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Calendar of Events

MARCH 5 — Sokol San Francisco
Masaryk Dance

APRIL 9 — Sokol Baltimore — Dozvuky

APRIL 10 — Sokol Berwyn
Bohemian American Concertina

APRIL 23 — Central District Blood Drive to benefit
Hines Veterans Hospital. Loc. Sokol Brookfield.

MAY 21 — Sokol Berwyn Raffle & Roast

MAY 21 — Central Dist. Boys/Girls
Gym. Competition

CENTRAL DISTRICT EXHIBITION DATES:

MAR. 4, 5 — Sokol Brookfield

MAR. 6 — Sokol Naperville

MAR. 12 — Sokol Tábor

MAR. 19 — Sokol Stickney — Morton West

MAR. 20 — Sokol Slavsky

MAR. 26 — Sokol Berwyn

APR. 9 — West Suburban

APR. 16 — Special Number Competition

MAY — Sokol Milwaukee (no date yet)

MAY 15 — Sokol St. Louis

JUNE 5 — Sokol Slavsky - Annual Picnic

JUNE 11 — Central District Slet

JUNE 12 — Central District Awards Picnic

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MEMORANDUM

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Information from the Seoul Olympic Committee
has indicated that the following source is handling
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States:

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Telex 66-4343.

I hope this is of help to you.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sis. Mildred Pinc, Marie Ptacek, Sylvia Pistorius, Jackie Kourim, Bro. Gary Masek, John Satek, Fred Kala, Paul Lebloch, Bob Barcal, Richard Ptacek, and George Basta.

District minutes received and reviewed: Western District annual meeting Sept. 27. One correction, page 3, ASO BOI will have the final approval, not the District Directors as stated in the seventh paragraph. ASO 1989 Slet Committee meeting of August 30 approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Selden, Fox and Associates, Ltd., copy of contract to be signed and approved for their auditing services, passed. Helen P. Eichler, attorney, re: estate of Martha Peppel, niece of Sis. Emilie Ruzicka, bequeathed \$1,500 to the FSLF. Letter signed and sent back to the attorney stating that we will not contest the will. From Bro. Jiri Liska, President, Pacific District, updating the Pacific District happenings. Answer will be sent as soon as we have the proper information to relay. Sokol Women of Little Ferry, letter explaining the reorganization of their unit. Also two copies of letters received from Sokol Little Ferry on their plans. Sis. Audrey Benda sent a complete folio of what has transpired at Sokol Women of Little Ferry. Very lengthy discussion ensued. Herten, Burstein, Sheridan & Cevasco, attorneys for Sokol Little Ferry also sent an informational letter. A report was given by Bro. Charles Borvansky on the happenings in Little Ferry. Explained the letter that was written at the request of the Executive Board at last month's meeting. The secretary read all the letters received from Sokol Little Ferry and Sokol Women of Little Ferry. Bro. Basta, had a call from Bro. Slavik, Eastern District President. Little Ferry had a meeting last night, Bro. Novotny was the only man present. Disposal of apparatus: our by-laws state that apparatus should be given to the district to hold, should not be sold by the unit. Motion made that Bro. Basta speak with Bro. Slavik and set up a meeting with the people of Little Ferry, with Executive Board members present. Slet bulletin, 1988, Montreal, Canada, information given to the BOI. Denní Hlasatel, requesting payment for an ad that was published even after they were told not to. Request denied for payment, seven no, four yes. Newsletters from Sokol Baltimore and Sokol New York. Miscellaneous articles of interest for perusal.

1989 Slet: To be covered thoroughly in the District Directors' Conference minutes.

COMBINED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DIRECTORS' REPORT — Bro. Richard Ptacek and Sis. Sylvia Pistorius: Complete report on the USGF Congress of Coaches was sent in by Sis. Carol Lat of Sokol St. Louis. Bill for attending, \$175.86 was approved for payment. Received USGF Rhythmic Gymnastics listing different competitions to be held over the U.S. through 1988. Also Illinois USGF newsletter listing all competitions to be held in and around Illinois. Sis. Satek will have the list for Central District. Slet bulletin from Montreal, contains a great deal of information. Slet organizing committee decided to repeat calisthenic, apparatus routines and Indian club special number which was used in Washington, D.C. Because of limited time, there will not be a Championship or Rhythmic Gymnastic competition, these two events will be part of the program. Bro. Jerry Hardy sent detailed report and material from the AAU 100th annual convention held Sept. 16-19, 1987, in San Antonio, Texas. The book "The Illustrated History of Gymnastics" by John Goodbody, was presented to the ASO from Bro. and Sis. Hardy for their library. **Final Report Form:** Pacific District, Self-Improvement Clinic, August 7-9, 1987, approved for payment, \$1,074.70. Coverage of the District Directors report will be covered later in the meeting. **1989 Slet:** Bro. and Sis. Harlan, Sis. Satek and Bro. Gilea, choreographers of the senior and junior calisthenics decided that the original makers of 7½ feet remain as is; and if, after viewing the calisthenics at various exhibitions, it is apparent that this will not be feasible in the space limited, then an alternative plan will be available and necessary alterations will be made. Request from Sis. Emilie Ruzicka for time at the 1989 Slet for a senior citizen presentation. Bro. Zenisek has a number for men which he would like help in revising to include women. **Merid Award:** Registered letters were sent to 3 awardees who have failed to send in their transcripts. Asking for a refund of the award where transcripts were not received. Changes requested at District Directors' Conference will be incorporated in a new application form to be prepared by Sis. Satek. Recommendation that in the future, Bro. Michalek include names with photographs when publishing same in the "Gymnast".

