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## UPWARD AND ONWARD "77"

The National Slet Committee reports that wheels are set in motion for our up and coming National Slet in June of "77."

**Upward and Onward** will be the theme of this grand gymnastic festival as it symbolizes our goals . . . and our rich heritage proclaims our past.

The Sheraton - Oak Brook Hotel has been designated as National Slet Headquarters. Over 300 rooms will be available to accommodate our out-of-town participants and guests. Reservation forms and literature will be sent you in the very near future, and the Housing Committee strongly urges all to make commitments as soon as possible. Rates are as follows: Single \$22.00, Twin/Double \$26.00, Triple \$33.00, and Quad \$36.00.

The Banquet and Victory Dance, as well as all meetings, will be held at this same location.

Such souvenirs as patches, charms, tee shirts, tote bags, and many others will be there for your purchase and keepsake. Additional information will be made available to you as plans are finalized. Read your American Sokol magazine carefully for further details.

Let's make this National Slet "77" the best one yet!

Talk it up . . . Save up . . . See you in June of "77"!

SYLVIA PISTORIUS

Publicity Chairman - English



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### ATTENTION

Please notify the A.S.O. Office immediately  
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## Calendar of Events

SEPT. 30th - SOUTH OMAHA SOKOL  
Las Vegas Trip departure

OCT. 2nd - SOKOLICE SOUTH OMAHA  
Jewelry Party  
Brown Park Pavillion

OCT. 3rd - SOKOL BERWYN'S ANNUAL  
FAMILY PICNIC  
Their Hall and Parking Lot  
from 1:30 P.M. until??

OCT. 13-14 - SOKOLICE SOUTH OMAHA  
Holiday Boutique  
Commercial Savings, 24th and L St.

OCT. 23rd - SOKOL BELCAMP'S ANNUAL  
VINOBRANI (Grape Harvest festival)

OCT. 30TH - SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS  
Dinner and Dance - Sokol Brookfield

OCT. 30th - SOKOL LITTLE FERRY  
80th Anniversary - Bicentennial Celebration (sic)

NOV. 6th - SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN  
Polka Party - 8 P.M.  
Laborers Hall, Cass and Ogden, Westmont  
Bob Nudera's Polka Band

NOV. 13th - SOKOL BROOKFIELD  
45th Anniversary

NOV. 13th - SOKOL FUEGNER, L.I.  
90th Anniversary  
Bohemian Hall, Astoria

DEC. 5th - SOKOL DETROIT  
Czechoslovak Afternoon Dinner Party  
Sokol Cultural Center

DEC. 31st - SOKOL DETROIT  
New Year's Eve Party  
Sokol Cultural Center

EVERY MONDAY - SOKOL MIAMI  
Social and Supper  
Moose Club - 150th and Memorial Hwy.

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## Tentative Schedule for 1977 Slet

So that you may plan to attend your XIV Slet in 1977  
the following are dates and tentative events planned for  
these days:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22  
Judges Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

1. Junior Competitions
2. Special Number Competition
3. Presidents' Dinner and Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

1. Senior Competition
2. Junior Group Activity
3. Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

1. Volleyball Competition
2. Championship Competition
3. Awards Dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

1. Slet Rehearsal
2. SLET
3. Nazdar - 'till we meet again!

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## Vacation - Europe - Zurich

Our vacation in Europe started when we landed in Zurich, Switzerland with members of the Sokol Organization. Our tour director and bus driver met us at the airport, loaded our bags and us, for the first time of many times to come over the following sixteen days.

The months of planning and anticipating the trip were behind us.

It was hot that day . . . and for the remaining days to come. We visited Europe during a heat wave and drought unequalled in the past one hundred years, and in a non-airconditioned bus. No matter, journeyed over 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers), through seven different countries, many cities, towns, villages, burgs, and kingdoms. We stayed at nine different hotels, visited a variety of churches, castles, museums, restaurants hof braus, night clubs, factories, stores, and souvenir shops. We traveled by bus, tram, boat, taxi, streetcar, subway, ski lift, train, and on foot.

We were five strangers, my wife Shirley, mother Ann, and our two sons, Andy and Chip, - with two friends, Ann and Steve Sira, traveling among members of the American Sokol Organization and others. We were not to be strangers for long. On our bus were Mr. Roy Zitny, National President of the American Sokol Organization in the United States, his wife Vlasta; Mr. Stan Barcal, Tour Escort and past National President of the Sokol in the U.S., and his wife Rose. With these four people aboard our bus, it was difficult for anyone to be strangers long. We are not members of the Sokol but were traveling under their auspices. By the end of the trip, we felt a very close kinship with the organization.

This tour through Europe was a tremendous experience for us. We saw many beautiful things, tasted excellent food, met wonderful people, viewed outstanding country and scenery. With all these wonderful things we saw and did, the climax came on the Fourth of July, the two-hundredth birthday of our country.

Shirley and I were saddened by the thought that on this special day we were out of the United States and in a foreign land. That sadness left us while we were at the Sokol Slet. That afternoon was marvelous.

We met with Andy and Chip, our sons, who were traveling with many of the young people on a separate bus. Andy had six cameras. He took pictures for the many friends he had made on the tour, who were participating in the Slet.

As we arrived at the stadium, we each were handed an American Flag, with instructions to give it to a small child after the Slet. The participants marched onto the field led by their country's flag and delegation leader. As the Sokol team from the United States, led by Mr. Roy Zitny, marched smartly and waved to the crowd, we felt a pride in being an American Czech. The colors of each country's flag, the Sokol flags and banners, mixed beautifully with the colorful uniforms and costumes. The opening ceremony was most impressive.

The following exhibitions, exercises and competitions moved rapidly and were well coordinated. The performances moved from the young to the old, each doing his own thing, each very impressive. It didn't take too long to realize that we were seeing a wonderful thing happening, I guess it is the principle of the Sokol. That is unity! What started as individual countries marching into the stadium transitioned into a coordinated performance with all participants demonstrating their skill in the finale, an exercise involving approximately 480 people, men and women. Each was dressed in a common uniform representing the commonality of their Czech heritage.

The finale started in unison until an unfortunate thing happened. One man in the front row had a leg cramp and fell to his knees. Promptly he was removed to First aid, and an official jumped into his place in the front row to complete the exercise without a miss in the beat.

What a memorable event, all those people doing the same movements under a hot sun, with precision in the Czechoslovakian way. My wife told me later that it was so beautiful that she had tears in her eyes. Come to think of it, I had a lump in my throat also.

