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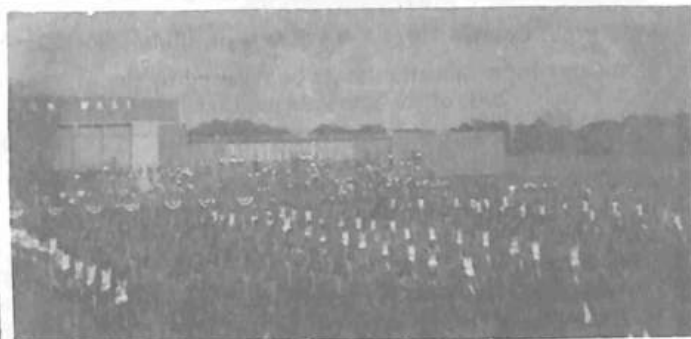
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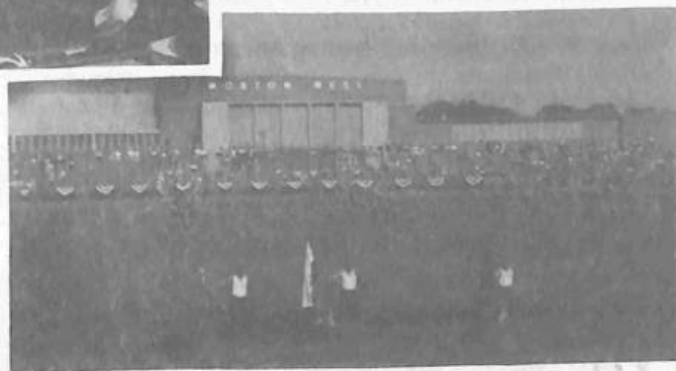


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## Calendar of Events

AUG. 12-14 - GRAND OPENING

So. Omaha Sokol Hall

AUG. 14 - SOKOL DETROIT

Accordion Jamboree  
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AUG. 21 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

Picnic

AUG. 28 - CHICAGOLAND SOKOL

BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Picnic - National Grove No. 1

SEPT. 10 - A.S.I.

Beer Festival

SEPT. 11 - SOKOL DETROIT

Grape Festival  
Sokol Camp

SEPT. 17 - SOKOL OMAHA

Centennial Dance  
8:45 P.M. - Al Grebnick Orchestra.

SEPT. 18 - SOKOL OMAHA CENTENNIAL  
BANQUET

12:00 noon

SEPT. 24 - POLISH FALCONS

90th Anniversary Banquet-Dance  
Pittsburgh Hyatt House  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

SEPT. 24 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.

30th Anniversary Banquet

SEPT. 25 - EASTERN DISTRICT

Annual Meeting  
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SEPT. 25 - SOKOL SO. OMAHA

Czech Festival

OCT. 8 - SOKOL SLAVSKY

Dinner Dance

OCT. 22 - SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS

Dinner Dance at  
Sokol Brookfield

OCT. 22 - SOKOL BELCAMP

Harvest Festival  
"Vinobraní"

OCT. 23 - SOKOL WOMEN OF LITTLE FERRY

"Pork Dinner"

OCT. 29 - 30 - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

So. Omaha Sokol Hall

OCT. 30 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.

Opera "The Stubborn Heads"  
(Tvrde Palice) from Ant. Dvořák

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## LOST and FOUND

Attention! All participants and those who attended  
the XIV. ASO Slet, who left or lost articles while in  
Chicago: Write the ASO Office. Identify the articles  
and we will send them to you, you pay shipping costs. -  
All unclaimed articles will be disposed of after Sept. 30.

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## Reflections . . . Before and After

As the Sokol Slet is approaching, time for preparation and practice is slowly disappearing each day. I, sis. Lynn Hrbek, of Sokol Little Ferry, feel that everyone participating in this XIV AMERICAN SOKOL SLET has worked to their best ability to hold a great event as such. I'm sure we all had our days when we worked down at the gymnasium, and our progress seemed very slow and we felt defeated. But the strength in each one of us pushed on until we could perfect our mistakes. All the time, all the practices, all the correspondence will all be an outcome of what we see and experience on the Slet Days of 1977. We can't all come home with a medal or a trophy, but we can all be winners. If we all stand together and make it all a success, the memory will stay with us forever.

I wrote a poem not too long ago, that I would like to share with everyone. So you can reflect upon it at times when you need it the most.

Simple man  
As you close your eyes tonight,  
Reflect upon all the happiness  
it brought you;  
The sun rose,  
The sun set,  
You lived to your fullest.  
Be thankful for all little things . . .  
For they make life worth living.

To the publishers of the American Sokol Magazine - I wrote the previous article not knowing it would appear in the magazine.

Regardless, I thought it would be a good idea since these are some of my own feelings, and I'm sure of others, too, as the Slet approaches. The poem could relate to a lot of things. Even if one person learned another line to one of the songs we have to sing. It was small, it was simple, but it made them happy.

Thanks for your time, "Nazdar".

Sis. Lynn Hrbek,  
Sokol Little Ferry,  
Eastern District.

### Velký úspěch XIV Sokolského Sletu

Krásné nedělní odpoledne, plné slunce a příjemné pohody dalo opravdu jedinečný rámeček XIV. Sokolskému sletu. Byl to radostný den pro tisíce cvičících a návštěvníků. Slet se opravdu vydařil velmi skvěle. Přes pět tisíc návštěvníků přišlo shlédnout sletový program a všichni byli nadmíru spokojeni a odcházeli plní nadšení pro sokolskou a národní práci. Krásné cvičební výkony a úchvatné provedení prostných, zejména dorostu a mužů a žen vyvolala u všech radostné pocity nadšení. Nešetřili uznáním, a bouřlivým potleskem odměňovali jednotlivá čísla programu. Všichni jsme měli příjemný pocit, že je nás zde ještě hodně a že krásná sokolská Tyršova myšlenka jde stále ku předu.

Americké Sokolské hnutí prokázalo opět, že je mohutnou a silnou organizací, stále živou, která neodumírá, která stále roste, která má v mládeži stále následovníky nastupující na místa těch, kteří v sokolské práci sestárli a odcházejí na odpočinek. Bylo to opravdu krásné nedělní odpoledne a my všichni můžeme být hrdí na naše sokolstvo a jeho mládež.

Již v 1 hod. odp. byla uzavřena Home Ave. mezi Čermák Rd. a Riverside Drive pro řazení průvodu na sletišť. Před jednou hodinou vyšel tento malebný průvod všech sokolských jednot a organizací, aby pochodem před hlavní tribunou provedl nástup na sletišť. Mimo jednot Americké obce sokolské, viděli jsme v průvodu velkou delegaci Slovenského Sokola v USA, Dělnického Sokola v USA, Sokola v zahraničí se zástupci kanadských jednot, delegace Jugoslávského Sokola, která byla zvláště uvítána potleskem. Dále byly v průvodu delegace ČSA, Národopisného kroužku, Klubu Beseda, Moravské kulturní společnosti a jiných. Když všichni nastoupili na sletišť s mořem vlajek a praporů v čele byla to opravdu jedinečná podívaná na ten pestrý obraz barev na zeleném trávníku sletišť. Hudba pak zahrála národní hymnu americkou, československou a kanadskou. Po slibu vlajce ujal se slova náčelník Americké obce sokolské br. Lebloch a představil spolu předsedu sletového výboru br. Stan Barcala, který Slet zahájil a uvítal všechny přítomné. Po něm starosta Americké obce sokolské br. Roy Žitný, přednesl stručný a výstižný projev. Pak představil

starostu města Berwyn Thomáše Hetta, který rovněž pozdravil a uvítal všechny přítomné a vyslovil radost nad tak krásným podnikem pořádaným v Berwynu. Během dalšího programu byl ještě představen a uvítán starostou Žitným, U.S. kongressman za 6. distrikt Henry J. Hyde. Vyslovil radost a milé překvapení z tak pěkného sletu a z práce Amerického sokolstva a oznámil přítomným, že vyhlásil 26 červen za Sokolský den v šestém distriktu.

První nastoupili k společným prostným žáci a žákyně. Byli většinou z jednot župy střední a předvedli opravdu pěkná a vyrovnaná prostná. Druhým číslem programu byla prostná sokolských káňat-děti do 6ti let, které měli pěkné a zajímavé cvičení společné s maminkami. Byla to radost pohledět na tu drobotinu jak pečlivě se snažili, aby předvedli dobrý výkon. Za veselého jáсотu nastoupilo na sletišťe 280 tanečníků v národních krojích, aby předvedly národní tance. Pestrá směs krojů mísících se se zelení travnaté plochy sletišťe při ostrém hudebním rytmu poskytla návštěvníkům opravdu pěkný pohled. Jejich tanec byl odměněn nadšeným potleskem. Cvičení na nářadí mělo skutečně vysokou úroveň. Podíleli se na něm většinou přeborníci ze sokolských závodů. Zvláštní číslo rytmického tělocviku žen župy severovýchodní bylo provedeno velmi precizně a všem návštěvníkům se líbilo. A již za zvuku Sukova pochodu u Nový život plní se cvičební prostor vyrovnanými řadami dorostenek a dorostenců, nastupujících k společným prostným. Na osm set mladých lidí naplnilo sletišťe, které bylo téměř zaplněno. Jejich prostná byla něčím novým a opravdu okouzlujícím. Za moderního hudebního rytmu s rychlým přeskupováním a měněním posic byla to opravdu krásná podívaná na mísicí se barvy opálených paží s modří cvičebních úborů dorostenek a bílou barvou úborů dorostenců na zeleném podkladě cvičišťe. Prostná byla holdem mládí zakladateli sokolského hnutí Dr. Tyršovi a jeho soustavné tělesné výchovy. Vyvolala obrovské nadšení v hledišti. Dlouhotrvajícím potleskem a hromadným povstáním dali všichni najevo svojí radost z naší sokolské mládeže, která v dnešní době zůstává opravdu vzorem. Závěrem sletového odpoledne bylo jako vždy společná prostná mužů a žen. Nastoupilo jich na 700 a při cvičebním rozestupu opět zaplnili sletišťe. Byla to radost pohledět na ty vyrovnané řady, na tu vážnost s kterou si všichni počínali, aby předvedli opravdu tělocvičný výkon, vhodný pro tak vážný a významný okamžik, jakým je Sokolský slet. Byla to krásná prostná, vzorně provedena. Opět ty ladné pohyby opálených paží s výrazem síly a ušlechtilostí upoutaly a fascinovaly všechny účastníky. Ve všech vzbudily obrovské nadšení pro sokolské hnutí a jeho výchovnou práci, nadšený, dlouhotrvající potlesk byl jasným potvrzením této skutečnosti. Toto významné odpoledne bylo zakončeno písní "America the Beautiful."