CONDENSED REPORT — District Directors' Conference — Sis. Sylvia Pistorius: Opening Fri-

day, October 23rd, moment of silence for Sis. Blanche Cihak. All district reports were submitted one month prior to conference for all to read. General discussion of reports ensued. Each report was highlighted and questions asked regarding various information concerning district affairs and in detail concerning our gymnast program in reference to insurance, instructors and retaining our juniors and young adults. Bro. Martanovic presented the BOI with a video, musical tape and written text of the Folk Dance by Sis. Dolly Baca, for the 1989 Slet. Bro. John Satek announced that Bro. Dave Harlan is the new Central District Men's director. Report of Educational committee, clarification Bro. Rome Milan, he would send a list of tapes, slides and videos which he has compiled for use by the ASO, but would not do the taping. Discussion of thesis written by Bro. Pete Dusek, editing, reproduction, etc. Merit Award, several recommendations regarding the application. Discussion regarding allocation to the districts. Sokol gymnast, Bro. Frank Michalek: Concensus of opinion, additional pages necessary to cover clinics, seminars, workshops, competition results and other informative material, top priority. Pages should be of standard size. Several suggestions made for articles regarding judging, calendar of events and other instructional material. Sis. Jan Kalat, class attendance: Tots classes should not be divided into two separate reports (girl's and boy's). Article to appear in gymnast on the importance of keeping attendance records and the necessity of sending monthly reports to district directors. During evening break, viewed a safety video, produced by USGF, "Gymnastics First, Last and Always" provided by Bro. Milan. Very informative, geared to dangers of the sport of gymnastics and proper coaching. Toured the Holiday Inn facilities, area where the competitions, tabulating and warm-up areas would be available. Personnel is anxious to please us, are prepared to assist in making this event successful. Hotel has good family orientated facilities, should be adequate for our needs. Rest of evening, general discussion. USGF Congress of Coaches honored Bro. Jerry and Emil Milan, and Sis. Norma Zabka. Disappointment expressed that ASO Directors did not attend conference. If lack of funds prohibits attendance, monies must be raised for this purpose. Strongly recommend that we attend all future conferences regardless of where they will be held. Suggestions to hire a national organizer to solicit funds and sponsorships. Discussion on Round Table meeting held after Washington Slet. This is a step in the right direction and should be pursued again after the Montreal Slet. **Saturday Morning:** Bro. Ptacek read greetings and best wishes from Executive Board, also a special request to discuss method by which we can retain our children and juniors as adult members. Girl's Gymnastic Skills, report by Sis. Pat Satek. New skills submitted for approval, several districts have submitted results and request patches for previous routines. Sis. Satek is now Central District's new Women's Director, she finds

it necessary to resign this position, accepted newly to this position, Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl. Boy's gymnastic skills, Bro. Frank Michalek, some districts felt the gymnastic skills too difficult. Committee has been formed to re-evaluate these routines. Suggested that a video be made of the routines for both girls and boys and that Bro. Jim Hartung be asked to narrate the program. Also recommend that we look to a corporate sponsorship of this video. Uniform division: Much discussion regarding the material for the women's blouses and boys blue shorts. A new women's uniform consisting of a one piece cotton and lycra stretchable leotard with sleeves with a short over skirt, presented for consideration. In order to get a complete input by the women's department, it was recommended the garment be shown in each district with comments being sent to the ASO BOI. Each district appreciates all the work done by the uniform division, should send a representative to our next conference for open discussion of uniform problems. Recommended stocking of promotional items such as T-shirts, sweat shirts and warm-ups. National Instructor's Courses and Self-Improvement Clinics were discussed at great length. Will hold ASO Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Course in 1988 and 1989. Improvement clinics to be held on district level only and will be open to all districts. ASO National team status discussed. Bro. Benak listed five major points on which this team could be formed. Recommended that these points be discussed, each district will send information on to Bro. Benak. Morning session adjourned, entire group then viewed the Slet site, Civic Auditorium. Authors of the junior and senior calisthenics disappointed in the length and width of the area. Consideration for using shorter markers and minimal space between gymnasts will be worked out. Weather in Omaha that time of year is highly unpredictable, strongly recommended we do not use an outside facility. Viewed Sokol South Omaha where the junior social will be held. After session was devoted to reviewing and revising the tournament rules. All material considered for revision was submitted to the ASO BOI by September 1st. Many changes made were minor, it showed that the directors are interested in updating our rules and regulations. Recommendation that red head bands worn by the women when performing outdoors be discontinued was unanimous, as was the suggestion to discontinue the testing of calisthenics for Special Number Competition, Volleyball and Rhythmic Gymnastics. Evening session: resumed with report of 1989 ASO Slet, by Bro. Gary Masek. Review of all Slet activity and the sites at which they will be performed was discussed. Opening ceremony and the Special Number Competition site is still open. Senior citizens number to be performed at the Special Number competition, next to be submitted to the BOI by June, 1988. Recommended that units of districts be allowed to sell souvenirs for a fee of \$25 per table set-up. Live music be hired for the marches and general musical renditions. Proposed

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Editor: Frank H. Michalek — 10 S. 020 Lorraine Dr., Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

New Teaching and Coaching Aid

*From: Robert Cowan,
Mens Program Administrator—U.S.G.F.*

Re: Educational Mens Video from FIG

The USGF has recently purchased promotional rights to a Video tape which I first saw at the FIG Congress in Herning, Denmark.

The FIG mens technical committee commissioned Sandor Urvari of Hungary to do this tape for promoting mens gymnastics.

Later, after they saw how much of it is Hungarian and does not promote each of them (the FIG) personally, they refused to pay for its production.

We offered to buy the English speaking rights and the tape is very good.

It is about 1 hour and has a great English accent voice-over with classical rock music as a background. It would make a good promotional tape for a booster club meeting, but more importantly it is a good progressions tape.

Covering all 6 mens events, the progressions of skill development and coaching hints are very good. Additionally, the pommel horse section showing the various training devices in the Hungarian Olympic Training Center is alone worth the price of the tape.

Many of the things which have been covered in past reports of mine are visually seen on this tape.

I would strongly recommend that each State Director buy a copy and loan it out if necessary. We need to sell about 100 tapes to recoup our investment at a break-even point.

Hopefully, you will all support this effort.

Further, the World Championships tapes are in for men. There are two tapes, one with compulsories featuring the USA and top 4 teams and one on optionals which is the same. These are great tapes.

The numbers in Steve Buck's inventory are:

1987 World Championships Video
(compulsory) - 2231 @ \$29.95

1987 World Championship Video
(optional) - 2243 @ \$29.96

FIG Educational Progressions Video
(optional skills) - 2233 @ \$29.95.

*Have you brought a friend to
Sokol with you yet?*

Central District — A.S.O. Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition

NOVEMBER 21, 1987
AT SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN

Junior Girls — Advanced Ribbon

Place	Name	Unit	Score
1.	Nicole Merrill,	Tabor	16.00

Junior Girls — Beginner Ribbon

1.	Meg Shield,	Naperville	17.8
2.	Missi Jones,	West Suburban	16.8
3. tie	Yvette Jelinek,	Berwyn	16.0
3. tie	Tysen Naughton,	Tabor	16.0

Senior Women — Beginner Ribbon

1.	Mary Moravec,	West Suburban	14.4
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II Class Girls — Beginner Ribbon

1.	Christine Jelinek,	Berwyn	15.4
2.	Tanja Mulacek,	Naperville	14.0
3.	Renee Rezek,	Tabor	13.7

St. Louis Volleyball Tournament November 28, 1987

The 12th renewal of the St. Louis Tournament saw a fierce three way fight between Berwyn, St. Louis, and Tabor, after a playoff Berwyn emerged victorious, the third team to win Men's honors in the last three years.