The smiles on the faces of the children, the gratitude of their parents, and the warm feeling we had when we gave out the American Flags, made up for our not being home on our country's birthday. In fact we were proud to be unofficial ambassadors on that day and would not have traded it for anything.

This trip was very special for us, and for that we thank the Sokol Organization of the United States for organizing it and allowing us to come along. We thank Messrs. Zitny and Barcal and their wives for providing the fine leadership and bringing us closer to the people on the tour.

(Continued . . .)

Giving out the American Flags to the children was a "good" idea and the organization of Sokol was a "great" idea. Thank you, Dr. Tyrs and the American Sokol Organization.

Charles Mrizek, Jr.

## South Omaha Sokol Hall Ground Breaking

Despite a temperature of over 100 degrees, an audience of approximately 300 Sokols, Sokolice, their families and friends observed the ground breaking ceremony for our new Hall, Sunday, July 11, 1976 at 3:00 P.M. at the site of the fire-destroyed South Omaha Sokol Hall.

Bro. George Buglewicz, Chairman for the event, was Master of Ceremonies.

The placing of the colors by bro. Bud Benak, Dir. of Men, sis. Phyllis Swoboda, Asst. Dir. of Women, and gymnasts Carol Jirka, Scott Dobrusky, Mitch Johnson and Denise Moore.

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by bro. Ed. Pavoucek. Sis. Laddie Prazan led the audience in singing the American and Czech National Anthems. Msgr. Floyd Fisher, Associate Pastor of Assumption Parish, made the Invocation.

Bro. Buglewicz introduced the dignitaries - bro. Rich Awender, Pres., South Omaha Sokol; sis. Emma Benak, Pres., South Omaha Sokolice; bro. Ed Pavoucek, Pres. Western District, American Sokol Organization; Mrs. Cece Zorinsky, wife of bro. Mayor Edward Zorinsky; Mr. Bill Hoppner, Administrative Assistant and Legal Counsel to Governor J. James Exon; The Hon. Senior Senator from Nebraska and brother Sokol, Roman Hruska; sis. Sokolice Victoria Hruska; bro. Joseph Velehradsky, the oldest South Omaha Sokol, a 66-year member; Miss Jackie Slezak, representing the gymnasts - bro. Bud Benak, Dir. of Men; sis. Jolene Hamann, Dir. of Women; sis. Lynne Satorie, South Omaha Sokol Czech Queen, and sis. Patty Swoboda, Nebraska Czech Queen.

Letters of congratulations were read by bro. Buglewicz, - here are excerpts from some: EllenJeanne Schnabl, Secy. American Sokol Organization, "Congratulations to the members of your Unit for your great 'Go ahead' spirit!" - Gov. Exon, who was unable to be present because of attendance at the Democratic National Convention. "I so appreciated your kind invitation to the ground breaking ceremonies July 11th. I am disappointed that I cannot be with you." - From Keith Carter, Exec. Vice-Pres., Omaha Chamber of Commerce, "Very best wishes for the South Omaha Sokol Organization." - Bro. Rich Awender, Pres., welcomed all present and said, "We are moving ahead with the building, and hope to award contracts by the end of the month. The building will be finished seven months after construction begins." Offering good wishes was Mrs. Edward Zorinsky, speaking for our Mayor, and Mr. Bill Hoppner speaking for our Governor.

Senator Hruska was the keynote speaker and spoke glowingly of our rich heritage and reminded us that "we are descendants of immigrants to be proud of. Our ancestors enriched the life and history and strength of America." He said "our choice to stay at this location is a wise one because we have labored here so hard and fruitfully to make good citizens."

Introduction of several distinguished citizens in the audience was made by bro. Buglewicz, - he publicly thanked many who have helped so far in raising funds for our new building.

Music for the occasion was provided by the Vern Luddington Bank and Omaha Musicians Association Local No. 70-558. Souvenirs of the event were sold, a ballpoint pen with Sokol emblem and an inscription, jacket patches showing our new building and inscribed "South Omaha Sokol Ground Breaking Ceremony, July 11, 1976." The honored guests were presented both items by bro. Rich Awender, Pres. as a memento of the occasion.

## Here She Is!

"MISS NEBRASKA CZECH QUEEN - 1976"



Lynne Satorie, of Sokol South Omaha, was crowned Miss Nebraska Czech Queen on August 7, 1976 at Wilber, Nebraska. She is a third generation Sokol Gymnastic Instructor. Her father, bro. Bob Satorie was an instructor, as was her late grandfather, bro. Frank Satorie.

Sokol South Omaha is to be congratulated on the beauties in their midst. Lynne is the fourth young lady to hold the title of "Miss Nebraska Czech Queen." Within the last five years the title has been bestowed to them four times! We add our "congratulations" to all.

Editorial Staff ASO

## Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to sis. Phyllis Jirka, who has the honor of being "All State Shoot Captain." Sis. Phyl spends much of her spare time on the trap range, and turned in the best all-around performance of her career during the 1975 season to win the honor of being selected captain of the World-Herald's Women's All-State Trapshooting team for 1976.

Sis. Phyllis won three events at the 1976 state shoot, including the Ladies 16-yard singles championship.

Her all-around average in the three events (singles, handicap and doubles) was .8545. She shot a total of 5900 targets.

South Omaha Sokol

## Sokol Cultural Center Choral Group

On Friday, June 2nd, the Choral Group participated in the Dearborn Heights Bicentennial Program. We made a beautiful picture in our Czechoslovakian costumes (kroje). I was very happy to see the large turnout of our singers, who took part in the program.

It began with a brief summary by sis. Alice Spriska, telling how our group originated, and a few words about the songs we chose to sing. The first was Yankee Doodle in English and in Czech, then Uslapana Cesticka, and Zabil Otec Shojku, Vltavo Vltavo, and, in conclusion, our theme song Detrojtsky Sokoly.

The applause from the audience was great and it gave us a thrill to know that another task was once again well done.

After a brief vacation, we are now back at our Center for rehearsals. The Fund Raising Committee has asked us to participate in a program, which will take place in October, and we will formulate our program for the Czechoslovak Dinner Party.

Na zdar!

Bea Kominek, Correspondent  
Sokol Detroit News

## Northeastern District

June 23, 1876

Bro. E. Jirousek, President presided with 20 delegates present. Delegates pledged allegiance to the flag. Bro. Jirousek asked members to stand in silent tribute to departed sister Frances Vlasak.

**Reports:** Secretary, sis. W. Sevcik sent list of all officers of Northeastern District to American Sokol Organization, - received check for \$61.60 from ASO for expenses incurred at Workshop held April 25.