XIV. Sokolský Slet Americké obce sokolské, patří již sokolské historii. Zařadil se čestně mezi ty nejlepší. Vzpomínky na ty krásné sletové dny půjdou s námi ještě dlouhou řadu let.

J. Rabas

## What Began in "Eighteen Sixty-Two" Will Never Die . . .

. . . and so, they will come again and again,  
and our children and children of their children,  
and all future Sokol generations will continue in the Slet pilgrimage . . .  
to cherish the great Slet traditions . . .  
the proud heritage of the Sokol founders . . .

Viewing the program of the XIV. American Sokol Slet in panorama and perspective, the effect of all principal events . . . Sokol Contests . . . Sokol Banquet . . . Victory Night . . . and the Gala Gymnastics Display, was far-reaching, especially, in the inspiration and grandeur of the Sokol creed.

From the beginning to the end, each day of each event was filled with excitement and joy - the joy that comes from sharing your thoughts, ambitions, enthusiasm, with others of like mind - making new Sokol friends, and renewing old friendships - rare experiences of your lifetime, you will never forget.

The Sokol members from far and near came to reaffirm their loyalty to their Great Republic - to rededicate themselves to the lofty Sokol ideals and rigors of the Sokol program - they came to express their gratitude for the life's benefits accrued by their participation in the Sokol program.

They journeyed from Texas . . . Cleveland . . . Michigan . . . New York . . . New Jersey . . . Washington . . . Belcamp . . . Philadelphia . . . Schenectady . . . Long Island . . . Minnesota . . . Nebraska . . . Cedar Rapids . . . California . . . St. Louis . . . Milwaukee . . . Florida . . . Cicero . . . Berwyn . . . Brookfield . . . Downers Grove . . . Chicago . . . guests from the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad - from Sokol U.S.A., and from Czech-American Workingmen's Sokol. They all came to say "THANKS! SALUTE! and CARRY ON!" to their Sokol leaders, who so capably fulfilled their Slet duties and obligations, and brought the XIV. American Sokol Slet to its glorious climax.

. . . and so, they will come again and again, and our children and children of their children, and all future Sokol generations, will continue in the Slet pilgrimage . . . to cherish the great Slet traditions . . . the proud heritage of the Sokol founders - and, in like manner, THEY WILL NEVER LET THE LEGACY OF TYRS AND FUEGNER DISAPPEAR INTO AMERICAN CULTURE - BUT WILL ENRICH IT - AND WILL MAKE IT GROW.

UPWARD AND ONWARD TO THE XV. AMERICAN SOKOL SLET!

Nazdar!

O. J. Kudrnovsky

## A.S.O. Executive Board Meeting

MAY 24, 1977

Meeting called to order by bro. Roy Zitny, Pres. Members present: Sis. B. Prener, E.J. Schnabl, A. Sotka, M. Ptacek, S. Pistorius, A. Basta, L. Zdenek, - bro. R. Svoboda, G. Basta, P. Lebloch, S. Barcal, J. Rabas, E. Schnabl, J. Jindra and W. Meyer. Bros. Simonek, R. Vachata, excused.

District minutes: Western Apr. 17, Central Apr. 27, Southern Apr. 28, Pacific Apr. 17, Northeastern Apr. 27.

Correspondence: Sokol St. Paul letter to President Carter thanking him for support of Human Rights. - Request Sokol Washington, D.C. bro. Zitny speak at their 30th Anniversary celebration, Sept. 25; also attend annual meeting of Eastern District Sept. 26. Both invitations accepted. - Thank you card from bro. W. Meyer who was hospitalized. - Request Sokol South Omaha bro. Zitny be guest speaker at their grand opening ceremonies August 12-14. Invitation accepted. - Letter Bohemian National Cemetery Assn. advising wreaths requested for memorial Day services are taken care of. Also received requested map of cemetery. - Other correspondence referred to respective boards and committees.

Reports: Special meeting Sunday, May 22, with representatives of Sokol Greater Cleveland regarding petitioning Unit Ceska Sin Sokol. The matter will be discussed at Presidents' Conference in January, 1978.

Slet: Members of Executive Board in attendance at last Committee meeting participated in discussions. Bro. G. Basta moved acceptance of their reports; passed. Bro. Barcal presented format for Slet Program Book Cover prepared by bro. Sotka, moved it be accepted. Passed. - Sis. Sotka reported cost of charms and "T" Shirt souvenirs. Moved charms sell for \$2.00, T-Shirts for \$3.50. Luggage tags returned to manufacturer for finishing of back. These to sell for 50c. Approved.

B.O.I. Dir. of Women. Sis. M. Ptacek, preparing for Slet. Permission given to Sokol Miami women to parade in their White Dress uniforms. Bids received for First Aid Kits to be used at competitions and the Course. Bro. Jindra moved larger ones be purchased. Approved. - Sis. E. Babka and M. Prchal conducted Junior Girls' and Women's calisthenics workshops in Cleveland, and sis. Schnabl Junior Girls' workshop for Central District. - Conferred with Mr. G. Brecht of Nissen Company regarding borrowing equipment for competitions. Gave current totals of those competing and compiled same for bro. Lebloch. Conferred with sis. Jurew regarding Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics competition. - Bills for tapes, postage, etc., presented and approved for payment.

B.O.I. Dir. of Men. Bro. P. Lebloch, Slet preparation in full swing. Also conferred with Mr. Brecht. With bro. Herink discussed BOI pages for the Program Book. Applications for school mailed - job of co-ordinator still open. 1977 District Directors'

Conference will be hosted by Sokol Ft. Worth, October 23.

Membership: Bro. R. Svoboda. Will soon compile results of Membership Drive. Sis. Sotka states ten units have not sent in their first quarterly reports. These will be contacted.

Educational: bro. S. Barcal. No meeting held. Suggest old Soldier's Field posters be displayed at Exhibit in Sheraton-Oakbrook.

Publicity: Czech, bro. J. Rabas. Articles on Slet are appearing in newspapers in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Publicity: English, sis. S. Pistorius. Wrote articles for local newspapers. Arrangements made for sis. Pistorius and Schnabl, also a number of gymnasts from local units to appear on "It's Worth Knowing" on CBS, June 22, at 6:30 A.M. Various billboards will show announcements of the Slet.

Publication: Sis. B. Prener. June issue at printers. Have not received minutes from Northeastern District.

Uniform: Sis. B. Prener. Sales doing well before Slet. Shipment of white and black gym slippers received, but cost has increased. Paid \$3,000.00 to A.S.O. on original investment of \$7,500.00. Books were audited by the Auditing Committee for first quarter and found to be in order.

Vice-President - Office: Sis. B. Prener. Floor was stripped and waxed. Recommends floor be cleaned monthly. Approved. - The exhibit hours at Sheraton-Oakbrook will be from 2 to 9 P.M.

Financial Secy.: Sis. A. Sotka. April financial report prepared and copies distributed. Bro. G. Basta and Mr. R. Sheldon, C.P.A., figured 990 income tax form. Report typed and filed by May 15 deadline. Auditing Committee found books to be in order. Slet receipts and disbursements, and entry fees recorded to date.

Treasurer: Bro. G. Basta. Reconciled bank statements for the A.S.O. and Slet Committees. Form 990 took extra time to compile as Uniform Division had to be consolidated into it. Mr. Sheldon will verify bank statements and then give complete report.

Secretary: Sis. E.J. Schnabl. April minutes written and distributed. Took care of all correspondence - ordered wreaths for Memorial Day services at Bohemian National Cemetery. - Information given sis. T. Kvasnicka, pres. Sokol Americký regarding eulogy for sis. H. Jelinek. To Sokol Houston interpretation of various bodies per the ASO By-Laws. - Prepared Citation of Merit for sis. Bessie Smolik, 70 years service at Sokol St. Paul, sis. Anna Finke, Camilla Matousek, and Teresa Mastik (all 50 years service). Sokolice Little Ferry. - Posting entries for B.O.I., judged for Central District II Class Girls' competition - conducted Central District First Class Girls' competitions. Attended special meeting with Cleveland representatives. - Arranged servicing of copier and duplicating machines.

President: bro. R. Zitny. Attended wake of sis. Hilda Jelinek, special meeting of Central District with Plzensky Sokol, and special meeting with Sokol Greater Cleveland. Kept in close touch with office personnel. - Received proclamation from Mr. Robert C. Pechous, Illinois State Representative of 7th District. Will be

guest speaker at Bohemian National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Next Executive Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 26. Bro. Barcal moved officers be empowered to take care of major decisions if necessary. Approved.

Discussion regarding pictures of Slet and activities. Quotations given by bro. Jindra. Final decision will be made at Slet Committee meeting, June 15.

## Pacific District

**FRESNO - APRIL 17, 1977**

Sis. Nekuda, President, presided. Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag was given.

Present: Sis. Nekuda, Pres., bro. Filgas, V.P., sis. Kis, Secy., sis. Haralik, Treas., bro. Hintnaus, Dir. of Men, sis. Pelc, Dir. of Women, bro. Liska, Educ. Dir. Delegates: Los Angeles: sis. Hintnaus, guest bro. Nekuda, - Fresno: sis. Falls, bro. Prudek, guest bro. Falls.

Sis. Nekuda welcomed all delegates and guests. Sokol San Francisco unable to attend.

Correspondence: Letter Council of Higher Education, tabled. - Bro. Hintnaus moved donation of \$15.00 for Trophy Fund. Carried. - No response our letter to bro. Hrebik about Zurich Slet film.

Delegates reports: **Fresno**, sis. Falls. Meeting monthly, mostly social. Members go to the recreation department for gym. Have volunteer to teach children Czech language. Suggestion - start a dance group. - A moment of silence was observed for deceased members, sis. Mary Louise Tawni, Fresno, and bros. Komarek and Zahradka of Los Angeles. - **Los Angeles**, bro. Liska. Practicing for Slet competitions. Calisthenics for Men and Women, and Junior Girls. Have 12 women, 6 men, 6 juniors for gymnastics. 8 men will participate in Volleyball at Chicago Slet. - Exhibition on June 12, 1977. Had visit from sis. Provaznik who gave us good points.

Educational Director, bro. Liska. Received literature from Sokol Abroad about Sokol gymnastics classes, lower division, basic beginning, progressive teaching. Written in Czech, will try to translate. Books needed for Czech language classes. Fresno interested. Competition: report on attendance, general appearance. Unit to be rewarded at end of year. Question to Units: Do you get educational material from ASO?

Labor Day Weekend: Bro. Filgas received application from Forest Dept. Cost \$30.00 per day plus \$2.50 registration. Will make arrangements when registration for reservations opens June 2.

New Business: Bro. Spanek reported only on childrens classes. Suggestion for combined Slet for Pacific District, with Los Angeles hosting. received scholarship application from Martin Prochazka. Sis. Nekuda to write for form.