It was also Berwyn's first St. Louis title.

Final standings were as follows (unfortunately no Women's tournament was held this year):

1.	Berwyn	6-2
1.	St. Louis	6-2
3.	Tabor 1	5-3
4.	Stickney	3-5
5.	Tabor 2	0-8

Berwyn and Tabor split their two game match, while St. Louis swept Tabor 1 two straight. In the second game of their match, Stickney upset Berwyn in a come from behind 12-10 win (Stickney had trailed 10-3). Berwyn came back with two must wins against St. Louis, to force the playoff which they won. St. Louis received the second place trophy.

A personal note to Tabor 2: Berwyn knows which one of you soaped their motel room window that night, the one where they modestly displayed the trophy. There will be retaliation.

Joe Placek, Tournament Director

SISTER CHERI RIDDLE

Director of Women — Pacific District

Born in Clovis, California a suburb of Fresno, Cheri was raised on a farm of parents very active in Sokol. She is of Czech descent from her mother's side. Her father was considered to be one of the best gymnasts of his time. Her mother was very active also and both parents were active in Sokol from their teen age years. Cheri started to attend gym classes from the age of five, and won several first place trophies through the years in the Pacific District competitions.

During her later teen age years, Sokol Fresno started to decline, until it only existed as a Social club. Continuing on to college she received a bachelor of arts degree in teaching. Cheri then married her college sweetheart in 1968, and has two wonderful boys, Jared 16, and Ryan 12. She currently teaches reading resources and psycho-motor skills in a local grammar school.

In 1982 Sheri became active again when she attended a Pacific District Instructors Course conducted at Dinky Creek in the high Sierra's of California. It was during this course that her instructors, Sister Marie Provaznikova, and brothers Pete Dusek and Frank Michalek inspired her to personally pursue the restoration of Sokol classes in the Fresno area. Classes subsequently did start at Sokol Fresno, but because this unit does not own their own building, classes commenced at the Clovis, Academy of Gymnastics.

Upon starting the gymnastic classes Cheri was elected the Unit Director of Women and was involved with both boys and girls classes. By applying herself totally into the Sokol program she became an outstanding leader and very knowledgeable in gymnastics. With eagerness to learn more. She has commanded the respect of her Sokol peers in the Pacific district and was elected Náčelnice (District Director of Women) in 1986.

She has attended the advanced instructors course conducted in the Western District at Sokol South Omaha in 1983, and was instrumental in bringing about the skills improvement clinic held in the Pacific District last year.

Cheri Riddle has played an important part in the expansion of gymnastics in the Pacific District, and has goals to increase the sizes of childrens classes, while giving instructors an opportunity to become more experienced by attending clinics and instructors courses. She would also like to encourage more adults to become gymnastically active. You'll be hearing more about Cheri Riddle in the near future. A Sokol Nazdar to another outstanding Sokol leader.

WALL DRILL

Place a mat on the floor next to a good solid wall that is free of any obstruction. The wall should be padded or another mat placed against the wall.

Lead up: Preparatory things that may be performed before on the mats.

1. Uparm position (arms close to ears)
2. Front lying on mat, uparm, head down, stretch upward, and tighten buttocks as much as possible. "Squeeze — Relax" Arms should press downward against the floor. If the arms are lifted they should spring to the floor.
3. Stand touching floor with hands, high rearleg with R or L. Rocking forward and backward pointing toes of nonstanding leg.
4. "Bear walk" and "Handstand Touches." Look for:
 1. Those never upside down.
 2. Changing of starting and landing leg (same).
 3. 2nd leg straight after pushing off of the floor.

Drills: **Headstand** — Show a wide base, fingers spread. (Triangle)

1. Headstand (tripod)
2. Headstand tuck downs, keep control, slowly down.
3. Headstand pike downs, do not let toes touch floor.
4. Headstand pushup or kickup to handstand.

Handstand — from straight stretched standing "Drift up"

Lay flat against the wall with entire body, no arch.

1. Handstand
2. In Handstand — walk in place. R-L-R-L etc.
3. In Handstand — walk in place touching opposite shoulder.
4. In Handstand — walk in place, touch side of leg.
5. Tuck to handstand.
6. Pike up to handstand.
7. Stand facing wall, feet away with arms stretched overhead shrug shoulders and "block" away from wall.
8. Block Handstands.
9. Kick ½ turn to handstand with stomach against wall, roll.
10. Press to handstand, piked, astride.

Backbend — legs about shoulder width apart, toes outward, approximately 2 feet away from the wall. (depending on ht.)

1. Backbend pushes — facing away from wall, arms stretched overhead, lean back and touch wall and push away from wall-arms still up, bend forward and touch floor. (Must go straight back, no sideway motions.)
2. Backbend walk downs — stretch backward touch wall and with hands walk down wall and return. Touch floor.
3. Backbend kickover — facing wall pushup to backbend, place foot on wall and kickover to stand.

Look for: Reaching crooked to left or right and coming up crooked.

Head should not look up. Make sure feet are apart and toes pointing slightly out.

Cartwheel — Do cartwheels both right and left with stomach against wall and back to wall. Make sure they stretch up. Do cartwheel to handstand against wall. Pirouette or roll.

TOMÁŠ G. MASARYK

*3-7-1850 — †9-14-1937

When we think of the spiritual values of mankind and of the men and women who advanced the proliferation of such values, we think of those who stand out through their dedication to humanity. Their work, their actions, their philosophy live forever. If this is what defines human greatness, then we know that Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk fits such a description.

Little can be added to what is known of him as a great statesman, writer and philosopher. He is honored by his nation as a President Liberator. Before God he merits even more, for his work enriched all mankind. It is only fitting, therefore, that we consider Masaryk's importance not only in the spiritual rebirth of the Czechoslovak nations, but also his influence on many events shaping and molding Europe during his long and fruitful life.

