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## From Your Editor...

Our organization's highest authority, our Convention, will be upon us soon. Important deliberations concerning our future will take place by your duly elected representatives. Give them your support and most importantly, your input. We want and need everyone's opinion. May the holidays find you close to family and friends.

(Hi Mario!)

### NA ZDAR!

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

#### DECEMBER

- 4 Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky  
St. Nick's Dance
- 10 Sokol New York Children's  
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- 11 Sokol Stickney Spaghetti  
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Christmas Party

#### DECEMBER

- 31 New Year's Eve Parties at  
Sokol Detroit, Sokol New York

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- 16 Parent/Child Pyramid/Stunt  
Clinic with TNT Team at  
Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky
- 16 Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky  
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- 29 United Sokols of the East  
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**ASO CONVENTION  
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from Bro. Jerry Milan, A.S.O. Educational Director

*"Everyone must row with the oars he has."*

~ ENGLISH PROVERB

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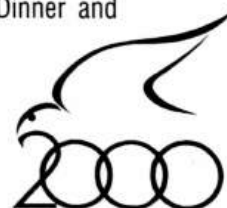
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- 7/4 Depart for Ceske Budejovice, stopping at Pilsen, Pisek and Lomek. Dinner and overnight at the Zvon Hotel in Ceske Budejovice.
- 7/5 Visit Budvar Brewery, Hluboka Castle and Cesky Krumlov. Dinner and overnight at the Zvon Hotel in Ceske Budejovice.
- 7/6 Depart for southern Moravia, visiting Jindrichuv Hradec and Slavonice. Dinner and overnight at Zerotin Hotel in Velke Bilovice.
- 7/7 Full day touring in south Moravia, visiting Lednice Chateau and Slavkov (Austerlitz) and other important places. Dinner at a famous wine cellar and overnight at Zerotin Hotel in Velke Bilovice.
- 7/8 Depart for Slovakia via Uhersky Brod, Trencin, Zilina and Ruzonberok. Dinner and overnight at Grand Praha Hotel in Tatranska Lominca.
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- 7/10 Depart for the Czech Republic. Overnight in Roznov pod Radhostem and visit the Skansen. Dinner and overnight at Eroplan in Roznov pod Radhostem.
- 7/11 Depart for Prague. Farewell dinner and overnight at the Movenpick Hotel.
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# CASTLE GARDEN SERVED AS FIRST IMMIGRATION DEPOT

*By James M. Powles, Capper's, 1/13/98*

During the 19th and the first part of the 20th centuries, the main U.S. port of entry for immigrants was New York City. Its principle immigration facility - and the most famous - was Ellis Island, which today is a museum and monument to the millions of immigrants who came to start a new life in America. However, when asked where they came through to America, many immigrants would reply, "The Castle Garden."

Why Castle Garden? Because Castle Garden, at the foot of Manhattan Island, served the Port of New York as the first immigration depot in the United States from 1855 to 1890. During its 35 years of operation, more than 8 million immigrants passed through.

Castle Garden was a stone fortification built between 1808 and 1811 as a result of the growing tension between Great Britain and the United States. During the War of 1812, the fort served as one of the city's defenses, but it never fired a shot in anger. In 1817, it was named Castle Clinton, in honor of DeWitt Clinton, mayor of New York. In the early 1820's, the army vacated the fort and it was deeded to the city. The fort was changed into a theater and amusement complex and opened July 3, 1824, as

Castle Garden. It soon became a popular place of entertainment for New Yorkers. It boasted the world's largest hall, in which many dignitaries were honored and famous entertainers performed.

