Office Supplies, Postage	47.17
Service Contracts	75.00
General Office Repairs	15.00
Printing	588.90
	<u>\$ 1,434.90</u>

Educational Department BOI

Salaries	\$ 208.82
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February	51.64
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Add'l copies "Sokol Gymnast"	28.00
Phone	3.56
	<u>317.02</u>

Sokol Publication

Printing "American Sokol"	\$ 895.35
Editor "American Sokol"	75.00
Postage February and March ..	111.07
	<u>1,081.42</u>

Miscellaneous

Uniform Division — Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone	329.15
Slet Film Refunds	105.00
	<u>434.15</u>
Transfer of funds to Savings ..	10,000.00
	<u>10,434.15</u>

Total Disbursements\$13,267.49

Balance brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero —	
Checking Account	\$11,386.44
Receipts — March 1974	3,765.58
	<u>15,152.02</u>
Disbursements — March 1974	13,267.49
	<u>\$ 1,884.53</u>

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND March 1974

Sokol Town of Lake, in memory of Joseph Svestka, James Pesek and Rudolph Jezek	\$ 30.00
Frank & Evelyn Riha, Jr. & family, in memory of Bro. Vaclav Olisar	15.00
Bruce & Libbie Kutcher and family, in memory of Bro. Vaclav Olisar	10.00
	<u>\$ 55.00</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT American Sokol Organization

March 1974

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 834.25
Sokol T. G. Masaryk Dues	14.00
Convention Fund	217.00
Special Assessment	584.00

First Federal Savings of Wisconsin	
— Dividend	1 30
Clyde Savings & Loan Ass'n. — Dividend ..	254.87
	\$311.17

Donations are tax exempt

FIRST 50 YR. MEMBER AT SOKOL CALDWELL, KANSAS



Bro. John Maruska, on the left, receiving 50 yr. Membership Pin from Sokol Caldwell President, Bro. Joseph Netahla.

Sokol Caldwell, Kansas was happy to announce its first 50 yr. member, Bro. John Maruska. Pres., Bro. Joseph Netahla and his wife hosted the November meeting at their home where the presentation of the 50 yr. pin was made.

Sis. Netahla prepared a delicious supper for all the members present. Then the meeting was called to order by Bro. Netahla. The final portion of the meeting saw the presentation to Bro. Maruska. He then related some of the highlights of his half century as Sokol. His experiences were most interesting. His story of being a Sokol for these many, many years made the rest of the members present most anxious to receive their 50 yr. pins, for several will be qualified in just a few years.

Bro. Maruska was born in Czechoslovakia. Shortly upon arriving in the U.S. he settled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He joined the American Sokol Organization. When Sokol Caldwell was organized he became head instructor for several years. Due to the depression his salary was very mediocre. He did odd jobs in the area to help survive, and lived with different families of the community.

He later became interested in a certain young Sokolice, Sis. Mildred Vavra, and before long they became wed. They have a son and daughter, each

with families of their own. The Maruskas set up farming and have been successful in so doing.

Bro. Maruska has made several trips back to his homeland, visiting his family and other relatives. Both he and his wife have been very faithful Sokol members, believing that "any job should be well done".

The meeting adjourned with the group singing "Lovely Meadows".

All the members of Sokol Caldwell wish Bro. and Sis. Maruska many more happy Sokol years!

Joseph Netahla

DR. JAROSLAV HULLA

Dr. Jaroslav Hulla, who was a member of Sokol Baltimore for 55 years, passed away on March 20th, 1974. Born in Kolin, Czechoslovakia in 1901 and came to Baltimore with his parents in 1908. Shortly after arriving, he was enrolled in the Sokol gym classes. He continued to participate in the gym activities, even while attending the University of Maryland Medical School and after he began his practice. He participated in many competitions and Slets. Was a member of the Board of Instructors for many years.

During World War II, Dr. Hulla was a military surgical officer with the 42nd Hospital Division, United States Army, in the South Pacific and was recalled to duty to serve in Korea. Following his discharge as a captain, he returned to his general practice which he maintained until he was 71.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Edward Stetka

VACLAV OLISAR

Again we lost one of our long time members. This time Brother Vaclav Olisar, who passed away March 21, 1974 at 89 years of age.

Bro. Olisar became a member of Sokol Los Angeles in late Twenties, after years of membership in Sokol San Francisco. He was a dedicated Sokol, giving a lot of his time and energies to the Sokol movement. He served as Physical Director in our Unit, also as President for many years. With his wife Emily, son Bob, and daughter Emily, they comprised a truly ideal Sokol family, active in gym and administrative part of our Unit.

Bro. Olisar, always friendly and kind, helpful when needed, formed many friendships among Sokols. For the last few years we missed him among us, as his advanced years did not permit him to attend any of our events, but our thoughts were always with him.

May we have more such loyal Sokol members in the future! Our sincere sympathy to our Sis. Emily Olisar and family.

Louise Nekuda

A CORRECTION

The Educational Committee erred in stating Dr. Miroslav Tyrs was born March 17, 1832 in the February issue of the American Sokol publication. Dr. Tyrs was born September 17, 1832.