Scholastically guided by his predecessors, Palacký and Havlíček, Masaryk improved their thesis that the Czech Reformation was the pinnacle of Czech humanity and with acceptance of the pure Christian faith, the nation proved its maturity. While deeply religious, Masaryk realized that some material strength is needed to protect or to gain the moral values mankind treasures most. That's why he followed not only Jan Hus, but also Jan Žižka and agreed with the Tyrš's motto: A sound mind in a healthy body.

Masaryk knew that as during the Hussite era, the national spiritual uplifting would lead to a political self-determination. In the middle of the last century Palacký's formulated a program for Czech rebirth based on Czech history. Masaryk put this program into a politically practical perspective. He knew that no nation can succeed unless morally strong. Christianity in its pure sense was his source. Guided by these beliefs, he led his nation toward its goal — its independence.

While a professor of philosophy at the Charles University in Prague, Masaryk published his first major work "Suicide." This book and other works that followed were positively accepted by sociologists and philosophers throughout the world. Masaryk's writings and lectures influenced a whole generation of scholars. Czech intellectuals accepted his philosophical and political views which adhered to absolute truth of Hus and Komenius. Masaryk stood for truth when his career or even his life was at stake.

He disproved the superstition about the Jewish ritual murder in the so called Hilsner case. That did not make him very popular. What's worse, he also helped to deny authenticity of the "Old Czech Documents," when these were proven false. He refused to build Czech future on deception, even if the price for such a view was a denial of a full professorship. He felt that Czech history needed no glorification and certainly not a false one.

All his life Masaryk would never lie. During the

spring revolution in 1917 he was in Moscow, organizing Czechoslovak Legions. As he walked in the main square in Moscow, he was caught in a heavy crossfire, right at the entrance to the largest hotel. The door was closed. As the bullets were flying all over, Masaryk called to the doorman: "Please, open the door!" The doorman answered: "Are you a guest in our hotel?" "I did not want to lie," Masaryk later related, "so I shouted: "Don't be foolish, let me in." The doorman finally let him in. That is one typical example of Masaryk's philosophy. His life was at stake, but he did not want to lie.

On July 6, 1915, exactly 500 years after the martyr death of Jan Hus, Masaryk spoke in behalf of all Czechs and Slovaks, when he declared war on the Habsburgh empire. As the head of the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, he called on all countrymen living abroad or in war prison camps to enter the Czechoslovak Legions. The Sokol idea was the backbone of Czech troops whose bravery became legendary. After the war, with Czechoslovakia once again an independent state, Masaryk said many times that without Sokol there would be no Czechoslovak Republic.

As a President of the most democratic state in Europe, he was active in writing the constitution, trying to include many articles of our American Constitution. Masaryk guided his nation wisely, staying outside the usual political parties. Always recognized as a philosopher and writer, he became a true statesman. Many leaders of the world sought his advice. The famous philosopher, Fritz Mauthner, came to Prague to see, in his words, a happy man. "A happy man?" commented President Masaryk, perhaps. But, if I remained a simple blacksmith in Čejče, I would be just as happy. It is so because today, after 80 years of my life, I still believe in the same ideals I believed in as a young man."

Vladislav W. Slavik, Sokol New York

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DECEMBER 1987

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Cha Cha Cha.



Teach

SOKOLS ON THE GROW

SENIORS SPREAD THEIR FALCON WINGS!

I made the appointment in December to interview Sis. Anne Halik and her "Senior Gymnasts" expecting to witness a few "over the hill" members doing simple calisthenics and warm ups. The weather was rather frigid for a few weeks, but we finally touched base on January 14, 1988. As I hurried up the stairs to the second floor gym at Piper School in Berwyn, Ill. which is now the home of Sokol Slavsky, I heard lively music echoing down. Hmm, must be another class rehearsing, I rushed into a big surprise as I interrupted 16 hearty gymnasts with ancient wood dumbbells working out the rough spots to a "special number" routine that they had just been taught that morning by Sis. Anne! Now wait a minute, this can't be. Don't senior citizens just sit around sewing and talking about the good ole days?

Not these senior citizens! The twenty-four regular members of Slavsky's senior A.M. class run through a variety of routines that would cause younger crowds to mutiny on the spot!

1. Warm ups start promptly at 9:30 a.m.
2. Apparatus is then arranged and I mean the real thing! Low beam for the ladies, rings for the men and the women, side horse, stall bars, ladder, P-bars, uneven bars, basic tumbling.
3. Special number rehearsal starting in January for the March Exhibition.
4. Calisthenics practice. This year the class is learning TWO.
5. Group dancing i.e. the Mazurka.
6. Games i.e., volleyball with a balloon.

"Are you tired yet? No! Lets go downstairs for a coffee break and return for another hour of rehearsal. Our show must be precise!" Such pride must have its history embedded from the "old days", our Sokol vanguard.



Coordination.

Now I know that Sokol Slavsky does not have an exclusive on senior class activity, but their history is close enough for me to observe and photograph for the benefit of the rest of you 6000 plus American Sokol members plus the other brother and sister Sokols throughout the Sokol World. The Haliks' Program and attitude is easily duplicated since it follows the basic Tyrš system. The key to the exercises is **NO STRESS—GOOD STRETCH.**

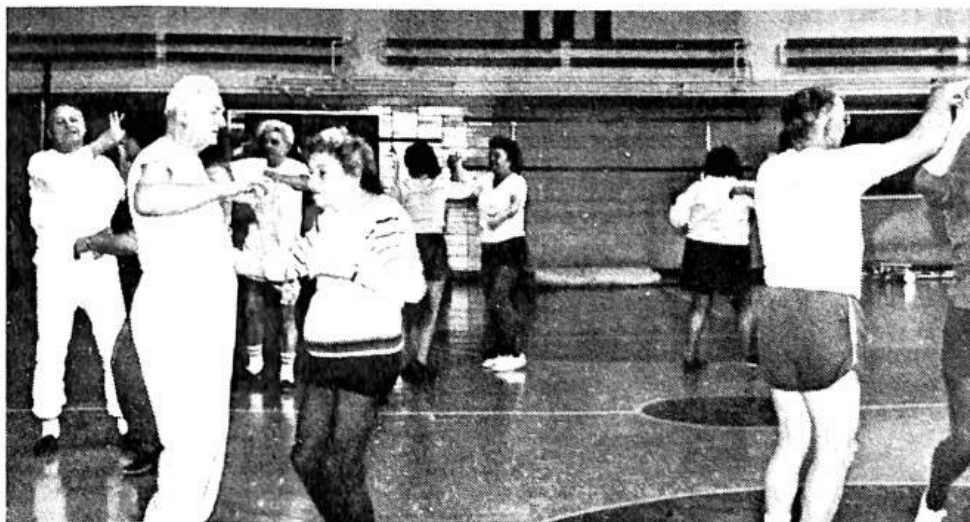
The Slavsky Senior A.M. class originated about four years ago when Br. Ed Halik mailed survey sheets to each individual member. One of the key questions was "Would you consider a co-ed class"? As one member put it, "My 'Yes', response brought me back after a 35 year absence." The Haliks then initiated the class program three years ago. When the class members reported for practice and Anne outlined the program, some balked at the idea of "apparatus". Anne stuck to the plan, "we will be a Sokol class, through and through". Today, many



stration.