Vice President, Bro. Kavan attended Detroit Slet.

President, Bro. E. Jirousek spoke about the District Slet on the Czech Voice of Cleveland June 3, 1976.

Attended: June 6 District Slet, June 12-13 Slet of Western District, Omaha, June 17 District B.O.I. meeting, June 20 Slet of Sokol Detroit. In Sokol Tyrs Newsletter bro. Jirousek expressed deep appreciation to all brothers and sisters who worked to make the District Slet a success. Also announced that the Northeastern District was awarded a certificate of endorsement sanctioning the Northeastern District Slet as an official Bicentennial project.

Treasurer, Bro. J. Galik is investigating the matter of purchasing refreshment tickets.

Bro. Kavan moved that travel expenses incurred by sis. Cerny and bro. Dusek, representing the District at Sokol Detroit Slet, be reimbursed by the District. Approved.

B.O.I. Bro. Dusek reported 456 gymnasts participated in the District Slet. Thanked the Executive Committee for its help in preparations for the Slet. Also the Sokol School Committee is working on plans to prepare young Sokols of the District to attend the ASO School for Advanced Instructors. B.O.I. will elect new Officers at its July meeting. The Library Committee will hold an organizational meeting on June 24.

Sis. Jencik expressed appreciation to all who helped make the District Slet such a success. 44 gymnasts from Cleveland units participated in Sokol Detroit Slet. 26 women and 6 men will participate in the Zurich Slet. Bro. Galik moved that sis. Eleanor Prech be asked to write an article about the Sokols attending the Zurich Slet. Approved.

Unit reports: Sokol Tyrs. Bro. Vavra reports unit will hold its picnic August 15. Work is proceeding on remodeling the hall.

Committee reports: Public Relations and Publicity. Bro. Jirousek commended bros. Zahradnicek and Kocab for the excellent publicity of our District Slet.

A.S.I. Sis. Jirousek reported for bro. R. Jirousek that a membership meeting will be held July 27.

Old Business: District Slet. Bro. Galik submitted partial report on Slet finances.

New Business: Bro. Jirousek advised that Executive Board ASO referred to the Executive Committee of Northeastern District, a request for permission to forming a new unit in Cleveland. Pursuant to Article 23 of the ASO Constitution and By-Laws, bro. Jirousek appointed bros. Galik and Gruber as District representatives to the petitioning unit's organizational meeting.

## Southern District

June 24, 1976

Meeting was called to order and presided by bro. George Prevratil, Pres., with 12 delegates present, 3 excused. Guests: sis. Vlasta Jurcik and Lil Laznovsky. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a moment of silence in memory of bro. Stanley Zhanel of Sokol Ennis.

Correspondence: Literature and order forms from Ontario, Canada. - From American Sokol Organization, expressing appreciation for hospitality extended bro. and sis. Zitny during their visit; also requesting picture of special number group "Hoe Down" of Sokol Fort Worth for the American Sokol publication. Unit report from Sokol Houston.

Reports: **Dallas.** A children's special number was presented, - 10 junior girls participated in dual meet with State Championship team, placing in floor exercise and beam, - a junior girl entered Junior Olympic Regional Meet and placed first all-around, and fifth nationally. **Ennis.** Large number participated in District Slet, in Volley Ball tournament, competitions and program. Swimming lessons available to those interested, - swimming party held for those who attended the Slet. **Fort Worth.** Special summer gym classes scheduled for 5 weeks (72 hours) 124 enrolled, eleven will be instructing, - special number "Hoe Down" presented at the Slet, Unit exhibition, at Modern Gymnastics Championships and will be presented at SPJST Convention. 119 competitors participated in Slet, winning 18 team trophies, 33 individual trophies, and 168 ribbons. Photos and report being sent to American Sokol of the Modern Rhythmic Meet. **Houston.** Bicentennial celebration a great success - chartered a bus to the Slet, trip enjoyed by all, placed first in the children's special competition, - gymnasts will participate in parade July 4th - scheduled to perform at the K.C. Hall.

Educational Director: Bro. O. Parma. Read report from Educational Director, bro. Sijansky of Sokol Corpus Christi, - will use same formula of educational sessions as in earlier part of year, - is researching material for history of unit. Forth Worth: District slide presentation shown after membership meeting. Ennis: Film of Legend of Uncle Sam shown to gymnasts and enjoyed by all. Dallas: Sis. Parma reports the Educational Committee is planning to initiate a newsletter of Sokol Zizka.

Public Relations. Bro. Steinman reports for bro. Milan, the District slide presentation (slides of Unit building and activities and narration) was shown at the SPJST Convention Committee, - was host to coaches and instructors to the USGF meet.

Report of Board of Instructors: Bro. Laznovsky. District Slet successful, expressed appreciation to Sokol Fort Worth for their cooperation and work in preparation for the Slet. Activities well organized, the 3-day event included volleyball tournament, competitions, victory dance and Slet exhibition. Reported on Sokols participating in segment of program during SPJST Convention Banquet. - District Course scheduled for Aug. 7-15, presently not limiting number of gymnasts from any one Unit.

Bro. McClure reported on Czech Cultural Society meeting. The Czech Day at the Fair has been set for Sunday, October 10. Was appointed to publicity committee. Inquired what is being planned for the Sokol portion of activities, in what manner will Southern District participate in opening day parade,

arrangements for a place in the parade has to be made soon. A float is available.

President: Bro. Prevratil attended the Bicentennial celebration of Sokol Houston, May 29-30; reports the gymnastic part of program was very good as were other activities, singing by choral group, folk dances, costume presentation. Had TV coverage. Conversated with bro. Pech regarding Sokol marches. Attended the SPJST Convention, extended greetings on behalf of the Southern District. Attended the Donation Committee meeting, reports that SPJST appropriated \$1,000 annually for the next four years to the Southern District. Took bro. and sis. Zitny to view the Sokol facilities in Ennis.

Discussion, Old and New Business: Bro. Parma moved that bro. Prevratil be reimbursed for traveling expenses to the District Slet and Convention. Approved.

Bro. Laznovsky indicates the Sokol membership cards are oversize, and in many cases do not fit properly in a regular billfold. Suggests recommendation be made to American Sokol Organization for a smaller size. Further to consider the reverse side of a monthly membership record be converted to annual basis and on a 5-year cycle. Recommendation approved. Motion by bro. Laznovsky that the District furnish Units membership cards for their Associate Members. Approved. Bro. Steinman moved that bro. Hosek be asked to design this card. Approved.