Treasurer's report: Sis. Haralik. Balance in checking and savings account 3-31-77 - \$4,255.91.

## Northeastern District

**APRIL 27, 1977**

Bro. R. Jirousek chaired the meeting with 15 delegates present. Excused bro. Srsen, Samec, and sis. Galik. Meeting held at Bohemian National Hall. Delegates pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary: Sis. W. Sevcik. Minutes of last meeting corrected to indicate Sokol Greater Cleveland was presented a plaque.

Correspondence: Received invitation to Slet banquet. Bro. Galik moved bro. and sis. Srsen represent the Northeastern District, and Executive Committee to pay for tickets. Approved. - Invitation, annual dinner meeting of Nationalities Service Center, May 2. Bro. Kavan moved committee purchase 2 tickets and bro. and sis. Samec attend as representatives of Exective Committee. Approved. - Czech Sokols Abroad asking renewal of monthly magazine. Bro. Voris moved the subscription be renewed and sent to bro. Srsen. Approved.

President's report: bro. Jirousek stated bro. Srsen will attend Slet in Chicago as representative of Northeastern District.

Treasurer: bro. J. Galik reported income of \$153.60. Balance in checking account \$685.53. Submitted bills for payment. Motion by bro. Voris that bills be paid. Approved.

B.O.I.: bro. R. Rejna stated 2-week instructors course will be held in Chicago for all Districts. Cost per student \$230.00. Asked if there is a limit on number of students who can attend from Northeastern District. Bro. Jirousek stated consensus of delegates - as many students as possible should be encouraged to attend. BOI sent floral tribute to sis. Dusek's funeral, and bro. Rejna presented bill for payment. Motion by bro. Voris bill be paid. Approved. Sis. Samec reported two students from Northeastern District nominated for merit Scholarship Awards, Linda Samec and Eugene Novacek. Two clinics will be sponsored by District - April 30 and May 22nd. Little Girls District Competitions will be held May 21. 100 will compete.

Unit reports: **Sokolice Detroit** sis. Schamanek reports unit sending 2 Junior Girls to Gymnastics Course in Chicago. Annual rummage sale held on May 17, 18, and 19. - **Sokol Detroit** bro. Schamanek reported the Old Home of Sokol Detroit is being considered as an Ethnic Historical site by the City of Detroit. Unit sending questionnaires to all members asking them to state their needs, wants, and comments regarding Sokol membership. Unit will attend District Slet on June 5. Summer exhibition will be held June 19, 1977. - **Sokol Cleveland Czech-Havlicek**. Bro. Kavan reported all classes preparing for District Slet and Chicago Slet. A special meeting was held before general meeting in April for purpose of deciding the issue of merger with Sokol Greater Cleveland. The proposal to merge was not passed by the necessary two-thirds vote. A catered dinner by John Kubasta will be served Sunday, May 22. - **Sokol Greater Cleveland**. Bro. Vavra reported concert held in March was huge success. Card party will be held April 20. Plans are under way to remodel front hall of

Bohemian National Hall. - **Sokol Rip.** Bro. Galik reported Sokol Rip paid its full assessment for year 1977.

Committee reports: **Library.** Bro. Kotlan reported in absence of sis. Kotlan - Library hours set from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays. Book cataloging has begun. Library committee will hold paperback book sale Sunday, May 15.

ASI - Bro. Jirousek stated 250 Club will hold a dinner-dance on May 7. The Beer Festival is again scheduled for September 10.

Old Business: Bro. Jirousek reminded delegates the matter of Executive Committee's voting procedure is still pending. Motion by Bro. Galik that the matter be tabled. Approved. Bro. Jirousek presented matter of a committee response to petitioning unit. Motion by bro. Vavra that matter be tabled indefinitely. Motion seconded by bro. Galik. Motion passed 7 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstaining as directed by their units.

AMLA - Bro. Voris asked assistance in staffing the many jobs at District Slet. Sis. Kavan in charge of candy sale. Bro. Vavra will run inside bar. To improve attendance bro. Voris plans to offer package including transportation and admission to Slet.

## Southern District

APRIL 28, 1977

Meeting presided by bro. George Prevratil, Pres. Present: bros. D. Steinman, O. Parma, L. Laznovsky, F. Cechan, M. Jurcik, H. Hamilton, S. Hamilton; - sis. B. Hamilton, S. Laznovsky. - Excused: sis. H. Parma, R. Steinman, V. Laznovsky, - bro. J. Milan. Guests: bro. F. Laznovsky, sis. V. Jurcik, and bro. J. Hrabina, representing SPJST.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag given. A standing silent tribute observed for bro. H. B. Smith, Sokol Zizka, Dallas.

Bro. Prevratil introduced bro. Hrabina, Dist. III SPJST Asst. Dir., who presented \$1,000 donation from the Supreme Lodge to the Southern Dist. with best wishes for continued success. Bro. Prevratil expressed sincere appreciation of the Southern District.

Correspondence: American Sokol Housing Chairman - hotels require names of guests, - Sokol Washington, D.C., 30th anniversary, - American Sokol regarding records and archives of Sokol Praha, - sis. Garrett, Sokol Yukon, inquiring about liability insurance.

Reports: **Dallas.** Preparing to host District Slet June 3-5, - Paula Stansbury, Class I USGF gymnast won State Class I competition in Arlington, - also placed 4th in regional competition in Denver. **Ennis.** Readying swimming pool for opening, polka festival, preparing float, gymnasts will march in parade, hosted prostna and judges clinic April 17, Boys and Tots Unit competition May 14, Girls and Women competition May 21. **Fort Worth.** Girls attended Novice meet, won several awards; boys entered meet, won 1st place; 9 gymnasts participated in State meet, Rome Milan

placed 5th all around, 12 attended judges clinic in Ennis, Juniors Unit competition May 12, Children competition May 21, exhibition May 22. - **Houston.** Mothers Day dinner-dance May 8, Fathers Day dinner-dance June 19 - gymnasts performed at Rosenberg Czech Fest, plan to perform at Frydek April 24.

Treasurer. Sis. Hamilton read report for March and April.

Public relations. Bro. Steinman relates bro. Milan prepared District ad for National Slet souvenir book.

Educational Director. Bro. Parma. Weekly sessions at **Sokol Zizka**, Dallas. Gymnast, age 12, gave talk on "Why I Like Sokol." - Held monthly educational committee meeting. Committee preparing compact song book, easier for children to handle. **Fort Worth.** Practicing Slet songs in gym classes. **Ennis.** Practicing Slet songs, teaching dances to children's classes.

B.O.I. Dir. of Men, bro. L. Laznovsky. Combined trip to Houston and Corpus Christi Apr. 8-10 to teach and assist in apparatus routines and prostna, both Units well advanced in instructions, prostna and judges clinic April 17, - bro. Gary Johnson of Dallas instructed judges clinic. Contacted sis. Garrett, Yukon, about activity, attempting to start classes in near future.

B.O.I. Dir. of Women, sis. S. Laznovsky. Assisted in Houston and Corpus Christi Apr. 8-10, received replies on preliminary surveys, approximately 300 competitors listed. Held meeting Sokol Zizka, Dallas B.O.I. regarding preparations for Slet and competitions, - conferred with sis. Milan to coordinate competition schedule. Slet program schedule will be finalized. Presented bill for tapes, postage, traveling - Houston, Corpus Christi, and Dallas. Recommends traveling expenses be reimbursed to sis. Milan and Stoeppelman. Bro. Parma moved bills be approved. Carried. Sis. Milan instructed judges clinic in Ennis.

President. Bro. Prevratil visited Sokol Houston April 8, met officers and conversed with members present. Insurance agent contacted him in reference to insurance for gymnasts. Coverage based upon average number of gymnasts of Units, ages, number on gym floor. Decided to contact agency for further information.

Czech Cultural Society. Bro. Cechan reported. Hosted Brolin group of dancers and musicians of Czechoslovakia. Beseda dancers will perform at Polka festival. Czech Day committees being organized.

New, Old Business, and Discussions. Approved purchase of half-page ad \$30.00 in Sokol Washington, D.C. anniversary souvenir book. - Sis. Laznovsky suggested miniature Texas flags for National Slet. Gave size and prices. Bro. Hamilton moved purchase of flags in amount needed. Carried.

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**ATTENTION!**  
**Unit - District Flag-bearers**  
**Did you bring your flags home!**  
**Please check!**  
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## Western District

MAY 9, 1977

Meeting called to order by bro. Ed Pavoucek, Pres. Salute to the Flag followed.

Correspondence. Sokol Woodlands announcing teachers course. - Letter from St. Paul Sokol honoring sis. Bessie Smolik May 5th. Letter received on the 4th. A belated letter was sent.

Following bills paid: \$3.73 to bro. Pavoucek, \$10.43 to Western Paper for signs. - Checks received from ASO for \$96.80, reimbursement for F.I.G. session, Lincoln, Nebr., March, 1977, and for \$1,075.90 reimbursement for U.S.G.F. conference Dallas, Texas, November 1976. The monies will be sent to respective units.

Sis. Janice Gathye went to Crete, Nebr. to help their gymnasts. Will go again May 12.

Alternate for bro. E. Pavoucek for President's meeting, Chicago, June 23 will be sis. Helen Karpisek.

## Eastern District

MAY 13, 1977

Minutes of previous meeting discussed. The formation of Northern Circuit was overlooked. Bro. Frank Capek, V.P. (District) is to call meeting of unit Presidents in the North within 30 days, to pursue this matter as necessary. One point to be discussed participation of units in Annual Eastern District meeting Sept. 24-25, 1977 at Ramada Inn in Rosslyn, Va. Sokol Washington, the host unit, will hold their 30th Anniversary Banquet Sept. 24. Reservations made through bro. M. Neuman.

Sis. Friedrich suggested assessment dues be increased. Bro. Otenasek asked this be put on agenda of District meeting.

Appointment of bro. J. Babinec as acting Chairman of Nominating Committee was clarified. Bro. Babinec will contact unit Presidents, arrange a meeting, at which permanent chairman will be selected, and nominations made for presentation to Delegates.

Correspondence: Letter and check from ASO Special Assessment Fund - reimbursement of BOI expenses at Slet Seminars. - From sis. Beatrice Novotny, activities of Sokolice Little Ferry. - From ASO requesting pre-registration of Hotel Guests for Slet Hotels.