We're proud & we show it!



Shall we dance?

attribute their calisthenics and dance abilities to the balance beam exercises and ring stretches that have reinstated their earlier gymnastic skills. While the mean age is around 65, there are some members around 40 and others in the seventies with the senior member being 86. While viewing the many pictures I took that day, my daughter, Angela, remarked, "That generation really understood physical fitness more than your generation does, Mother." I took a second look. She's right, they do appear in better physical shape than my generation. They have a sense of rhythm that was lost in the sixties and seventies.

Another member stresses that the main ingredient to their success are the Organizers. Anne and Ed have made this class FUN. The discipline comes from within each member, therefore, the joviality is natural. Each member knows their limits and their stretch-ability and, because they are attuned to their physical and mental capabilities, Anne can concen-

trate on the program as a whole. In fact, they are one happy family. If a member is unable to attend class, he or she calls Anne so that the "family" won't worry.

During the 90 plus minutes of constant activity, I listened, took notes, focused my lens, and, finally, physically joined the class for part of the special number and ended with a wonderful circle dance. While it is true many of these members are my Sokol friends, I would have joined them if I was a stranger off the street. Their wonderful sense of life — living through social inter-relationships — drew me into a world that once was quite common in a not too distant past when all your neighbors were your friends and a party meant dancing in the streets or parks. Their seniority, to me, is soothing because each has weathered the storms of their lives and, perhaps, they have resolved that "this, too, shall pass", so lets get on with living.

Lynda Filippello. Ed.

The Easter City

As the clock in the tower of Home Moravian Church strikes 5:30 on Easter morning, the minister will proclaim: "The Lord is risen!" And the thousands of people assembled before him will respond: "The Lord is risen indeed!"

Thus will begin the 213th consecutive Easter Sunrise Service of the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, a service many consider the most impressive of the year.

A multitude of Moravians and non-Moravians will gather in Old Salem before dawn on Sunday, April 7. Held outside Home Church and in God's Acre, the service is sponsored by the 13 Moravian churches which comprise the Salem Congregation.

The service is known as the Sunrise Service because in recent years it has been scheduled so that its conclusion coincides with sunrise.

One reason for the popularity of the service is its simplicity. Its liturgy is words and music, no ceremonial trappings, not even a cross (it being the day of Resurrection rather than of Crucifixion).

The opening hymn, sung by the choir and congregation, is followed by the minister's declaration of Christian belief and faith, to which the congregation assents. After the second hymn, the congregation proceeds about a block up Church Street to God's Acre, Moravians' traditional name for their graveyard. As the pilgrimage enters the graveyard, musicians from 13 Moravian church bands play Easter chorales antiphonally, answering each other from the points where they are stationed until the last one has entered the graveyard.

At this point, the some 500 musicians converge to form a single band, and the service continues. There follow four more hymns interspersed with prayer, and the service is over.

As daybreak gives way to morning light, those attending the service for the first time behold the Moravian graveyard as it will not look again for a whole year.

Early the day before, Saturday, families carrying scrub brushes and pails will have descended on the graveyard to clean the thousands of marble stones. After they are scrubbed white, baskets of flowers or flowering plants are placed upon the graves. The grass is cut so meticulously that one has to look hard to find a blade that has escaped the blade of a mower — or a pair of scissors.

If some of the worshippers are still bleary-eyed from rising so yearly, consider the musicians.

Each of the 13 Moravian churches making up the Salem Congregation has a band, and at about 2 o'clock Easter morning each band collects at its respective church and plays the first chorale of every Easter: "Sleepers, awake, for the night is flying." Then, the members of each band — some have more than one unit — climb into buses, which take them on a prescribed route in a different part of the city. At designated places the buses stop, the

musicians get off, and out into the still air sound the brassy strains of one or more hymns or chorales. Then back into the buses for the next stop.

By 4 o'clock, the first part of their work done, all the musicians gather at the Home Moravian Church for a hot breakfast of country ham and eggs. Then they again take up their brass instruments for the sunrise service.

At the conclusion of the service, many people return home or, in the case of out-of-town visitors, to their overnight accommodations. Others linger in Old Salem to walk through the streets of the restored 18th century village or to breakfast at one of the village's two restaurants, Salem Tavern Dining rooms and the Mayberry Restaurant.

Attending the Moravian Easter Sunrise Service is a tradition loved by visitors and residents alike. The thousands who come for the various services held throughout the community find it an unforgettable celebration of Easter joy.

Who are the Moravians?

The proud heritage of the Moravian church began in Bohemia and Moravia, provinces in what is now Czechoslovakia. Followers of Bohemian martyr Jan Hus (1374-1415) sought religious refuge in a remote village in Moravia. They organized a religious society known as *Unitas Fratrum*, or Unity of the Brethren, thus renouncing the authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

Religious persecution reduced their number and forced them into hiding or exile; but through the leadership of Bishop John Amos Comenius and others, the Moravians kept alive "the hidden seed" of their faith, nurturing it in secret.

In 1722 Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf gave a small group of Moravians refuge on his estate in Saxony. Their settlement became Herrnhut, symbol of rebirth for the *Unitas Fratrum*. With unprecedented growth under Zinzendorf's leadership, the renewed Unity of the Brethren became known as the Moravian Church.

Coming to America was part of a Moravian missionary effort. First settling in Georgia (1734) and then moving to join Brethren in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the Moravians gained an industrious reputation. When British nobleman Earl Granville offered land for settlement in the Carolinas, the Moravians purchased 98,985 acres — land they called *der Wachau* after Zinzendorf's estate, and known today as the Wachovia Tract.