EMIL ZELENÝ

Bro. Emil Zeleny was born November 14, 1888, in Schuyler, Nebr. Passed away in Bellevue on February 16. Was a member of Sokol So. Omaha for 62 years. Participated in many, many activities and served on various committees. He was also a member of ZCBJ Lodge 72, and a charter member of the Omaha Retail Meat Dealers Association.

He is survived by his widow, Rose; sons, Emil F. and Joseph; daughter, Josephine Schmidt; brother, John; sisters Sylvia Teckmeyer, Clara Fitch, Ann Koutsky and two grandchildren.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Edward Pavoucek

ANTONÍN ŠEDIVÝ

V sobotu 2. února doprovodili jsme na jeho poslední cestě na tomto světě bratra Antonína Šedivého. Nebyl pouze matrikovým členem. Zesnulý bratr se stal členem naší jednoty ještě když nesla jméno Sokol Jan Amos Komenský. Pilně cvičil v jednotě až do doby, když již cvičení stávalo se mu obtížnější. Nepřestal však pracovat pro Sokol Tyrš. Po mnoho roků byl činný v zábavním výboru a to v době, kdy toho jednota nejvíce potřebovala. Ještě při přestavbě divadla v novou tělocvičnu byl velmi činný a pracoval všude kde viděl že může pomoci. Měl skutečně svoji jednotu rád.

Br. Šedivý narodil se 17. ledna 1899 na jižní Moravě. Opustil nás ve věku 75 let. Všichni kdo ho znali budou vzpomínat na věrného bratra a šlechtěného člověka. Vyslovujeme pozůstalé rodině hluboce pročitěnou soustrast.

K.Z.

SOKOL KAREL HAVLÍČEK BOROVSKÝ

V Ennis, Texasu, členové Sokola oslavovali 10 února, jejich třetí výročí postavení spolkové síně. Měli pěknou návštěvu a výborný oběd. Program začal se zapěním národních hymen. Pak předseda Sokola br. Edwin Laznovský pronesl kratší uvítací řeč k obecenstvu u příležitosti III. výročí. Také br. Převrátel ze Sokola v Dallas, předseda Jižní župy Sokolské, přednesl kratší řeč o pokroku odbočky v Ennis a předvídal další úspěchy. Rovněž br. Jerry Lažnovský podal trochu vysvětlení, jak pokračují a také řekl výsledky různých soutěží, na kterých se enniští podíleli. Všechny tyto řeči byly vděčně přijaty s hlučným potleskem.

Pak začalo cvičení malých hochů a pěkně to provedli. Pak nastoupila malá děvčata a dobře svá cvičení provedla. Po nich následovala větší děvčata a ženy, naposledy hoši a muži. Všechno bylo provedeno velmi dobře. Později orchestr začal pěkně vyhrávat k tanci a každý se dobře bavil. Bylo to velice pěkné pobavení a člověk se vždy sejde aspoň jednou za čas se svými přáteli a známými. Počasí nám též přálo a tak vše dobře dopadlo.

Anežka Houdková

VÁCLAV BAŽANT

Odešel z naší sokolské rodiny opět bratr, který byl dobrým členem jednoty Sokol Tyrš. Byl mnoho roků členem naší jednoty a byl vždy činný. Po dlouhá léta byl v zábavním odboru, kde pracoval a vždy mu to tanulo na mysli, jak finančně prospět jednotě. Po léta byl také na pohřebním výboru jednoty a vždy doprovázel naše zesnulé členy na jejich poslední cestě.

Vydržel v okolí na východní 146 ul. Až když stáří ho přimělo, aby šel k svému synovi v Garland, Pennsylvania, kde potom zemřel. Byl pochován na hřbitově v tom městě.

Vyslovuji soustrast manželce Kateřině a synovi Henrymu a všem pozůstalým. Čest budiž jeho památce.

K.Z.

OSLAVA NAROZENIN T. G. MASARYKA

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

V San Franciscu uspořádal Sokol San Francisco společně s Československou Národní Radou Americkou dne 9. března oslavu narozenin T. G. Masaryka. Sál byl zaplněn na tradičním svátku. Na programu byl předveden záznam hlasu T.G.M. Je to jedinečně čistý záznam jeho projevu o demokracii, který měl v roce 1928 v Čs. parlamentě. O Masarykovi promluvil profesor historie University of San Francisco Polák George L. Lerski, který dovedl naše krajany uchvátit chronologickým postupem životního díla T. G. Masaryka. Jak na katedře slovo ke slovu stavěl, mezi posluchači bylo ticho jako v kostele. Hudební vložku ze skladeb Bedřicha Smetany a Antonína Dvořáka zahrál Jan Štibor se svými studentkami ze San Mateo High School.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

124. výročí narozenin T.G.M. bylo důstojně oslaveno dne 10. března Americko-československým společenským klubem za spoluúčasti Dámského dobročinného klubu, řádu ČSA a Sokola Miami. Sešlo se mnoho návštěvníků vzdát čest památce velkého muže našeho národa, presidenta Osvoboditele.

U dveří vítaly hosty sestry v krásných národních krojích. Důstojný program byl zahájen bratrem J. Němzlem. Za zvuků rázného pochodu bratří F. Venzara a J. Bodlák přinesli vlajky, pak následovali zpěváci a taneční sbor v národních krojích. Zpívalo se za doprovodu na klavír sestrou M. Macháčkovou, která obstarala hudební doprovod pro všechny zpěvy a tance.

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