For the record: District Slet held June 4-6, 1976, Sokol Fort Worth host unit. Activities held at Eagle Mountain Athletic Center and Boswell High School facilities. Bro. and sis. Zitny attended representing the American Sokol Organization. The Slet, in a Bicentennial theme and spirit, was dedicated to sis. Anna Milan of Sokol Fort Worth in this historical year. The District records this Slet the 19th held since 1948 (reactivity after World War II). 9 Slets held consecutively as of 1968. Comparison: gymnasts participating - approximately 125 attended 1968 Slet, whereas 400-415 in attendance in 1976. In addition, the District hosted the 1967 Mid-Slet.

Bro. Prevratil expressed appreciation to those attending, and to bro. and sis. Parma for hosting meeting in their home.

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## Gymnastic Uniforms Parade Dress Uniforms

Check your uniforms - and order  
in time for our

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## Slet 1977 - "Upward and Onward"

Reports are already coming in from units and districts of the American Sokol Organization advising us of travel funds and preparations for this Slet. The Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad and Sokol USA have pledged their full cooperation and participation. The Sokol District in Switzerland has chartered a plane for this event.

The technical department has been making preparations since the 1975 Detroit Convention of the American Sokol Organization.

Sister Mildred Prchal has written the women's calisthenics. The men's calisthenics were composed by Brother Richard Ptacek and Sister Linda Ptacek. Original music was composed by Bro. Frank Kubina.

Our Junior calisthenics came from the State of Texas. The authors are Sister Mary Jean Stoeppelman and Brother Jerry Milan.

Combined childrens class calisthenics were written by Sister Mary Jane Peterka and Brother John Ballance from our Northeastern District, Cleveland, Ohio. They also wrote their own music for this composition.

The tots composition was written by Sister Ann Halik and Brother Edwin Halik of the Central District.

United States Gymnastic Federation apparatus exercises will be used for gymnastic competition. These were submitted by the Western District with modifications and suggestions made by our districts and the American Sokol Board of Instructors.

All divisions of apparatus competition will be held. A volleyball tournament, unit special number competition and Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic competitions are being planned.

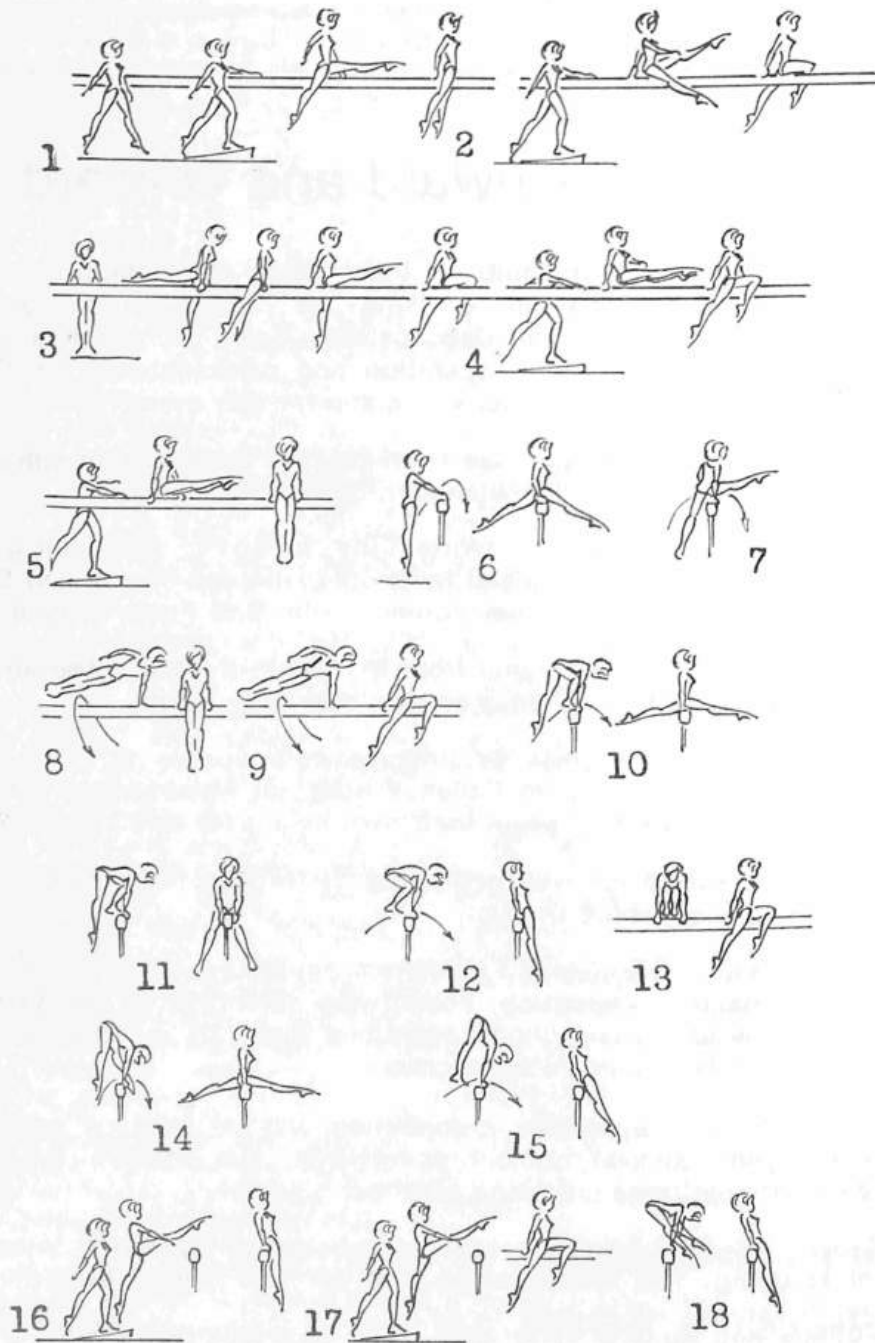
The Slet Committee has secured the beautiful Oakbrook Sheraton for Slet Housing, Slet Headquarters and for Slet social events.

Brothers and Sisters, make your plans to attend and participate in this, Your Sokol Holiday.

SLETU ZDAR!

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

## Beginners Mounts for High Balance Beam



Illustrated on this page are various mounts currently used for many beginners and advanced gymnasts on the high balance beam. Some may be used as starting from a run, others from a stand; all are ending in a sitting position on the beam.