In November 1753 Moravian settlers from Pennsylvania arrived in North Carolina and established Bethabara, their first settlement. Other congregational communities were established as Moravian leaders continued making plans for a central town in Wachovia — "a town built not for farmers, but for those with trades." After the site was chosen in 1766, construction began and within a few months residents began moving into the new town of Salem soon to become an economic, cultural, and religious center in the Carolina backcountry.

Minutes of the District Directors Conference

HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN-CENTRAL,
OMAHA, NE.
OCTOBER 23, 24 & 25, 1987

Friday, October 23rd Session — Jackson A-B Room:

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by ASO BOI Directors, Sis. Sylvia Pistorius and Bro. Richard Ptacek.

PRESENT: Sis. Pistorius, Bro. Ptacek, ASO Directors; Bro. Satek, Sis. Schnabl (representing Sis. Satek), Central District Directors; Bro. Martanovic, Sis. Fiordelis, Northeastern District Directors; Sis. Riddle, Bro. Prochazka, Pacific District Directors; Sis. Laznovsky, Bro. R. Milan, Southern District Directors; Sis. Dalton, Bro. Benak, Western District Directors; Sis. Benda (representing Sis. Mergl), Bro. Vrzalik (representing Bro. Mergl), Eastern District Directors; Sis. Satek, 1st Assistant ASO Women's Directors, Sis. Harlan, 2nd Assistant ASO Women's Director, Bro. Harlan, 1st Assistant ASO Men's Director, Bro. Michalek, 2nd Assistant ASO Men's Director, Sis. Malina, Secretary.

GUESTS AND BOI MEMBERS:

Bro. Gary Masek, President, Western District and 2nd Vice-President American Sokol Organization, Bro. E. Halik, Honorary ASO BOI Director, Sis. A. Halik, Merit Award Chairman, Bro. E. Schnabl, Central District, Sis. Jan Kalat, ASO BOI Statistician, Bro. Chuck Kalat, ASO BOI Member, Bro. Jerry Milan, ASO By-Laws Chairman, Bro. M. Dalton, Sokol So. Omaha, Sis. Marie Ptacek, Honorary ASO BOI Director and ASO BOI Member.

Bro. Ptacek and Sis. Pistorius addressed the Conference welcoming all members and guests. All delegates and guests were requested to rise and introduce themselves.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORT

As per motion passed at the last Conference, yearly reports were submitted to ASO office 3 weeks prior to Conference and copies were mailed to all Directors in order to save time in reading individual reports. General comments, questions and answers by Districts followed.

Southern District: Directors: Sis. S. Laznovsky and Bro. R. Milan — USGF insurance coverage at Southern District units was discussed, also the necessity for at least one instructor in each unit being USGF safety certified (those holding certification must be re-tested every four years). Certification is becoming increasingly important and will soon become mandatory in order to be eligible for USGF insurance. Bro. Milan suggested that, although costly, it would be advantageous for each gymnast to pay the cost of individual USGF membership insurance in addition to the regular unit

dues. Discussion regarding USGF sanctioned events. Br. Benak clarified as follows: 1. Sanction form required — cost \$20.00. 2. All judges must be USGF rated. 3. Every gymnast must be a registered gymnast. Also discussed was the success the Southern District has in obtaining services of USGF judges at no charge. Br. Milan suggested one way to obtain voluntary services for Sokol District Competitions would be a letter to USGF Judges requesting donation of services and outlining the contribution of the American Sokol to the sport of gymnastics.

Also mentioned was the distinguished service awards presented to Bro. Jerry Milan, Bro. Emil Milan, also Sis. Norma Zabka at the recent USGF Congress of Coaches held in St. Louis.

Western District: Directors: Sis. J. Dalton and Bro. B. Benak — Discussed lack of reports from some units. Commented on was Sokol Crete's success at the Sokol USA Slet in winning a large number of trophies.

Status of Sokol Cedar Rapids and Minnesota was discussed briefly. Discussed problem of declining enrollments at Sokol Omaha.

Northeastern District: Directors: Sis. M. Fiordelis & Br. R. Martanovic — Discussed the 1989 Slet Folk Dance prepared by Sis. Dolly Baca. The number has already been performed in the NE District and all Districts are looking forward to learning the dance. Discussion of the DTJ and what difference and relation it has to the ASO and DA Sokols. N.E. District hand balancing performances were discussed.

Central District: Directors: Bro. Satek & Sis. Schnabl (representing Sis. Satek) — Sis. Laznovsky advised Central District that combination Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastic USGF membership is available.

Discussion on inability of Central District to perform at Chicago Sting soccer games last year.

Question presented and discussion held regarding the numerous inactive units in Central District, their function and status in the organization. Sis. Dalton expressed interest in the recent Central District Unit Presidents Conference and was advised that it is run in a similar fashion to the District Directors Conference.

Discussion on the cost of computer tabulating at Central District competitions — \$300 for girls and \$250 for boys. This year combined boys and girls competition is being planned thus eliminating the cost of separate computer services.

Bro. John Satek has tendered his resignation as Central District Director and Bro. Dave Harlan has been elected as his replacement.

Pacific District: Directors: Sis. C. Riddle & Bro. M. Prochazka — Pacific District were commended for their success in maintaining classes and for the Skills Improvement Clinic held in San Francisco this summer. In response to Br. Liska's repeated request for an Instructors Handbook, Sis. Pistorius was very happy to inform the Pacific District that

his fondest wish has at last been realized. Br. Michalek has compiled the material (ableit in rough draft), and this will be discussed in detail when the subject appears on the Agenda.

Eastern District: Directors: Br. & Sis. Mergle (represented by Sis. A. Benda and Bro. J. Vrzalik) — Report was turned in at the Conference and Sis. Benda read same for the benefit of the delegation. No District functions were held and only a few unit reports were given. Serious problem exists in the Eastern District and this discussion will be tabled until later in the Conference. Events are being planned and hopefully will start a trend for increased activity in the units.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report from Br. Paul Lebloch, Chairman, was read by Sis. Malina. Committee members: Sis. A. Schabowski, Librarian, Sis. N. Borvansky, Secretary, Sis. J. Curran, Sis. B. Kos, Bro. S. Barcal, Bro. F. Kala, Bro. J. Rabas and Bro. V. Zenisek. Library and archives continue to grow with donations from Sokol members and friends. Dr. Miroslav Tyrš's "Sokol Task, Aim and Goal" as published by Sokol USA will be reprinted in our publication in five parts.