Reports: BOI, bro. J. Vrzalik, Dir. of Men. Slet seminar to be held at Sokol Fuegner June 4, 1977. ASO request for display of State Flags by Units, wearing of Slet ID ribbons, and marchers carry something to wave. Paper flowers or ribbons have been discussed. Calisthenic participants to sing Slet songs while marching off the field. Bro. Vrzalik stated that it is hoped a District Slet will be held in 1978. Also that the Slet Vaulting number will be done by the following: New York - 2 men, 5 Junior girls; Fuegner - 2 men, 5 Junior girls; Little Ferry will notify; Baltimore - 15 participants. - Instructors schools: About 15 gymnasts expressed interest in attending. District does not feel it financially wise to hold at this time. If another district should hold one, we might send our youngsters there. -

Annual Special Numbers Competition will be held in Sokol New York Hall sponsored by Sokol Fuegner, Nov. 19-20, 1977. Details to be announced at Annual Meeting. Sokol Belcamp and Sokol Baltimore participated as guests at Sokol New York Exhibition. Sokol New York plans to send team to Sokol Baltimore's exhibition in May. Sokol Baltimore to participate in exhibition Sokol Washington will hold June 19. Bro. Vrzalik moved funds be approved for purchase of material needed for Grand March at Slet. Approved. He also would like to see the District participate in the "I Am An American Day" parade held in Baltimore every year. - Bro. Neuman advised bro. Vrzalik complete information would be ready at next meeting concerning details of Sports Festival, Labor Day weekend at Belcamp, Md.

Publicity: Bro. Hesoun told of article he prepared for 2 Czech papers. Discussion held concerning articles in Sokol Baltimore's "Maryland Sokoletter." Baltimore will gladly insert news of events in District area to keep members informed. Written copy to be sent Editor in plenty of time for proper layout.

Sis. R. Friedrich reported membership has shown a slight decline. Bro. J. Friedrich presented Treasurer's report: Balance in checking account \$2,373.07, in savings account \$5,383.99, grand total \$7,754.06.

Delegates to Annual Eastern District Meeting should have written notes on what they would like to have discussed, so meeting can be kept informative and orderly. - Also unit Secretaries are requested to mail unit reports on Unit Letterhead to bro. Henry Vrzalik by the first week in September.

## Northeastern District

MAY 25, 1977

Meeting called to order by bro. Srsen, Pres. Delegates pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary. - Bro. Vavra submitted copy of his reply to letter of Mrs. Loretta Brown regarding petitioning unit.

Treasurer. Bro. Galik completed Income Tax forms. Balance in checking account is \$65.42. Submitted bills for payment. Bro. Kavan moved bills be paid and Treasurer's report accepted as submitted. Second bro. Pliska. Approved.

B.O.I. Bro. Rejna, Dir. of Men. All classes preparing for District Slet and Slet in Chicago. 8 Juniors from Northeastern District will attend course in Chicago.

B.O.I. Sis. Samec, Dir. of Women. Reported on District workshop, 70 gymnasts participated. Sis. Prchal attended as an instructor. - Asked for authorization to purchase small Czech and American flags to be waved by gymnasts at District and Chicago Slets as they march off the field. Cost \$55.00. Bro. Pliska moved to purchase the flags. Seconded by sis. Khol. Approved.

Unit Reports: **Sokolice Detroit.** Sis. Schamanek reported unit received two applications for membership and two resignations. Teen Club Fashion Show netted enough for teens to attend Chicago Slet. A girls Volley Ball team will participate in Chicago. **Sokol Detroit.**

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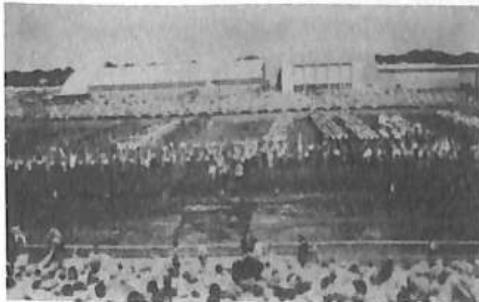
## SLET '77 BULLETIN



CHAMPIONSHIP DIV. COMPETITION



PRESENTING COLORS



GRAND ASSEMBLY



IT'S ALL OVER

## Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you to the hundreds of children, Juniors, Men and Women who made the XIV American Sokol Slet a success.

Special thanks to the District and Unit Directors, Instructors and to the many who worked beyond the call of duty. Words cannot express our appreciation.

The cooperation, discipline, enthusiasm and spirit shown during the Slet was magnificent.

Congratulations to all of you. Congratulations to the entire American Sokol Organization. May the Slet 1977 theme "UPWARD AND ONWARD" forever be your goal.

Sincere Sokol NAZDAR!

**Marie Ptacek**  
Director of Women

**Paul Lebloch**  
Director of Men

## XIV American Sokol Slet Competition Results

### JUNIOR BOYS - LOW DIVISION Teams

Place	Team	Score
1.	D.A. Sokol - I	865.8
2.	Greater Cleveland - II	812.0
3.	Omaha	809.4
4.	Ennis	806.2
5.	M. M. Hodza	797.4
6.	D. A. Sokol - II	779.9
7.	Zizka	702.7
8.	Detroit	697.3
9.	Baltimore	681.9
10.	Tabor	666.3
11.	Guttenberg No. 26	569.7
12.	Greater Cleveland - I	527.8

### INDIVIDUALS

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Mike Walsh	D.A. Sokol	180.4
2.	Pedro Medina	M.M. Hodza	179.2
3.	Eric Blake	zizka	176.3
4.	Robert Fender, tie	Detroit	175.9
4.	Jack Walsh, tie	Omaha	175.9
5.	Wayne Sijansky	Corpus Christi	173.6
6.	James Duda	D.A. Sokol	173.0

7.	Rodney Houdek	Ennis	172.3
8.	Valentin Mikicic	D.A. Sokol	171.7
9.	Robert Petsche	Greater Cleveland	171.4
10.	Don Chae	D.A. Sokol	171.3

12 teams - 99 individuals

Meet Director - Jr. Boys Low Division -  
Larry Laznovsky - Sokol Ennis

### JUNIOR BOYS HIGH - TEAM

1.	Omaha	531.9
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### JUNIOR BOYS HIGH - INDIVIDUAL

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Louis Kohll	Omaha	183.6
2.	Jack Jaroh	Detroit	177.1
3.	Mar Bowers	Omaha	175.3
4.	Mike Bowers	Omaha	173.0
5.	Kyle Shanton	Omaha	154.7
6.	Mitch Johnson	South Omaha	150.6
7.	Kevin Dye	USA - Lodge No. 12	139.7
8.	Joel Henning	Ennis	138.6
9.	Dave Podrazo	South Omaha	135.4
10.	Micky Gerhardt	Tabor	124.0

1 team - 10 individuals

**JUNIOR BOYS INTERMEDIATE - TEAM**

Place	Unit	Score
1.	D.A. Sokol	540.9
2.	South Omaha	507.9
3.	Omaha - II	497.0
4.	Omaha - I	491.1
5.	Berwyn	455.0
6.	Fort Worth	442.2
7.	Detroit	432.8
8.	St. Louis	425.2
9.	Cedar Rapids	410.6

**JUNIOR BOYS INTERMEDIATE - ind.**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Todd Vesely	D.A. Sokol	186.1
2.	Robert Stephansen	Byram Sokols	178.9
3.	Robert Szatkowski	D.A. Sokol	178.1
4.	Tom Satorie	South Omaha	177.4
5.	Steven Ballek	D.A. Sokol	176.7
6.	Jeff Clayman	Omaha - II	173.4
7.	Jeff Hartung	Omaha	172.2
8.	Lou Slezak	Brookfield	169.3
9.	James Maline	D.A. Sokol	166.9
10.	Larry Swoboda	South Omaha	165.5

9 teams - 43 individuals

Meet Director - Jr. Boys Intermediate and  
High Division: Phil Cahoy - Sokol Omaha**MEN'S LOW B TEAM**

Place	Unit	Score
1.	Greater Cleveland	678.3

**MEN'S LOW B - INDIVIDUAL**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Howard Wise	Greater Cleveland	181.2
2.	Bob Samec	Greater Cleveland	170.1
3.	Denny Jirousek	Greater Cleveland	168.3
4.	Charles Bella	Greater Cleveland	158.7
5.	Dick Pazdernik	Cedar Rapids	156.6
6.	Fred Hale	Toronto	152.8

Meet Director - Men's Low A, Low B and  
Masters - Joseph Vrzalik, Sokol Baltimore**MEN'S MASTERS**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Don Pulkrab	Cedar Rapids	182.3
2.	Ken Heidler	West Suburban	177.3
3.	Rich Vachata, Sr.	Stickney	173.7
4.	Frank Michalek	West Suburban	171.8
5.	Mike Arimorgo	New York	171.1
6.	Dan Michalek	West Suburban	153.7

**MEN'S LOW A - TEAM**

Place	Unit	Score
1.	D. A. Sokol	695.9
2.	Greater Cleveland	691.1
3.	M. M. Hodza	674.4
4.	Berwyn	626.5

**MEN'S LOW A - INDIVIDUAL**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Mickey Dalton	South Omaha	183.5
2.	Larry Laznovsky	Ennis	182.5
3.	John Wengerter	M. M. Hodza	180.8
4.	Don Hahn	Cedar Rapids	179.9
5.	Robert Beckman	D. A. Sokol	179.5
6.	Russ Aiken	Slavsky	176.4
7.	Al Treichel	Greater Cleveland	176.0
8.	Robert Skaretka	D. A. Sokol	173.7
9.	George Jana	Greater Cleveland	173.0
10.	Glenn Galaida, tie	Greater Cleveland	172.1
10.	Thomas Henigman, t.	Fuegner	172.1

4 teams - 36 individuals

**MEN'S INTERMEDIATE - TEAM**

Place	Unit	Score
1.	D.A. Sokol	544.8
2.	South Omaha	521.8
3.	Berwyn	509.5
4.	Fort Worth	500.1
5.	Baltimore	494.2
6.	Brookfield	491.7
7.	Slavsky	473.7
8.	St. Louis	420.2

**MEN'S INTERMEDIATE - INDIVIDUAL**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Jeff Albert	D. A. Sokol	187.4
2.	George Tingwald	Gr. Cleveland	186.9
3.	Everett Bonan	D. A. Sokol	181.9
4.	Tom Swoboda	South Omaha	181.3
5.	Rick Thompson	Slavsky	179.0
6.	Rome Milan	Fort Worth	178.5
7.	Tom Patek	Berwyn	178.1
8.	Charley Klapp	Brookfield	177.6
9.	Brad Durham	Forth Worth	176.1
10.	Bud Benak	South Omaha	175.9

8 teams - 34 individuals

**MEN'S HIGH - INDIVIDUAL**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Ed Pavek	Berwyn	169.3
2.	Steve Sanders	Zizka	161.9
3.	Jimmy Bily	Houston	152.1
4.	Gary Johnson	Zizka	144.8
5.	David Barzilay	Montreal	139.1
6.	Bruce Wardlaw	Ennis	125.1
7.	Louis Valis	Houston	110.1