# Brother Frank Capek - Eastern Dist. Director



wrestling, weightlifting and canoeing meets for various clubs. He was men's Eastern District Representative on the American Sokol 1938 Team that was sent to Czechoslovakia.

Bro. Capek had charge with Bro. Oldrich Kudrnovsky of the Eastern District Mid-Slet at the 34th Street Armory which was the last major Slet in the East. With the exception of two years he has been Eastern District Director from 1946 to the present day (28 years). He attended Instructors Schools in Little Ferry, Philadelphia, Yonkers, New York (Slovak School) and a monthly school in South Haven, Michigan. Attended 4 conventions and many Slets in Chicago, Cleveland and Dallas.

Bro. Capek served two years under General Patton in the 51st Armored Infantry, winding up in Strakonice, Czechoslovakia; also received the Silver Star.

After World War II bro. Capek moved to Little Ferry and at their request coached the Junior Girls High Division Team. The teams did very well in all meets with one girl, Shirley Hartwick winning the Championship in the Junior Girls Division in Chicago. Shortly after, he took over the Junior Boys in Little Ferry, and on and off was Director of men there. He is now Director and is in charge of the Boys' Classes which over the past 10 years have numbered over 100 registered each year.

Frank's family consists of: Frank Jr., residing in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is comptroller of Goodyear Publishing Company, Subsidiary of Prentiss Hall; Thomas, High School Teacher, in Waynesdale High School in Ohio and resides in Apple Creek; Kenneth, graduating Bergen Community College in June and on the Honor List, and is Senior Therapist in Hackensack Hospital; Christine, will be a sophomore in Ridgfield Park High School. Rose, his wife, who did all the sacrificing while Frank attended Gym Classes, Meets, Meetings, Conventions, Slets, etc.

Frank has been a Sokol New York member since he was 6 years of age. He became the youngest men's Director at 18 years of age, a position he held only for a year and relinquished it because he felt he was too young to be in charge of men much older than he. He then took over the Junior Boys classes which he taught for 14 years. He played basketball for the New York Sokol and was a member of all gym teams at all Sokol competitions and AAU meets. Tied for second place on rings in a Junior AAU Gym Competition Meet. His best work was on the long horse vaulting. Besides being active in the New York Sokol and playing basketball he was on the Varsity Teams in High School in Basketball and Swimming. He also competed in

## Southern District Competitions

### SECOND CLASS BOYS

1. Steve Hudspeth	Ennis	143.3
2. Allan Crigger	Ennis	141.0
3. Ross O'Brien	Fort Worth	135.4
4. Jeff Howard	Corpus Christi	130.5
5. Robert Toth	Ennis	130.1

### TEAMS

1. Ennis	542.0
2. Dallas	470.3
3. Fort Worth	458.7
4. Houston	423.4

4 teams - 23 contestants

### JUNIOR GIRLS - LOW A

1. Kari McCormick	Fort Worth	101.8
2. Suzie Harris	Fort Worth	95.9
3. Lori Steinman	Fort Worth	95.7
4. Chamese Yarbrough	Fort Worth	95.5
5. Denise Emery	Fort Worth	93.8

### TEAMS

1. Team I	Fort Worth	287.6
2. Team II	Fort Worth	285.4
3. Team I	Ennis	272.0
4. Team III	Fort Worth	266.9
5. Team I	Dallas	248.3
6. Team II	Dallas	222.8

6 teams - 24 contestants

**JUNIOR GIRLS LOW B**

1. Vickie Criseo	Fort Worth	85.00
2. Sheri Mason	Fort Worth	82.75
3. Janis McCrory	Fort Worth	81.65
4. Sonja Elledge	Fort Worth	80.80
5. Wendy Faulk	Fort Worth	79.90

**TEAMS**

1. Fort Worth	Team I	244.65
2. Fort Worth	Team II	239.85
3. Fort Worth	Team III	235.20
4. Ennis		231.60
5. Corpus Christi		222.30

5 teams - 21 contestants

**JUNIOR GIRLS INTERMEDIATE**

1. Laura Murillo	Dallas	113.5
2. Debbie Lacy	Dallas	113.4
3. Leah Hall	Fort Worth	107.3
4. Donna Zimmerman	Dallas	105.9
5. Lanna Liska	Ennis	105.3

**TEAMS**

1. Dallas		332.8
2. Fort Worth	Team I	314.3
3. Fort Worth	Team II	281.7
4. Houston		262.6

4 teams - 19 contestants

**JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH DIVISION**

1. Cynthia Hardee	Fort Worth	127.75
2. Debbie Kratz	Fort Worth	125.50
Pam Smith	Fort Worth	125.50
3. Paula Smith	Fort Worth	109.75

**JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Deanna Gilliam	Dallas	195.30
2. Paula Stansbury	Dallas	191.35
3. Kris Wallace	Dallas	175.60

**WOMENS FUNDAMENTALS DIVISION**

1. Gay Steele	Dallas	76.10
2. Linda Larson	Fort Worth	75.40
3. Sally Stemac	Dallas	71.85
4. Joan Battleson	Dallas	71.70
5. Jackie Enax	Fort Worth	70.10
6. Polly Sill	Dallas	67.75
7. Alberta Gray	Fort Worth	66.95
8. Sandra Howard	Corpus Christi	55.45
9. Betty Vaughn	Corpus Christi	47.45

**TEAMS**

1. Dallas		219.65
2. Fort Worth		212.45

**WOMENS LOW B DIVISION**

1. Debbie Prachyl	Ennis	79.45
2. Candy Rooney	Ennis	78.20
3. Pinny Sill	Dallas	71.25
4. Claudine Orman	Ennis	66.00

**WOMENS LOW A DIVISION**

1. Linda Poole	Dallas	95.9
2. Becky Hamilton	Ennis	93.1
3. Gail Champion	Dallas	89.1
4. Marilyn Milan	Fort Worth	85.1

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

1. Debbie Johnston	Fort Worth	115.1
2. Teri Neff	Ennis	102.8
3. Robin Bailey	Ennis	70.4

**JUNIOR - MIXED VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS  
SOKOL ENNIS****SENIOR - MIXED VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS  
SOKOL ENNIS****CHILDREN'S SPECIAL NUMBER COMPETITION:**

1. Houston	4. Fort Worth
2. Corpus Christi	5. Ennis
3. Dallas	

**JUNIOR BOYS LOW B**

1. Dennie Gray	Fort Worth	164.1
2. Ricky Bourquin	Fort Worth	158.0
3. Brady Kallas	Fort Worth	153.0
David Buster	Fort Worth	153.0
4. Rick Haley	Fort Worth	152.0
5. Corey Vrla	Dallas	150.5