Bro. and Sis. Milan of Southern District and Sis. Schabowski of Central District, when visiting an Olympic Museum in Lousanne, came across an award presented to the Sokols of Bohemia in 1910 by the International Olympic Committee. At present the Educational Committee is researching this information.

With regard to Br. Lebloch's mention of Br. Rome Milan's taping our Video Library, Br. Milan clarified this statement, informing the board that he is not video-taping our film library, but he has sent a list of tapes, films and slides which he has compiled and which are available. Introduced for discussion was the status of last year's motion to request the Educational Committee to publish Bro. Peter Dusek's Thesis. It was the Committee's decision that the manuscript was too large with many parts not related to Sokol, therefore, no decision was forthcoming.

M — Motion by Sis. Schnabl to contact Bro. Peter Dusek asking him for permission and assistance in editing his Thesis for publication. Also advise the Educational Committee that we want Bro. Dusek's manuscript published with his permission and assistance in editing for publication. Seconded by Bro. Michalek. Motion passed.

Bro. Benak introduced Bro. Fickenscher, Sokol members and computer expert who will confer with Br. Kalat in setting up programs for computer tabulating at the 1989 Slet.

Before taking a break, Sis. Pistorius requested a brief meeting with women delegates in order to present to them a proposed new women's uniform. The uniform was displayed and tried on and delegates were requested to take this back to their Districts for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M. in order to have an escorted tour of Holiday Inn-Central facilities which will handle the 1989 ASO Slet competitions, official headquarters and housing. After tour and dinner break, meeting will resume.

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Meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M.

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committee report presented by Sis. Anne Halik, Chairman. Committee Members: S. Pistorius, P. Lebloch, M. Ptacek, R. Ptacek, S. Fischer. Committee decision made to separate application form, one page to be returned to Award Committee and one to be retained by applicant. The part retained will serve as reminder to applicants of terms and requirements.

All grade transcripts for 1985/86 have been received. There are three outstanding transcripts for 1986/87, and registered letters requesting transcripts have been mailed to these award recipients. Discussion held regarding allocation of Merit Awards to Districts. The matter will be looked into.

M — Motion by Sis. Dalton to put a due date on the application form for the Merit Award. Seconded by Sis. Fiordelis. Motion passed.

SOKOL GYMNAST REPORT:

Br. Michalek, Gymnast Editor reported on the results of a survey taken among District Directors at the last conference: 1. Majority felt the number of pages was not enough. 2. Size of the print was adequate and the quality of photograph reproduction was adequate, but in some instances very dark. 3. Consensus of group that subject matter should primarily be gymnastics with a variety of other activities included. 4. Unanimously agreed that instructional material be included for all levels. 5. Unanimously agreed the announcements of clinics, convention, seminars, workshops, etc. are valuable and should be continued. 6. Utilization of articles from International Gymnast, USGF, USAIGC and others should be a priority item. 7. Calendar of events at the beginning of the year was suggested. Other requests were for articles on proper technical execution of compulsory routines, what judges should look for, execution faults that would result in deductions. What is virtuosity and how it is to be rewarded. Skill progressions for Tots and how to prepare beginners for their first competition.

M — Motion by Br. Satek to increase allotment of pages for the Gymnast to 8 per month. Seconded by Sis. Dalton. Motion passed.

Br. Michalek advised that generally the original copy submitted to printer is on 8-1/2"x11" sheets and then this must be reset to fit the publication size which is 7 1/2"x10 1/2". If the publication were to be enlarged to 8 1/2"x11", similar to CSA publication, this would eliminate the necessity for resetting some of the copy.

M — Motion by Br. Satek to change size of ASO publication to 8 1/2"x11". Seconded by Br. Benak. Motion passed.

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schedule of events was distributed for consideration. Recommended by this board that a professional PR person be hired to promote our 1989 Slet. Discussion of Slet lasted until 1:30 a.m. We were gratified that Western District took this time to give us pertinent details which the directors can take back to their units. Much thought and effort being put forth to make the 1989 ASO Slet successful. Recommended that Sis. Norma Zabka be retained as our representative to the USGF and Bro. Jerry Hardy, retained as representative to AAU. Sunday morning session: Began with discussion of the Sokol manual. Slovak Slet is over, Bro. Banjak can begin in earnest the completion of the manual. At previous conference, Bro. Frank Michalek volunteered to compile the Instructor's Handbook from written material available from the National School Board. Handbook was presented in very rough draft and three copies made available. Additional copies will be made so each district will have a copy, by September 1st, 1988, all additional suggestions be submitted to the ASO BOI. Next District Director's Conference to be held in the Eastern District. Requested that all Slet material be mailed out by September 1st, 1988, in one Slet binder. Slovak Slet was discussed, several comments re: opening ceremonies and competition activities. Bro. Jerry Milan reported on Sokol participation in the Gymnastrada. A video of same was presented to the ASO BOI and viewed. Strongly recommended that Sokols participate in the next Gymnastrada to be held in Amsterdam, 1991. To get more participants, start planning now by looking into some type of sponsorship. Southern District's efforts were very successful, copies of solicitation letters to be distributed to districts for their consideration. Again the need for fund raisers is becoming more evident. Bro. Milan requested that Bro. Joe Vrzalik and Sis. Conlon, Eastern District, be reimbursed the \$184.00 for participating in the Gymnastrada as were other performers. Are unable to do this, fund has been dissolved after money was divided equally among those going, these two individuals were listed as spectators not participants on the roster. Secretary will write letter informing them of the problem we have in making this payment. Montreal Slet will be held on June 24-26, 1988. Same calisthenics and apparatus routines will be used as in the Slovak Slet, 1987. The Canadian Sokols will be sending out additional information. During morning break, a video on Bro. Jim Hartung Day from Omaha, was viewed. Session resumed with discussion of new business and general suggestions. Suggested to have on hand for purchase a District Directors' pin. It is felt necessary that each unit have a certified instructor. Bro. Milan advised, this could be done on a unit or district level, using the safety certification material available through USGF. To work more closely with other gymnastic groups, was recommended that we invite all Sokol guest organizations to our next District Directors' Conference. Sis.

Audrey Benda representing the Eastern District, requested time to tell us of the situation in Little Ferry. It was recommended that the Executive Board pursue and give aid in preserving their unit. Need for raising funds, hire a full time professional, this should be on the agenda for the next convention. ASO Directors and 1st and 2nd assistants attend the USGF Congress regardless of where it is held. More and more Sokols are becoming involved and this necessitates that our leadership be in attendance. Bro. Ptacek sincerely thanked the Western District for their hospitality and excellent job done so far in formulating the plans of the 1989 Slet. Meeting adjourned with the singing of "God Bless America".