Meet Director - Mens Intermediate and  
High Division - Phil Cahoy - Sokol Omaha

### JUNIOR GIRLS LOW B DIVISION

#### TEAMS

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	D.A. Sokol Team I		576.3
2.	D.A. Sokol Team II		568.7
3.	Great. Cleveland I	Northeastern	557.3
4.	M.C.T. Team I	USA	556.7
5.	M.M. Hodza Team I	USA	547.7
6.	Slavsky I	Central	534.9
7.	Fort Worth I	Southern	534.4
8.	D.A. Sokol Team III		526.3
9.	Brookfield I	Central	522.4
10.	New York I	Eastern	521.1
11.	M.C.T. Team II	USA	519.9
12.	Stickney I	Central	517.5
13.	Fort Worth II	Southern	511.6
14.	Tabor I	Central	506.6
15.	Karel Hav. Borovsky I	Southern	501.1
16.	St. Louis I	Central	498.8
17.	Berwyn I	Central	496.8
18.	Slavsky II	Central	495.0
19.	West Suburban I	Central	491.9
20.	Little Ferry I	Eastern	483.2
21.	Wilber I	Western	480.9
22.	Detroit I	Northeastern	480.8
23.	Fort Worth III	Southern	477.3
24.	Fuegner I	Eastern	462.8
25.	NE Dist. Team	Northeastern	459.5
26.	Los Angeles I	Pacific	435.1

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Wendy Havelka	Stickney I	119.1
2.	Diane Sisco	D.A. II	119.0
3.	Frances Sykora	D.A. - I	118.1
4.	Debbie Meles	M.C.Y. - I	117.3
5.	Debra becker	D.A. - I	117.0
6.	Lana Loeffelman	St. Louis I	116.4
7.	Laurie Digilio	D.A. - I	116.2
8.	Geri Michalek	West Suburban II	115.6
9.	Judy Baca, tie	Great. Cleveland I	115.5
9.	Sue Bartkovicz	Slavsky I	115.5
10.	Diane Carpentieri	M.M. Hodza I	115.2

### JUNIOR GIRLS LOW A DIVISION

Place	Unit	Score
1.	Sokol Houston	594.3
2.	D.A. Sokol	557.6
3.	Dist. MCT. Team I	540.9
4.	Sokol Fort Worth Team I	540.3
5.	Sokol Zizka	535.4
6.	Dist. M.M. Hodza	530.4
7.	Sokol Omaha Team I	522.4
8.	Sokol Ennis	521.2
9.	Sokol Fort Worth Team 2	516.2
10.	Sokol St. Paul	516.1
11.	Sokol Greater Cleveland	501.5
12.	Sokol Renata Tyrsova Team I	499.7
13.	Dist. M.C.T. Team 2	499.1
14.	Sokol South Omaha Team I	497.7
15.	Sokol Baltimore Team I	492.6

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Kristen Wallace	Zizka	117.1
2.	Deanne Schabowski	Tabor	115.7
3.	Beth O'Dell	Zizka	113.7
4.	Cathy Cahoy	Omaha I	112.6
5.	Laura Murillo	Zizka	112.5
6.	Diana Hahn, tie	Renata Tyrsova	112.2
6.	Norah Kaplan, tie	M.M. Hodza	112.2
7.	Nikki Vrla	Zizka	111.6
8.	Diane Sanford	M.M. Hodza	109.2
9.	Marybeth Redwine	Omaha I	109.0
10.	Linda Samec	Great. Cleveland	105.0

16.	Dist. M.M. Hodza Team 2	489.8
17.	Sokol Libuse	487.0
18.	Sokol West Suburban	485.3
19.	Sokol Slavsky	481.3
20.	Sokol Detroit	474.3
21.	Sokol Little Ferry	473.6
22.	Sokol Omaha Team 2	470.6
23.	Dist. M.M. Hodza	466.0
24.	Northeastern Dist.	464.6
25.	Sokol Fort Worth Team 3	447.0
26.	Sokol Renata Tyrsova Team 2	446.3
27.	Sokol South Omaha Team 2	438.7
28.	Sokol South Omaha Team 3	427.0
29.	Lodge 306, Sokol USA	410.8
30.	Sokol Renata Tyrsova Team 3	399.7
31.	Sokol Baltimore Team 2	394.0
32.	Lodge 401 - Tampa	376.2

#### Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Susan Sill	Zizka	122.8
2.	Sharon Snider	Houston	122.6
3.	Susie Snider	Houston	122.0
4.	Angie Kurokata	Houston	121.7
5.	Theresa Snider	Houston	115.8
6.	'Kathy Rut	D.A.	115.7
7.	Pat Palkovic	Stickney	113.0
8.	Michelle Rassau	M.C.T.	112.8
9.	Linda Baburek	Omaha No. 1	112.6
10.	Donna Liska	Ennis	112.4

32 Teams - 210 individuals

Meet Directors: Beverly Kilborn - Mili Zeman

### JUNIOR GIRLS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

#### Teams

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	Zizka I	Southern	343.3
2.	Omaha I	Western	324.3
3.	M.M. Hodza I	USA	323.5
4.	Omaha II	Western	308.9
5.	Great. Cleveland I	Northeastern	299.5
6.	West Suburban	Central	294.4
7.	Lodge 306	USA	283.3
8.	Fort Worth I	Southern	282.4
9.	Tabor I	Central	282.2
10.	Detroit I	Northeastern	270.0
11.	South Omaha I	Western	263.7

#### Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Kristen Wallace	Zizka	117.1
2.	Deanne Schabowski	Tabor	115.7
3.	Beth O'Dell	Zizka	113.7
4.	Cathy Cahoy	Omaha I	112.6
5.	Laura Murillo	Zizka	112.5
6.	Diana Hahn, tie	Renata Tyrsova	112.2
6.	Norah Kaplan, tie	M.M. Hodza	112.2
7.	Nikki Vrla	Zizka	111.6
8.	Diane Sanford	M.M. Hodza	109.2
9.	Marybeth Redwine	Omaha I	109.0
10.	Linda Samec	Great. Cleveland	105.0

11 teams - 44 individuals

Meet Directors: Leilani Sane - Mary Anne Satek

## JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH DIVISION

Place	Teams		Score
	Unit	Dist.	
1.	Monessen	USA	417.6
2.	Fort Worth Team I	Southern	333.8
3.	South Omaha I	Western	333.7
4.	Renata Tyrsova I	Western	317.2

Place	Individuals		Score
	Name	Unit	
1.	Myra Bachuclin	Monessen	133.1*
2.	Paula Stansbury	Zizka	132.1*
3.	Bonnie Tressler	Monessen	128.7*
4.	Leslie Davis	Monessen	125.8*
5.	Carol Chmelka	Omaha	124.2*
6.	Denise Moore	South Omaha I	123.8*
7.	Lynne Rougeau	Masaryk, Montreal	119.6
8.	Debbie Kratz	Fort Worth I	119.3*
9.	Cathy Hunsinger	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	119.1*
10.	Mary Jack	Greater Cleveland	116.5
11.	Paula Smith, tie	Fort Worth	116.2*
11.	Bernadette Forgac, tie	Monessen	116.2
12.	Linda Schaffer	West Suburban	112.3*
13.	Leanne Linch	Renata Tyrsova	109.4
14.	Staci Pazdernik	Renata Tyrsova	108.4
15.	Julie Guinane	South Omaha I	106.4
16.	Denise Micek	South Omaha I	103.5*
17.	Ann Hastings	Renata Tyrsova	99.4
18.	Hanna Werner	Fort Worth I	98.3*
19.	Sharon James	Baltimore	90.1
20.	Cathy Plumb	Byram	71.2

21 competitors - 4 teams

Henrietta Milan, Meet Director

\* denotes entry for Championship. These do not receive individual awards in High Division.

## Junior Girls High Division

## Excluding Championship Entries

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Lynne Rougeau	Masaryk, Montreal	119.6
2.	Mary Jack	Greater Cleveland	116.5
3.	Bernadette Forgac	Monessen	116.2
4.	Leanne Linch	Renata Tyrsova	109.4
5.	Staci Pazdernik	Renata Tyrsova	108.4
6.	Julie Guinane	South Omaha I	106.4
7.	Ann Hastings	Renata Tyrsova	99.4
8.	Sharon James	Baltimore	90.1
9.	Cathy Plumb	Byram	71.2

## WOMEN LOW B DIVISION - TEAMS

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	Greater Cleveland	Northeastern	482.9
2.	Little Ferry	Eastern	473.6
3.	D.A. Sokol		459.3
4.	St. Louis	Central	456.9
5.	Greater Cleveland III	Northeastern	448.6
6.	Cleve. Cech-Havlicek	Northeastern	400.5

## INDIVIDUALS

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Lynne Youngling	Little Ferry	124.0
2.	Nada Vencel	Greater Cleveland	122.1
3.	Barbara Guillovo	Greater Cleveland	121.9
4.	Laurel Loeffelman	St. Louis	121.4
5.	Melissa Kuntz	Little Ferry	120.1
6.	Gerri Sobel	Greater Cleveland	119.7
7.	Helen Kungulos	D.A. Sokol	119.4
8.	Shannon Havranek	Greater Cleveland	119.2
9.	Debra Sindelar	St. Louis	118.9
10.	Wendy Sanders	Brookfield	118.8

6 teams - 47 individuals

Meet Director: Joe Marie Zeman

## WOMEN LOW A DIVISION - TEAMS

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	Stickney I	Central	492.9
2.	D.A. Sokol		488.6
3.	Greater Cleveland	Northeastern	484.2
4.	Berwyn I	Central	478.9
5.	Berwyn II	Central	463.9
6.	Detroit	Northeastern	450.1

## INDIVIDUALS

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Sue Vojt	Byram	129.5
2.	Carla Skapik	St. Louis	127.5
3.	Jane Mastny	Greater Cleveland	127.3
4.	Janice Wostratzky	Stickney	127.2
5.	Diana Schnabl	Berwyn II	126.0
6.	Elizabeth Rastetter	D.A. Sokol	124.8
7.	Barbara Vondra	Stickney I	124.6
8.	Nancy Eckhoff	Greater Cleveland	124.1
9.	Donna Strnad	St. Louis	124.0
10.	Virginia Wengerter	M.M. Hodza	123.8

6 teams - 51 individuals

Meet Directors: Libby Pelc - Helen Samec

WOMEN INTERMEDIATE DIVISION  
TEAMS

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	Slavsky I	Central	321.4
2.	Detroit	Northeastern	317.5
3.	Baltimore	Eastern	316.8
4.	Little Ferry	Eastern	284.0

## INDIVIDUALS

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Pam Smith	Ft. Worth	120.2
2.	Kim Weber	Renata Tyrsova	116.1
3.	Audrey Smahay	Detroit	115.3
4.	Marianne Picha	Slavsky	113.6
5.	Terri Swoboda	South Omaha	113.3
6.	Patti Hines	Zizka	111.3
7.	Carla Seaman	Omaha	110.6
8.	Bernardine Wittman	Baltimore	109.8

9. Linda Poole	Zizka	109.5
10. Barbara Webster	Baltimore	108.3

31 competitors - 4 teams  
Jarmila Kalivoda, Meet Director

**Women**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Dagmar Hintnaus	Los Angeles	198.9
2.	Chemise Yarbrough	Fort Worth	151.0
3.	Kim Rus	Stickney	142.1
4.	Donna Brown	Tabor	136.8

12 Junior Individuals  
4 Women Individuals

Jolene Hamman: Meet Director

**WOMEN HIGH DIVISION - TEAMS**

Place	Unit	Dist.	Score
1.	Lodge 306	Ludevit Stur	356.2
2.	Omaha I	Western	340.2

**INDIVIDUALS**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Dagmar Hintnaus	Sokol Los Angeles	130.4*
2.	Carol McNamara	Lodge 306	123.4
3.	Gail Chilla	Lodge 306	121.9
4.	Patti Swoboda	Sokol Omaha I	119.8
5.	Phyllis Swoboda	Sokol Omaha I	115.7
6.	Pamela Adams	Sokol Detroit	112.9
7.	Chamise Yarbrough	Sokol Ft. Worth	112.8*
8.	Jean Bagel	Lodge 306	110.9
9.	Jolene Hamann	Sokol Omaha I	104.7
10.	Kim Rus	Sokol Stickney	103.8*
11.	Donna Brown	Sokol Tabor	101.1*

\*denotes entries for championship. These do not receive individual awards in high division.