**TEAM - 1st Fort Worth****JUNIOR BOYS LOW A**

1. Butch Vrla	Dallas	169.0
2. Eric Blake	Dallas	167.5
3. Bo Sill	Dallas	166.6
4. Wayne Sijansky	Corpus Christi	163.8
5. Steve O'Dell		158.2

**TEAM**

1. Dallas	2. Ennis
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**INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR BOYS**

1. Louis Valis	Houston	159.5
2. Henry Hallis	Houston	156.1
3. Rodney Houdek	Ennis	146.8
4. Lanny Orman	Ennis	143.6
5. Steve Valis	Houston	142.8
6. Steve Petty	Ennis	136.8

**TEAM**

1. Houston	2. Ennis
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**JUNIOR BOYS HIGH DIVISION**

1. Rome Milam	Fort Worth	152.5
2. Joel Henning	Ennis	148.2
3. Jim Bily	Houston	145.9
4. Bruce Wardlaw	Ennis	130.2

**MEN LOW A**

1. Bill Connelly	Fort Worth	128.6
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**MEN INTERMEDIATE**

1. Don Sill	Dallas	133.6
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**MEN - HIGH**

1. Gary Johnson	Dallas	157.8
2. David Houdek	Ennis	149.7
3. Martin Brazil	Ennis	133.4

## Central District Competitions

**SENIOR MEN - LOW DIVISION****TEAMS**

1. Brookfield		442.4
2. Berwyn Havlicek		352.8

**INDIVIDUALS**

1. R. Linhart	Tabor	130.7
2. D. Harlan	Brookfield	123.8
3. J. Hantak	Brookfield	112.3

4. F. Bouda	Brookfield	110.3
5. B. Zrna	Berwyn-Havlicek	102.9

2 teams - 12 individuals

Joseph Placek - Art Placek - Meet Directors

**JUNIOR BOYS - LOW DIVISION****TEAMS**

1. St. Louis		594.00
2. Berwyn		508.85

(Cont.)

# FINANCIAL REPORT

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

JULY 1976

**RECEIPTS:**

Dues .....	\$3,304.00
Sokol Thomas G. Masaryk Dues .....	14.00
Convention Fund .....	10.00
Sale of Songbooks .....	36.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	6.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,370.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

**Administrative**

Salaries .....	\$605.17
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for June .....	125.34
I.W.T. 2nd quarter 1976 .....	51.22
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, electric .....	396.30
Office Furniture and Supplies .....	115.32
Postage .....	10.35
Advertising and Rentals .....	136.99
Jewelry .....	188.60
Miscellaneous .....	20.00
	<b>\$1,649.29</b>

**Board of Instructors**

Salaries .....	\$322.86
F.I.C.A. for June .....	43.42
I.W.T. - 2nd quarter 1976 .....	21.22
Office Supplies, Postage .....	39.12
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	30.00
	<b>456.62</b>

**Educational Department**

Salaries .....	\$446.13
F.I.C.A. for June .....	13.70
I.W.T. - 2nd quarter 1976 .....	3.98
Office Supplies .....	21.74
	<b>485.55</b>

**Sokol Publication**

Editor "American Sokol" .....	\$100.00
Postage "American Sokol" .....	5.31
	<b>105.31</b>

**Miscellaneous**

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., I.W.T., Phone .....	\$346.57
	<b>346.57</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$3,043.34</b>

**Balance brought forward:**

Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account	\$ 181.35
Receipts - July 1976	3,370.00
	<b>3,551.35</b>
Disbursements - July 1976	3,043.34
	<b>\$ 508.01</b>

## FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

July 1976

Frank J. and Antointte Pelich	\$5.00
The Pribramsky Family, in memory of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of bro. August Pribramsky, Sr., born August 11, 1876	\$100.00
	<b>105.00</b>
Dividends	1.31
	<b>\$106.31</b>

Donations are tax exempt

## Did You Know?

Our Uniform Division has become a world-wide distributor - West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Canada, Australia - thanks to our sister and brother Sokols - the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad!

## Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad

The IV. Slet of the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, held in Zurich, Switzerland on July 3, 4, 1976, must be hailed as a momentous occasion. For those participating it was an emotional experience that will be felt and remembered for years to come.

We, American Sokols, who were part of the Slet on Sunday, felt a respect and pride in our country as never before, as we marched and received a thunderous ovation from the spectators. The recognition afforded our organization by all was heartwarming.

Our hosts are to be congratulated for providing us with a feeling of brotherhood and warmth, and all having a continuity of Sokol ideals. Congratulations to sister and brother Waldauf for their efforts in organizing a most successful Slet. To the "vedouci" who were most knowledgeable in their duties and responsibilities, our thanks and congratulations, for we recognize that no Slet can be effectively run without them.

Our most humble thanks to the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad in commemorating our Country's Bicentennial with the Senior calisthenics written by our late brother Jarka Jelinek.

Nazdar!

Roy Zitny, President  
American Sokol Organization

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## SOKOL EDUCATOR

### Little Known Facts . . .

In researching old issues of our publication, we came across the following article in the February 15, 1881 issue of Sokol Americký, published by the Národní Jednota Sokolská in the United States. We thought you would find it interesting.

#### Náš Čestný Člen Dr. Mir. Tyrš

Ct. čestný člen Národní Jednoty Sokolské sok. Dr. Tyrš obdržel již diplom a po přijmutí jej zaslal následující přípis Výkonnému Výboru:

"Drazí bratří!

"Hluboce pohnut velkou a nenadalou poctou vámi společně mi prokázanou, dojat slavnostním způsobem, jimž čestný diplom od vás pocházející, jednotou naší mi doručen byl, odpovídám, nabyv chvíle klidnější, k srdečným a vzletným slovům vašim, skládaje vám především vroucí svůj dík za smýšlení bratrské, které jste způsobem tak skvělým mi osvědčili.

"Vážím si ho tím více, anat' slova, jimiž ono výrazu svého došlo, pocházejí ze země, kde každý průjev, neznajíc nátlaku, ze svobodných prsou mužných se pryští, ze země opravdové volnosti slunečné, ze země v níž klamně pablesky zneužívaných hesel zvučných ni jednotlivce ni celé národy v porobu uvrhnouti nechtí a nemohou.

"Jmenovali jste mne čestným členem Národní Jednoty Sokolské v Spojených Státech Severo-amerických. Věřtež že při těchto slovech srdce mohutněji mi v prsou buší, že celý dosah vyznamenání takového v myslí povznešeně, rozehvěně živě cítím, ovšem toho sobě vědom jsa, že pocta tak veliká a vzácná míru mých skromných zásluh vysoko přesahuje.