1989 SLET (additional information): Lease to be signed by the Slet chairmen. \$100,000 liability insurance will be needed. \$1,600 includes everything except spotlights. Everyone received a copy of the August Slet meeting minutes. Gave a report on the meeting with a PR person, very comprehensive. We will have competition that Slet weekend against the art festival in Omaha. Long discussion on the PR project. Approval to hire a PR person for the Slet. Discretion must be used; if people are not on the practice field they should not be allowed on the field for the Slet. Budget: could not find the cost of the stationery on the Slet budget. It is always one of the first items we pay for. Bus for the District Director's Conference to view Slet sites should be paid from the Slet fund, \$52.00. (Check, the stationery is there on the budget). Spoke about the abundance of space for eating for gymnasts in the hotel. Presented a tape from Jim Hartung Day for our library. Artifax can be moved from the office to the Slet area. This report given by Bro. Gary Masek.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN — Bro. Fred Kala: Questioned what is happening at Sokol Wilber. They have 54 members, over 30 are "free" members because they are 50 or over year members. This is a very cultural area, should be used to their advantage. It is important to keep abreast of what is happening in all our units!

EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN — Bro. Paul Lebloch: Letter received regarding sale of large picture of Prague suitable for a large hall. Copy of letter sent to Sokol Greater Cleveland, Fort Worth and South Omaha. If any other units are interested we will send a copy of the letter to them. Bro. Stanley Barcal will review Bro. J. Rudis Jucinsky's translation of Tyrš' "Historical Sketch and Introduction to the Foundation of Gymnastics" published in 1914 by the National Sokol Union. If it has value for our present membership, we will request that it be published again. Bro. V. Zenisek will go through Bro. Prchal's papers and separate Sokol and non-Sokol related papers. Bro. J. Milan supplied fund raising letter and FIG Gymnastrada brochure used by Sokol Fort Worth to raise funds for the trip. I'm turning over copy to Executive Board for fund raising ideas. Catalogue of special

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ASO FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 1987

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 1,584.00
T. G. Masaryk Dues	10.00
Convention Fund	1,378.00
Special Assessment	679.00
Dividends & Interest	169.12
Advertising in "American Sokol"	150.00
Resale of Jewelry	7.00
U.P.S.	2.59
Postage	1.24
Skills Patches	43.00
Novice Bars	13.50
Christmas Seals	972.00
Christmas Party	42.00
Membership kits	36.00
"Highlights of Czech History"	4.50
"Gymnastics Activities"	6.00
Donation from Sokol Camp Association	500.00
Miscellaneous	50.40
	\$ 5,648.35
A.S.O. Uniform Division - Rent, Salaries, etc.	800.77
Total Receipts	\$ 6,449.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Salaries - Office Employees	\$ 840.04
Salaries - Membership	171.00
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. - November, 1987	229.26
Rent, Janitor Services, Phone & Electric	972.69
Office Supplies	44.00
Postage	29.51
Subscription to Hlasatel	72.00
Add'l. premium - Fire Insurance	19.00
Advertising	82.50
Miscellaneous	592.75
	\$ 3,045.75

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

Salaries	\$ 402.72
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. - November, 1987	143.78
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" - December, 1987	30.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast"	58.00
Travel Expense	222.95
USGF Dues - 1987-88	200.00
	\$ 1,057.45

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 148.08
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. - November, 1987	33.32
	\$ 216.73

SOKOL PUBLICATION

Printing "American Sokol" - December, 1987	\$ 989.04
Postage "American Sokol" - December, 1987	567.70
Editor "American Sokol" - December, 1987	125.00
Salaries - Computer (Mailing Publication)	148.50
	\$ 1,830.24

MISCELLANEOUS

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., Nov. 1987, F.W.T., Nov. 1987, & phone	\$ 378.99
	\$ 378.99
Total Disbursements	\$ 378.99
Balance brought forward:	
Affiliated Bank/Western National - Checking Acct.	\$ 605.59
Receipts - December, 1987	6,449.12
	\$ 7,054.71
Disbursements - December, 1987	6,493.83
	\$ 560.88

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commemorative sport pins turned over to the Slet committee for possible use. Seventeen Sokol related books received from Sis. Zdenka Kovar. Sis. Sevcu donated Sokol belt and Sokol emblem, buckle and book, "Prague in Photographs" by Karl Plicka. Educational committee is in need of someone willing to translate articles from Czech to English, any recommendations will be appreciated.

PUBLICITY — CZECH — Bro. Jerry Rabas: Absent, no report.

PUBLICITY — ENGLISH — Sis. Linda Filleppo: Absent, no report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY — Sis. Mildred Pinc: Financial report for October, 1987, was made and distributed to Executive Board members. Paid all conference bills received from the District Directors'. Third quarter records were audited and found in good order. Transferred \$1,200.00 from Future Sokol Leaders' Fund to our checking account for the six Merit Awards. Donations to the Future Sokol Leaders' Fund and the Library/Archives Fund were read.

TREASURER — Bro. Robert Barcal: Reconciled checks and bank statements, everything found to be in good order. Other reports can not be done because we have run into a few problems on the computer. Still waiting for corrections to come through. Seem to be having the most trouble with the general ledger. Metafile software is not giving us

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the service we require. Approval given to check with another source about doing the general ledger.

EDITOR — **Sis. Lynda Flipello:** Absent, no report.

SECRETARY — **Sis. Jackie M. Kourim:** Christmas seals is the big project now. Received 700 donations thus far averaging \$7.50 per donation. \$5,000 collected so far, all of it used to help pay general bills. Keeping up with the "regular" secretarial duties.

II. VICE-PRESIDENT — **Bro. Gary Masek:** Attended the District Director's Conference in Omaha. Spent a few weeks visiting in Czechoslovakia.

I. VICE-PRESIDENT — **Bro. Charles Borvansky:** Compiled the report on Little Ferry for this meeting.

PRESIDENT — **Bro. George C. Basta:** Attended Sokol Zizka's 75th anniversary, November 1st, in

Dallas. Caught up on all the news from Texas! November 15th, installed officers at Central District meeting. Received many phone calls and working with Metafile to correct our problems.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS: Tentative dates were discussed for the President's conference. The month of April will be designated, but no date was set. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Jackie M. Kourim, Secretary

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