**FOR AWARDS**

1.	Carol McNamara	Lodge 306	123.4
2.	Gail Chilla	Lodge 306	121.9
3.	Patti Swoboda	Sokol Omaha I	119.8

2 teams competed - 11 individuals competed  
Georgia Jencik: Meet Director

**JUNIOR GIRLS AND WOMEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION****Junior Girls**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Paula Stansbury	Zizka	203.8
2.	Myra Bachuclin	Monessen	203.5
3.	Bonnie Tressler	Monessen	197.6
4.	Leslie Davis	Monessen	193.2
5.	Carol Chmelka	Omaha	190.9
6.	Denise Moore	South Omaha	181.5
7.	Debbie Kratz	Fort Worth	171.9
8.	Paula Smith	Fort Worth	168.7
9.	Cathy Hunsinger	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	162.0
10.	Linda Schaffer	West Suburban	150.1
11.	Hanna Werner	Fort Worth	143.5
12.	Denise Micek	South Omaha	142.7

**JUNIOR BOYS' AND MEN'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION****Junior Boys**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	James Hartung	Omaha	119.65
2.	Philip Cahoy	Omaha	115.96
3.	Charles Chmelka	Omaha	106.30
4.	Mark Johnson	Cedar Rapids	105.00
5.	Jeff Smejkal	Cedar Rapids	66.15

**Men**

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Chuck Graham	Cedar Rapids	90.60
2.	Paul Fina	Brookfield	80.60
3.	Joe Vrzalik	Baltimore	69.40

Meet Director: Paul Fina

ANNE HALIK - In charge of Women's  
and Junior Girls' Tabulating

CHUCK KALAT - In charge of Men's and  
Junior Boys' Tabulating

**Sunday Sokol Slet  
Statistics****PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

A.S.O. Executive Board and Slet Committee	30
Canadian Sokols - Sokols Abroad	46
Sokol U.S.A. - Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol	188
D.A. Sokols - Workingmens Sokol	73
Jugoslavenski Sokol	14
Czechoslovak Society of America	20
United Moravian Society	47
Moravian Cultural Society	27
Club Domov	14



# XIV Slet Special Events

## UNIT SPECIAL NUMBER COMPETITION

### Morton West High School

#### Ist. Div. Junior Classes

1.	Fort Worth	South.	Texas Hoe Down	16.65
2.	Houston	South.	Live and Let Die	16.35
3.	Tabor - Tie	Cent.	Tambourine Festival	16.15
3.	Slavsky - Tie	Cent.	On a Carousel	16.15
4.	Zizka	South.	Tales of Vienna Woods	15.70
5.	Karel Hav. Bor.	South.	Classical Dolls	15.5
6.	W. Suburban	Cent.	Bellavia	15.05
7.	Brookfield	Cent.	Clownin' Around	14.50

#### II Div. Senior Classes

1.	Berwyn	Cent.	Hoop Drill	15.90
2.	Stickney	Cent.	Camelot	14.70
3.	Slavsky	Cent.	Rhythms of Broadway	14.55

Director - Sylvia Pistorius

## MODERN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION WOMEN'S ROPE

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Marie Anderson	Tabor	8.30
2.	Mary Kucera	Berwyn	8.20
3.	LouAnn Teichman, tie	Detroit	8.00
3.	Mil. Wostratzky, tie	Tabor	8.00
4.	Kim Weber	Ren. Tyrsova	7.80
5.	Eleanor Ferrara	Little Ferry	7.65
6.	Audrey Smahay	Detroit	7.60
7.	Jo-Marie Zeman	Berwyn	7.45
8.	Marian Peterka	Greater Cleve.	7.35
9.	Sharon Somolik	Berwyn	6.75
10.	Eva Balas	Berwyn	6.70
11.	Audrey Benda	Little Ferry	6.50
12.	Lee Kramar	Cleve. Cech-Havlicek	6.30

13 competitors

Meet Director: Jane Jurew

## WOMEN'S HOOP

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Audrey Smahay	Detroit	7.70
2.	Millie Wostratzky	Tabor	7.20
3.	Marie Anderson	Tabor	7.15
4.	Annette Schabowski	Tabor	7.10
5.	Kim Weber	Renata Tyrsova	6.60
6.	Lou Ann Teichman	Detroit	6.30
7.	Eleanor Ferrara, tie	Little Ferry	6.25
7.	Marian Peterka, tie	Gr. Cleveland	6.25
8.	Jo-Marie Zeman, tie	Berwyn	6.15

8.	Theresa Gilbert, tie	Berwyn	6.15
9.	Eva Balas	Berwyn	5.95
10.	Janet Graham	Renata Tyrsova	5.60
11.	Audrey Benda	Little Ferry	5.45
12.	Sharon Somolik	Berwyn	5.20

14 competitors

## JUNIOR GIRLS ROPE

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Suzanne Mae Britt	Little Ferry	8.55
2.	Debbie Foltyn	Tabor	8.15
3.	Katie Wharam, tie	Detroit	7.80
3.	Cindy Mackie, tie	Detroit	7.80
4.	Jill Pender, tie	Detroit	7.55
4.	Deanne Schabowski, t.	Tabor	7.55
5.	Eileen Beattie	Little Ferry	7.45
6.	Peggy Wronski	Detroit	7.25
7.	Betsy Forsythe	Berwyn	7.20
8.	Susan Black, tie	Little Ferry	7.15
8.	Gale Meyer, tie	Little Ferry	7.15
9.	Helen Rhode	Little Ferry	7.10
10.	Anna Korenek, tie	Detroit	7.05
10.	Linda Hammett, tie	Little Ferry	7.05
10.	Lynne Fotias, tie	Tabor	7.05
11.	Laura Trascheler	Tabor	6.90
12.	Marlene Patrick	Great. Cleveland	6.50
13.	Sue Mazur	Tabor	6.40
14.	Michelle Wajda	Detroit	6.25
15.	Peggy Holecek	Berwyn	6.00

20 competitors

Meet Director: Jane Jurew

## JUNIOR GIRLS HOOP

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Suzanne Mae Britt	Little Ferry	7.60
2.	Deanne Schabowski	Tabor	7.50
3.	Katie Wharam	Detroit	6.95
4.	Eileen Beattie	Little Ferry	6.85
5.	Marlene Patrick	Great. Cleveland	6.80
6.	Cindy Mackie	Detroit	6.70
7.	Susan Black	Little Ferry	6.65
8.	Linda Hammett, tie	Little Ferry	6.45
8.	Peggy Wronski, tie	Detroit	6.45
9.	Mary Chrusic, tie	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	6.40
9.	Jill Pender, tie	Detroit	6.40
9.	Debbie Foltyn	Tabor	6.40
10.	Nancy Cadek	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	6.25
11.	Eva Dotycz, tie	Tabor	6.10
11.	Christine Hunsinger, t.	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	6.10
11.	Gale Meyer, tie	Little Ferry	6.10
12.	Helen Rhode	Little Ferry	6.00
13.	Danna Lynn Reis	Cleveland Cech-Hav.	5.70
14.	Michelle Wajda	Detroit	5.65
15.	Kris Keblenzer	Great. Cleveland	5.20
16.	Lisa Wolfe	Tabor	1.60

21 competitors

Bro. Schamanek reported Sokol Hall suffered some damage during recent rain storm. All classes preparing for District and Chicago Slets. Four Juniors will attend gymnastic course in Chicago. **Sokol Greater Cleveland.** Bro. Vavra reported two new members were initiated. Card party very successful. Bro. Vavra and several others will meet with ASO Executive Board to discuss problems regarding the petitioning group.

Bro. Srsen read letter from Western Reserve Historical Society commending Sokol Greater Cleveland on excellent restoring of Bohemian National Hall. **Sokol Cleveland Cech - Havlicek.** Bro. Kavan reported two members initiated. May 22 fund-raising dinner was successful.

Library: Bro. Kotlan. The Book Fair sponsored by the Library Committee realized a profit.

A.S.I. Bro. R. Jirousek submitted report on the activities of A.S.I. The 250 Club's dinner dance was a huge success and another 250 Club will be organized. Another proposal submitted for grant to continue restoration of Hall.

AMLA. Sis. Srsen submitted report.

Old Business. Northeastern District Inventory. Bro. Srsen. District has a supply of mugs, tie clips, etc. with Sokol emblem. Bro. Rejna offered to sell some items at hospitality room during Chicago Slet. Sis. Kavan offered to sell items along with candy at District Slet.

## Southern District

MAY 27, 1977

Meeting was presided by bro. G. Prevratil, Pres. Present: bros. D. Steinman, O. Parma, L. Laznovsky, F. Cechan, S. Hamilton, H. Hamilton, - sis. B. Hamilton, S. Laznovsky, H. Parma, and V. Laznovsky.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited. Observed standing silent tribute in memory of bro. Edward Marek, Honorary Member of Sokol Zizka, and Past President, Supreme Lodge SPJST. Bro. Prevratil introduced and welcomed Board of Instructors of Sokol Zizka.

Correspondence. Unit report from Sokol Houston, - bro. Nick Morris, Pres. SPJST, inquiring if Sokols could perform at Seaton Lodge 47 picnic, July 27.