"Stál jsem v tom širém šiku českého národa jak každý jiný vojín, snažil jsem se, abych za příkladem jiných tisícův na místě svou povinnost národní vykonal a cítím jen, že víc co jsem kdy učinil za cílem zůstalo, k němuž jsem píliti chtěl a měl.

"Tak bera čest mi prokázanou především v smyslu ten, že vřelým slovem svým zároveň znovu k bratřím ve vlasti pozůstalým se hlasitě družíte, žet' tělocvik na dále týmže českým a sokolským duchem pěstovat hodláte, žet' jste osvědčiti chtěli, kterak se svými bratry zámořskými v jeden a tentýž šik hrdě a uvědoměle se stavíte.

"Dovolte, abych ještě z hlediště širšího to připojil, proč svobodný váš hlas právě v této době k nám zaznívajíc tak hluboce mne dojal. Slyšel jsem v něm hlas český vůbec, který přes daleký oceán jasně k nám zalehal. V té chvíli, kdeby zlobná závist tisícův rodných bratří odcizila, o to usilujíc, by řeč svou zapřeli a k společně matce své se nehlásili, kde opět jednou váhu naši zlehčit a počet náš ztenčit chtěli, v té chvíli ozývá se Sokolstvo americké, jarý to výkvět českého národa

za mořem světovým poselstvím svým, zároveň jakožto odnož téhož kmene, s touze 'obvyklou řečí' s týmže ústrojím spolkovým a duchem národním.

"Třímám ruku vaší a skládám vám rozehvěně city těmito ještě jednou dík svůj nadšený. Necht' bratrský svazek Sokolů českých a amerických na věky neskaleně a pevně potrvá, necht' cítí se Čechové v novém a v starém světě povždy co jeden celek mocný a nerozborný, necht' vlaje nad nimi tentýž prapor síly, svornosti a svobody, necht' vzejde nade všemi společná hvězda slávy slovanské.

"Na zdar! Váš věrný bratr

Miroslav Tyrš"

### 1975 ASO Essay Contest

Third Place Winner

IV. Division

SYLVIA LAZNOVSKY

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky

#### WHAT EVENTS OR SOKOL PERSONALITIES INFLUENCED ME MOST IN MY SOKOL LIFE

I cannot pinpoint any one or group of events or any specific personalities that influenced me in my Sokol Life! Combinations of both events and Sokols have been my inspiration to be a better Sokol and a better citizen.

Right along with the other Sokol Greats - the Presidents, other Officers, Travelling Instructors, those faithful instructors and other leaders - I must say my parents have had to be among the most influential. For not only have they been interested and active parents, but Great Sokols as well. And, they continue this interest today as our unit continues to grow. I cannot imagine what our household would have been without Sokol.

Interest in my unit's history from its organization in 1908 has given me an opportunity to delve into some very interesting history and to respect even more what our forefathers did for us when they organized Sokol. Records of Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, are most inspirational and should influence our membership to strive for continued growth. Twenty-two chartered members began a unit which has survived many trying times - including the difficult 30s when many units disbanded. Only the persistence of our great leaders - Local, District, and National - kept our unit from withdrawal from the American Sokol during times of great stress. Our membership lost two buildings by fire, and one had to be abandoned. But, through persistence the membership continued and built a fourth building. Under great leadership, we

continued to grow, until it was necessary to build a much larger building with modern facilities. Growth did not stop there! A swimming pool has been added and additional land purchased. Our properties now include approximately 20 acres. This kind of growth, this kind of "never dying" attitude and dedication has influenced me and my interest in being a part of Sokol.

Slets have always been inspiring to me. There is no greater feeling of pride than marching to the stirring music of a Sokol March. I still remember my first Slet - 1948 in Corpus Christi, Texas. This was the first big Sokol gathering in our District after World War II. Our unit chartered a bus for this big event. Although I was only in the Children's Class then, I still remember this - my first Slet. The first of many! As gymnasts from our unit made trips to National Slets, I looked forward to the time I would be able to go. My first American Sokol Slet was the 1953 Slet in Chicago at Soldiers Field. This was such a thrill that I have returned to Chicago every four years since.

I have many memories from these events. The friendships cultivated throughout these years are very valuable. Many incidents, outstanding calisthenics and special numbers stand out in my mind. One of the greatest leaders that I had the pleasure of knowing well was bro. Joe Kos from our District. At one of the National Slets our District honored his memory by performing a number he had written. I felt very proud to be in the number and I certainly was proud when, as we marched on the field, the band played "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

Naturally the Slet most vividly in my mind is the 1973 Slet in Chicagoland. After many months of hard work on routines and many money-making travel fund projects, our unit had the largest representation we ever had at a National Slet. Not only were we there in numbers, but so was our District. Another proud moment in my Sokol career was participation in our District Special Number that year - The Texas Roundup. That number brought Sokol much publicity as we performed not only at our District Slet in Houston, but in Chicagoland, at a professional football game, and at the State Fair of Texas.

Perhaps among my proudest moments as a Sokol were participation in the Slets in Vienna, Austria, in 1962 and in 1972. It was inspiring to be among Sokols from around the world; but, the greatest thrill was to march behind the United States Flag, thousands of miles from home, and represent our country.

Being identified as a Sokol is my idea of a status symbol. Being associated with Sokol - its membership and Leaders, its Goals and Ideas - has been my inspiration in life.

**AMERICAN SOKOL** - The Editorial Staff of our publication is making every effort to get future issues of the American Sokol to you early in the month, rather than toward the end. To that extent we hope your September issue will reach you by the 15th of the month. - **This means that copy for publication must be received by the 20th of the previous month.**

## Honoring Members

Members of long standing, those who have worked for many, many years, and are now perhaps able to take it a bit easier, should be honored with membership pins. This small memento and token of appreciation is appreciated by all. Just to be remembered is a very warm and human feeling. The Unit Membership Chairmen should periodically check membership lists, to ascertain which members have served for a period of many years. The Unit records will indicate this information. However, records at the National Office in Berwyn, Illinois, can supply certain of this information, should your records need updating.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrs, South Omaha, as well as Sokolice South Omaha, have honored their men and women. Here are their names:

### Sokol Men:

John Ourada	40 yr. Pin	
Joe L. Slezak	40	" "
Frank Calta	25	" "
Vic Jirka	25	" "
George Pochop	25	" "

### Sokol Women:

Marie Strnad	23	" "	
Albina Imbert	27	" "	8-12-49
Helen Kurmel	27	" "	4-18-49
Frances Kulhanek	29	" "	9-9-47
Mildred Marne	29	" "	9-12-47
Anna Strnad	29	" "	4-8-47
Barbara Bezdek	30	" "	4-14-46
Emma Blaha	30	" "	8-8-46
Antoinette Hamtak	30	" "	9-12-46
Anna Jirka	30	" "	1-8-46
Barbara Melichar	30	" "	11-12-46
Frances Navratil	30	" "	11-12-46
Louise Tonar	30	" "	8-8-46
Martha Talmon	31	" "	1-11-45
Helen Chapin	40	" "	10-14-36
Rose Holy	40	" "	7-14-36
Jennie Rejda	40	" "	4-14-36
Rose Balters	43	" "	11-14-33
Geraldine Dusek	45	" "	11-13-31
Barbara Swoboda	46	" "	4-18-30
Helen Babka	47	" "	6-14-29
Beatrice Calta	47	" "	3-11-29
Vlasta Messany	47	" "	11-12-29
Stacie Koncel	47	" "	7-9-29
Marie Kraus	47	" "	9-12-29
Marie Barta Strnad	48	" "	2-14-28

What a fine list of dedicated members, and many still active from what we read in the South Omaha Sokol Newsletter. Congratulations to you all!

Editorial Staff, ASO

## Sokol St. Paul

On June 11, 1976, a party of 32 hearty souls left for Omaha and the Western District Slet. We traveled by chartered bus, and stayed at the New Tower Motel Courts, which were very nice.

We had an extremely enjoyable trip, and our gymnasts performed very, very well! Therese Vanyo won first place all-around trophy in her division. The Junior Girls team of Maureen, Margaret and Therese Trooder, Peggy McKeever, Jenny Ries, Michelle Indehar, and Tammy Winger won a 3rd place team plaque in the competitions. In addition, the girls won 5 medals for placement on individual apparatus events.

It should be of special note that the St. Paul Girls, as a group, scored higher on the calisthenics drill than any other group there. Therese Vanyo scored the highest, by far, than any other competitor at the slet for this event. I think that reflects directly on the efforts of Georgiana Dolejsi and Louise Gilson, who put so much time and effort into teaching the drill.

Vicki Reider coached the girls gymnastic team. She did a fantastic job as you can see from the results. All the members of the team thank her for her time and effort in their behalf. Their proud smiles are a great reward that you can always have with you.

As my term of office comes to an end, I would like to extend a special thank you to those people who have been of so much help to me during the year. As a comparatively new Sokol member, my education has been thorough and rewarding. I have had so many enjoyable and gratifying experiences. I have learned the true meaning of Sokol is giving of yourself, and your reward is the beaming smile of pride on the face of a young gymnast who has won something for the first time. To all those who have received so much from Sokol in the past, I would just say: put a little back in. Sokol is worth working for! Nazdar!

Dick Gilson, Director of Men

## Membership

Membership - whether in the PTA, a community or political league, a professional organization, or a special interest club - is a responsibility. People who join up and then fail to contribute constructively to an organization can sap it of its vitality and effectiveness. How about you? Have you been guilty of "Organizational homicide"? If so, resolve to change your ways. Remember, teamwork and cooperation are the dues owed to every organization.

Betty Petrzalek,  
Cedar Rapids Sokol Bulletin

## HELP OUR SOKOL GROW

## IN MEMORIAM

August 11, 1876

January 3, 1959

The  
100th Anniversary of the Birth of

**Brother  
August Pribramsky, Sr.**

Born August 11, 1876

He was born in Habry (near Caslav), Czechoslovakia. President and Nacelnik of Sokol Philadelphia for many years. He lived his whole life for the Sokol idea.

In honor of his memory we enclose a donation of \$100.00 to the American Sokol Leaders' Fund.

The Pribramsky Family

## The Price They Paid . . .

Have you ever wondered what happened to the men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Continental army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the American Revolution.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-five were lawyers or jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers, or large plantation owners. These were men of means and education. Yet they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

When these men signed, they were courageous . . . they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the cause of freedom and independence. Does't this make you feel proud to be an American? Our forefathers, many of whom were of Czech descent, who migrated to this country, also had something in common with the Declaration of Independence signers. They, too, had to leave their property and other belongings . . . but they gained the freedom, together with the many opportunities that this country offered.

Our Sokol building has on the outside of it, the names of some of the Czech leaders . . . Klacel . . . Havlicek . . . Tyrs, Fuegner . . . and Svatopluk Cech. Others were Jan Hus, Frantisek Palacky, Bozena Nemcova, and hundreds of others.

Fred Anthony, starosta  
Sokol Cedar Rapids (Sokol Bulletin)



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Don't argue at the dinner table.  
The one who is not hungry always  
wins the argument.

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If you're going to complain about  
the way the ball bounces, don't drop  
it!

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There was a woman who told her  
husband to be an angel and let her  
drive. He did and he is.

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Always listen to the opinion of  
others. It probably won't do you any  
good, but it will them.

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Children need models more than  
they need critics.

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The secret of happiness is not in  
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## 1774

"Bicentennial Minutes" reprinted through the courtesy  
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SEPTEMBER 11, 1774

Two hundred years ago today, there was no good food for sale in Philadelphia, according to Silas Deane, a Connecticut delegate to the Continental Congress.

He'd scoured the markets, and the produce just wasn't up to Connecticut standards.

"There was not a fowl nor a fish in the whole market," he wrote his wife. "Watermelons were the only fruit worth buying. There were a few miserable pears, and peaches and plums.

"I saw no celery; no kinds of salad - one basket of endive excepted, and the cucumbers were older than we ever eat them. Turnips, carrots and radishes are tough as a dry sandy soil can make them. But," he grudgingly admitted, ". . . the red beets are good."

That's the way it was.

Presented by Euell Gibbons.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1774

Two hundred years ago today, even the dances in Colonial America were becoming more revolutionary.

Dancing masters were always in demand to teach the formal European steps, but more vigorous and informal dances were taking over.

One English visitor criticized the Virginians at a Saturday night ball. "I do not think they perform with the greatest elegance. Between the formal dances they have what I call these everlasting jigs, to some Negro tune, which always last as long as the fiddler can play. They look more like a Bachanalian Dance than a polite assembly."

Another man said, "Virginians are of genuine blood. They will dance or die."

That's the way it was.

Presented by Gene Kelly.

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