Reports of Units. **Dallas.** Preparing for District Slet. **Ennis.** Swimming pool opening for season May 28. Received Slet bumper stickers and decals. Polka festival very successful, float entered in parade received Chairman's trophy. Unit competitions May 14 and 21 well attended. **Houston.** Gymnasts performed in Rosenberg and Frydek. Weight lifting classes initiated. 43 gymnasts to participate in District Slet, 17 in Chicago. Chartered buses to both Slets.

B.O.I. Dir. of Women. Sis. Laznovsky received correspondence from Chicago. Replied when necessary. Forwarded information to Units. Sent article on District Slet to Vestnik publication. Prepared ad for same. Received replies and registration fees from Units. Have

350 competitors. Mailed judges assignments. Prepared list of awards and forwarded to bro. Milan.

B.O.I. Dir. of Men. Bro. L. Laznovsky. Attended Sokol Zizka classes May 10 and 17, taught prostna and routines. Taught prostna in Fort Worth May 24. Set up judges assignments. Approximately 100 competitors registered in men's department. District Volleyball team to compete in Chicago. Arranged with bro. Ehrenberger equipment necessary for competitions.

Educational Dir. Bro. O. Parma. Conducted singing sessions at Sokol Zizka and included marching. Sokol Corpus Christi practice singing Fly You Sokols and Lvi Silou - gave lecture on History of United States Flag. Reported on educational and presidents meeting in March. Sokol Fort Worth unit exhibition May 22, theme "Onward," practice singing Slet songs, submitted articles "What is Sokol" and Declaration of Principles for Newsletter. Sokol Houston, films on Czechoslovakia narrated by bro. Pech.

Discussions. District Slet. Final arrangements made by Slet Committee with Richland College for competitions. Bro. Morris, Pres. SPJST principal speaker at Slet dedicated to bros. Frank Stransky and Stanley Hulovec. Plaques ordered for the occasion. Bro. Cehan moved plaques be charged to Slet expense. Approved. - Bro. Hamilton moved District Directors be reimbursed for travelling expenses and per diem to National Slet. Approved. - Request of bro. Morris regarding performance of Sokols at Lodge Seaton picnic discussed and unanimously approved. B.O.I. will formulate program. - Bro. Steinman reports associate membership cards are printed. Submitted bill for \$94.50. Approved for payment to Sokol Fort Worth.

## Western District

JUNE 13, 1977

Meeting called to order by bro. E. Pavoucek, Pres., who led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Following bills approved for payment: \$12.05 for stencils, paper, ink, correction fluid for sis. Helen Karpisek; \$3.76 postage to sis. Bo Drozda; \$7.38 for postage, tapes and phone call to bro. Bud Benak.

Thank you letters received from sis. Bo Drozda for flowers sent, and bro. Ray Lastovica, retiring Director of men, for plaque given him.

Bro. Bud Benak reported a mixed gymnastic group from So. Omaha and Omaha, and the South Omaha Beseda dancers performed at Ethnic Festival June 11-12, in Omaha.

Sis. B. Pavoucek asked the President look into matter of ASO expelling delinquent members at Presidents' meeting.

Gary Masek moved purchase of full page ad, \$100, for Sokol South Omaha Souvenir Book. Seconded, carried. Grand opening of their new hall on Aug. 12-14, 1977.

Approval given to reimburse bro. Bud Benak for expenses of Cedar Rapids trip. - Bro. G. Masek has in his possession District Flags.

Semi-annual meeting scheduled for Sept. 24. Auditing Committee urged to meet and have report ready for District meeting.

## Pacific District

JUNE 7, 1977

Board meeting, Sokol Hall, Los Angeles, sis. L. Nekuda, Pres. presided. Present: sis. Nekuda, Pres., sis. Haralik, Treas., sis. L. Kis, Secy.; bro. Liska, Educ. Dir., bro. Hintnaus, Dir. of Men.

Purpose of meeting - to give each participant going to Chicago \$50.00, to be taken out from travel fund. Approved.

Participants: **Women.** Louise Nekuda, Kveta Liska, Iva Prochazka, Irma Martinez, Libby Pelc, Mary Bednar, Dorothy Grill, Mariana Hintnaus, Vlasta Votruba, Dagmar Hintnaus. **Juniors.** Marie Pelc, Kristina Turek, Milada Seda, Angelica Martinez, Brigita Prochazka. **Men.** Luba Hintnaus, Jiri Liska, Charles Chvila. **Volley Ball.** Ada Dusil, Ilja Maran, Peter Turek, Radek Zatloukal, Jiri Vosahlo, Marty L. Kay.

Sis. Pelc moved, seconded by bro. Hintnaus, to take one-eighth page ad (\$20.00) in Sokol South Omaha souvenir program book. Carried.

Sokol San Francisco has not paid its share of \$10.00 for the Chicago Slet program book.

A discussion about Labor Day weekend. Check mailed to Forest Dept. too early. Bro. Filgas will mail at proper time.

## Central District

QUARTERLY MEETING

JUNE 29, 1977

Meeting called to order by sis. J. Pros, 1st Vice Pres. for the vacationing bro. E. Halik and wife.

Present: Bros. W. Meyer, F. Kala, O. Glasser, R. Svoboda, J. Placek, E. Pirka, E. Jezek, R. Vachata - sis. J. Pros, E. Schnabl, B. Prener, H. Prener, J. Jurew, A. Basta, M. Pavek. Excused bros. V. Zenisek, J. Rabas, J. Sotka, and sis. M. Vachata.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag followed.

Correspondence: From Sokol So. Omaha announcing Grand Opening Ceremonies of new Hall. Sis. E. Schnabl moved for quarter page ad (\$30.00) in souvenir program book be taken. Carried. 10 Well Wishers also secured. - From Sokols in Exile informing us of their "Great Tour to America and Canada." 30 members arriving in Chicago July 4. Due to short stay in Chicago and limited time for preparation, sis. Pros will contact members available to welcome group. Also will contact group on July 5 making necessary arrangements. - Minutes of May 24, 1977 ASO meeting. - Minutes combined BOI meeting accepted as presented.

Reports: BOI. Bro. J. Placek, Dir. of Men. Submitted report. Entry fees of \$83.00 presented to District; also bill for \$20.00 submitted.

BOI. Sis. M. Vachata. In her absence sis. Schnabl read letter from her. Sis. Vachata was hospitalized preventing her from compiling her report. Thanked all who helped her during her term as Director. Returned to District \$58.61 entry fee.

Bro. Meyer moved we approve the election of bro. J. Placek as Men's Director and sis. M. Vachata as Women's Director. Seconded by bro. O. Glasser. Motion carried.

Sister Jurew questioned various uniforms worn in National Championship Division Competitions. Bro. Kala moved letter be sent to National Directors regarding infraction of Official Uniforms for Competitions. Motion carried.

Educational Director. Bro. Kala reported preparations are underway for Conference of Unit Educational Directors in September or October. Letter will be sent all Units. Two letters were sent each Unit requesting reports from their Educational Directors. To date only 3 responded. Requested BOI representation at the Conference.

Investigation Committee visited Sokol Plzensky. Bro. Halik offered this written recommendation: "I feel that their notice of resignation from the ASO should be accepted, since the majority of their members are not Sokol people and have no understanding of the Sokol idea or the purpose of the Sokol Organization." Those wishing to retain their Sokol membership will undoubtedly join other Units. Sis. A. Basta moved for acceptance and follow through on termination of Sokol Plzensky. Seconded by bro. Kala. Motion carried.

Property Chairman. Bro. Kala reported where District properties are being stored.

English publicity. Sis. Jurew sent several articles to Life Newspaper regarding XIV Slet.

Czech Publicity. Sis. Pros reported for the absent bro. J. Rabas. He had a number of articles in the Denni Hlasatel.

Sis. A. Basta moved BOI make quarterly report to ASO for reimbursement of funds. Second sis. Schnabl. Motion carried.

President's report. Sis. Schnabl read report. He attended Combined BOI meeting and District Presidents Meeting. Asked District start making plans for 1978 Slet.

Sis. J. Pros gave count of participants in ASO Slet parade - 1,750, of which Central District count was 619. Total number of participants for field events was 1,962.

Bro. R. Svoboda gave report on 1st and 2nd Class Banquet. 167 tickets for total of \$867.50, disbursed \$642.68, profit \$224.82.

Bro. Kala. Central District had 102 dancers on field at ASO Slet, and 114 guest dancers.

Bro. W. Meyer moved officers be empowered to pay bills needing attention, or call special meeting if needed during July-August. Carried.

Bro. R. Svoboda. Receipts and disbursements read, balance on hand \$669.94.

## SOKOL EDUCATOR

### An Enlightened Medieval King of Bohemia

In the year of 1346, King Charles IV, was crowned ruler of Germany, and he used this exalted position for the glory of the Bohemian Crown. He was a well educated king, having spent most of his boyhood at the French Court where he learned languages, the graces of nobility, and the art of diplomacy. He was a good administrator, and conducted the affairs of his land with such excellent care that soon the state treasury filled with gold. He bought lands and estates from German nobles and the Kingdom of Bohemia extended to the Rhineland. The Bohemian lands spread out and swallowed up huge areas of what is now Germany. At that time, Luxembourg, the Brandenburg estates and Silesia belonged to the Bohemian dynasty.

Although Charles IV, had proved his fearlessness and valor on battlefields, he had no love for fighting. He wanted peaceful years in order to promote the development of architectural projects, the arts, science and literature. He built schools, bridges, beautiful buildings and cathedrals.

In order that the youth of Bohemia need not go begging for the fruits of knowledge from foreign lands, King Charles IV, founded the University of Prague, in the year of 1348. It was the first university and for some time the only one in central Europe. It attracted students from many lands, and Prague became the intellectual center, as well as the most important political center of Europe. It was also an Archepiscopal See.

The population increased so rapidly that it outgrew the Old Town. The King started to build Nové Město (New Town), and he himself measured out the streets which are today noted for their straightness. The Golden city of Prague became the Rome of the north.

Across the river Vltava the King began the construction of the famous stone bridge now known as

Charles bridge. There are lofty Gothic gateways at either end, and the bridge connects so called Staré Město (Old Town) with Malá Strana (Little side).

If you walk to the top of Petřín in Prague, you will see a wall called Hladová Zed' (Hungry Wall). The name was given to the wall by King Charles IV. He had it built in the year of 1361, to give work to hungry people. The country suffered from a serious drought, and there were no harvests.

To prevent this from happening again, King Charles IV, organized the building of barns, corn-lofts and granaries. He instructed the Sedláci (farmers) to store away corn, grain and wheat in times of plenty for use in lean years.

To preserve the vaults, the archives of public records and books, he had built the impregnable castle Karlův Týn (Karlštejn) whose great beauty survives today. It arises from different levels of the rock on which it had been built. This mighty stronghold was designed by Matthias of Arras, French architect. It took seventeen years to complete it.

King Charles was a superstitious man, who believed in Stars. He was deeply religious, and many times would retire from public life to remain secluded at Karlštejn to fast and pray. When he came out of seclusion he was a builder again of the mighty Bohemian empire. Maximilian I, called Charles, "arch father of Bohemia, arch step-father of Germany."

There is a romantic story told about Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) and its origin. The story says good King Charles discovered the springs while on a hunt. A stag he was pursuing leapt into the hot springs and was scalded to death.

Historians state that Carlsbad, now one of the most famous spas of Czechoslovakia, was discovered and founded by King Charles IV.

Prague owes more to Charles for its grandeur and cultural advancement than to any other of its monarchs.

Stella Tichy,  
Sokol Cechie.

## Sokol - The Falcon

Sokol, the falcon, is a bird who by his swiftness and energy symbolizes the active, vigorous, strenuous Spartan life which is the ideal of the Sokol organization. The falcon, who flies high in the free skies, is also the symbol of freedom.

In Bohemia, the Sokol was founded in 1862 by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, a professor of Philosophy at the University of Prague. His desire was to restore freedom to the Czech people who were subjugates of the Habsburg Dynasty of the Austrian government, because he had concluded that a nation manifesting so much vitality after centuries of oppression, had a right to live - but this right must be defended. He decided to bring the Czech people to such an acme of physical perfection as were the sons of the ancient Hellas. This goal was

achieved through a program of physical training and gymnastic activity, which involved millions of men, women and children in Bohemia and later, Czechoslovakia.

It was the search for freedom from oppression that in the middle of the 19th century, the Czech immigrants began to cross the Atlantic and arrived in the port of New York and Baltimore. While some remained in the east, the majority travelled to the rich farm lands in the middle west and southwest.

Some of the immigrants who arrived in the 1860's spread the news of the Sokol organization in Bohemia and consequently the first Sokol unit was founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1865, three years after the formation of the Sokol unit in Prague. Within a few years units

were organized in Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Cedar Rapids and Omaha.

It is the purpose of the Sokol to instill in every American the quality of a "Sound mind in a healthy body." The Greeks called this "Kalokagthia", a harmoniously balanced personality. Dr. Tyrs carried this Greek ideal to the Czech people and the Czech immigrants in turn brought it to America.

The Sokol system, arranged by Dr. Tyrs, does not train persons to have strong arms, but weak legs. Rather, it concentrates upon exercises for all parts of the body. Its purpose is to bring up men and women with strong and beautiful bodies and clean, alert minds. In other words - the Sokol system was formed to help young people grow up to be good citizens with strong and healthy minds and bodies.

Ed Stetka

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

MAY 1977

**RECEIPTS:**

Dues .....	\$1,828.75
Convention Fund .....	98.00
Special Assessment .....	91.00
Resale of Jewelry .....	144.35
Song Books .....	18.00
Sokol Manuals .....	14.00
Membership Kits .....	24.00
Postage and UPS charges .....	2.55
Miscellaneous .....	.30
	2,220.95
A.S.O. Uniform Division - Payment toward Advances .....	522.44
Total Receipts	\$2,743.39

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	
Salaries .....	\$579.53
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for April .....	189.08
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric .....	460.44
Rental of Mailing Machine .....	69.49
Office Supplies .....	388.27
Repairs to Office Machines .....	26.75
Miscellaneous .....	57.25
	\$1,770.81

**Board of Instructors**

Salaries .....	\$444.68
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for April .....	48.82
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	30.00
Add'l copies "Sokol Gymnast" .....	56.00
Office Supplies, Phone .....	201.73
Dues .....	100.00
Travel Expense .....	344.00
	1,225.23

**Educational Department**

Salaries .....	\$ 46.65
F.I.C.A. for April .....	4.92
Office Supplies .....	26.25
	77.82

**Sokol Publication**

Printing "American Sokol" .....	\$1,052.25
Editor "American Sokol" .....	100.00
Postage "American Sokol" .....	75.35
	1,227.60

**Miscellaneous**

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone .....	\$504.54
Advances to A.S.O. Slet Committee .....	73.81
	578.35

Total Disbursements

\$4,879.81

Balance brought forward:

Western Nat'l Bank of Cicero - Checking Account .....	\$8,175.59
Receipts - May 1977 .....	2,743.39
	10,918.98

Disbursements - May 1977

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# Financial Report

## AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

JUNE 1977

### RECEIPTS:

Dues .....	\$ 404.25
Dividends and Interest .....	908.72
Resale of Jewelry and Plaques .....	43.45
Membership Kits .....	24.00
Postage and UPS charges .....	1.44
	<u>1,381.86</u>
American Sokol Organization	
Instructors School	5,630.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$7,011.86</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

#### Administrative

Salaries .....	\$645.85
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May .....	138.38
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone .....	393.48
Rental of Mailing Machine .....	69.49
Prepaid Postage .....	200.00
Office Supplies .....	65.22
Repairs to Office Machines .....	19.95
Postage and UPS charges .....	12.34
Sokol Plaques .....	166.17
Miscellaneous .....	24.29
	<u>\$1,735.17</u>

#### Board of Instructors

Salaries .....	\$546.23
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May .....	57.08
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	30.00
Add'l copies "Sokol Gymnast" .....	28.00
Office Supplies .....	23.24
UPS charges .....	10.67
	<u>695.22</u>

#### Educational Department

F.I.C.A. for May .....	\$ 5.96
UPS charges .....	1.42
	<u>7.38</u>

#### Sokol Publication

Printing "American Sokol" .....	\$990.05
Editor "American Sokol" .....	100.00
Postage "American Sokol" .....	83.22
	<u>1,173.27</u>

#### Miscellaneous

A.S.O. Uniform Division -	
Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T.,	
Phone, Office Supplies .....	\$572.73
Advances to A.S.O. Slet	
Committee .....	156.64
Advances to A.S.O.	
Instructors Course .....	112.50
	<u>841.87</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,452.91</b>

### Balance brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero -	
Checking Account	\$6,039.17
Receipts - June 1977	7,011.86
	<u>13,051.03</u>
Disbursements - June 1977	4,452.91
	<u>\$ 8,598.12</u>

### FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

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In memory of sis. Hilda Jelinek -	
Emily M. Ruzicka	\$ 5.00
Tillie Kvasnicka	5.00
Frank and Mary Skubnik	5.00
In memory of Mr. Edward J. Valha,	
former President of Fidelity Savings	
and Loan Association -	
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Association of Berwyn	
Board of Directors	100.00
Frank and Ella Kaspar	50.00
Frank R. Kaspar	100.00
In memory of Clarence Freehauf	
The Czechoslovak American	
Club of the Ozarks	10.00
	<u>275.00</u>
Dividends Earned	651.03
	<u>\$926.03</u>

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## Sokol Friendship



Bro. Ed Jirousek, Hon. Member N.E. Dist. and bro. Oldrich Kudrnovsky, Hon. ASO Dir. of Men, reminisce on their many years of Sokol work when they were Dist. Dir. and Natl. Dir. of Men. The license plate? - belongs to Ed!

## In Memoriam



### Hilda Jelinek

Sis. Hilda Jelinek (nee Zyka) was born May 3, 1908 in Chicago, Ill. and passed away May 9, 1977 at Barrington, Ill.

Hilda became interested in Sokol as a Junior (dorostenka) at Sokol Plzensky, of which her father was Building Manager. She grew to adulthood in the area known as "Ceska Plzen" settled by our Czech people. Sokol Plzensky had excellent instructors, one of whom was Bro. Jarka Jelinek, and under his teaching Hilda was able to attend the VIII. Slet in Czechoslovakia in 1926. Sokol became a way of life for her, and she was active in unit, district, and national levels, having held the office of Secretary of the national Board of Instructors for several years. She worked closely with bro. Jelinek on technical matters, and through their efforts the American Sokol Organization had a supplier of gymnastic uniforms. They were married and both continued in the work for Sokol. A new unit was formed "Sokol Americky" of which they were charter members, and the office of Treasurer was held by Hilda at her passing.

Funeral services were held at the Waite Ross and Allison Funeral Home in Algonquin, Ill. with burial at the Bohemian National Cemetery. She lies beside her husband, who preceded her in death.

At a grave side service sis. Tillie Kvasnicka, Sokol Americky, gave a farewell address. Bro. Charles Prchal on behalf of all Sokols gave the eulogy.

Our deepest sympathy to her relatives.

## A Dedication

If only we could... We'd erect statues to her, put her image on a coin. Declare her birthday a national holiday.

Alas, all we can do is dedicate these First National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships to her. And remind everyone how much Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics in America owes to Mildred Prchal.

Having been a member of the American Sokol Women's gymnastics team and later the National Director of American Sokol Women, Mrs. Prchal introduced Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics to this country in 1968, and chaired for seven years the MRG committee of the United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF).

She was the first woman ever to receive the Master of Sport Award from the USGF, and has been introduced into its Hall of Fame. She is also entered in "Who's Who of American Women."

Her accomplishments are so numerous that we can't begin to list them here. However, witnessing the Fifth National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships at the University of Iowa Field House on April 30, was testimony to Mildred Prchal's success as teacher, darer, dreamer!

## Den Zdobení Hrobů na Českém Národním Hřbitově v Chicagu, Ill.



Zástupci Americké obce sokolské, starosta župy Střední br. Ed Halík. - Věnce pak umístili na hrobech nejzasloužilejším sokolským pracovníkům, kteří zde dřímou svůj věčný sen.

Letos je tomu již sto let co Český národní hřbitov v Chicagu slouží naší veřejnosti. Je proto také samozřejmé, že letošní vzpomínková slavnost "Den zdobení hrobů" na tomto hřbitově probíhala v září jeho stoletého jubilea.

Český národní hřbitov v Chicagu, Ill. byl založen v roce 1877 a jistě se tenkrátě žádnému z jeho zakládajících členů o tom nesnilo v jakou krásnou "zahradu míru" se jejich dílo rozroste. Nebyla to vždy práce snadná a vyžadovala si poctivých a pevných rukou, které musely udržet tohoto podniku proplouvajícího v divokých vodách úskalím, které bylo velmi nebezpečné a zákeřné.

Listujeme-li v historii našeho "Národního" zjistíme, že mezi těmi, kteří složili do kolébky nově se rodícímu národnímu dílu svou daň, nechyběli ani Sokolové.

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When success turns a person's  
head, he is facing failure.

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Times have changed - a few years  
ago what went into the movie was  
restricted, now it's what goes into the  
audience.

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Slavnostním řečníkem na letošní oslavě "Den zdobení hrobů" byl starosta Americké obce sokolské, bratr Roy Žitný, který ve své řeči výstižně zdůraznil význam tohoto dne. Zástupci AOS se rovněž zúčastní jubilejních oslav, které správa hřbitova uspořádá letos na podzim a společně oslaví sto let národní práce na tomto poli.

V. Matela



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