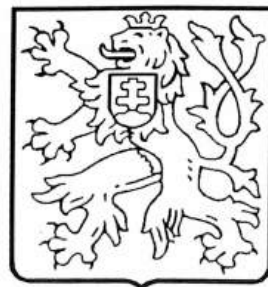
On August 3, 1855, Castle Garden was taken over by the state as an immigration station, despite the protests of the local populace. Castle Garden offered the immigrants train ticket windows, a currency exchange, contacts for jobs, lodging arrangements and contacts with various ethnic and charitable organizations - services which had not been offered before. However, the exhausting trip to America, language difficulties and the fear and excitement of new surroundings contributed to making the immigrants vulnerable to the unscrupulous. Corruption problems arose, as many of the immigrants were preyed upon by the station's personnel, as well as outsiders.

Castle Garden had other problems, too. With the ever-increasing number of immigrants, the station soon became overcrowded. Because of the limited space, the station's hospital was located some distance away, on Ward's Island in the East River. The station's location also made it difficult to transport immigrants to the

railroad terminals in Manhattan and New Jersey.

The federal government took over control of Castle Garden in 1882, but supervision of the facility remained with the state and the problems persisted. Realizing that a larger and more efficient station was needed, government officials began searching for a new site. Ellis Island was chosen and a new immigration station opened January 1, 1892. It incorporated many of the hard lessons learned at Castle Garden. The new facility afforded the immigrants protection and fairer treatment.

Castle Garden was closed April 18, 1890 and the immigration station was moved nearby to the Barge Office in Battery Park during the interim. Castle Garden reopened in December 1896 as the New York City Aquarium and was a popular tourist attraction until the aquarium closed in 1941. Today, Castle Garden is preserved as the Castle Clinton National Monument, a harbor fort and museum, which features, among its displays, several dioramas of lower Manhattan.



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# MEMBER IN SIGHT

*By Sis. Joan Curran  
ASO Membership Chairman*

It seems like classes just started and already we're looking toward the holiday season and the "BIG ONE" – 2000!

Since Sokol was founded, it has been faced with many trials and tribulations, but also historical moments. We cannot depend on our history to carry us through the next 100 years.

The millennium can be a catalyst for Sokol, but we must go beyond keeping up with the times; we need to project further into our future and to include in our goals the assistance of all Sokol generations.

We try to keep the younger Sokols interested through various events. A forum of our young people will tell us what they think about the future of Sokol. It has already been put into action by the Central District. The younger generation is computer literate up with the times and chooses to look to the future, not the past. They have the Sokol spirit and are working on Sokol discipline. We cannot deny them. They are our future. We also indeed desire

and require all of our Seniors' knowledge, integrity and teachings. Teamwork has always been our goal.

Tyr had a vision. If he were here today, he would have a laptop computer, his own website and a great back-up system – US!

Somehow, we have to take his teachings, make a new mold, form it and shape it into a desirable package for the masses. With an open mind and heart, we can find new pathways to keep Sokol alive. Basically, we're a family-oriented organization. A very desirable place to be. The professionals tell us we have to get back to the basics of "family life" and what better way to do this than to be a member of the American Sokol Organization.

All ideas are welcome! We need the feedback from our members.

I extend best wishes and good health to all my Sokol Brothers and Sisters and their families in the year 2000.

NA ZDAR!

## STRAHOV PLANS SCRAPPED

*Reprinted from the Prague Post*

The Czech Football Association (CMFS) has reconsidered its initial intention to build a new national soccer stadium on the field of Strahov stadium. CMFS Vice-Chairman Jan Obst said September 28 that following pressure from architects, who considered the large stadium a historical monument, the new 52,000-capacity stadium should be built at the current Evzen Rosicky Stadium, also on Strahov hill.

## Congratulations...

...to Tom Necasek (*Sokol Greater Cleveland*) who successfully completed Basic Combat Training in Ft. Knox, KY. He was one of six graduates who was specially honored. Tom received the Gauntlet Award for scoring Expert in basic rifle and grenade marksmanship and 250 or above on the Army Physical Fitness Test. He completed additional training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, and is currently stationed in Korea. Tom's mom, Zdenka, attributes his success to his involvement and upbringing in Sokol.

*~Submitted by Bro. Howie Wise*

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION



# GYMNAST



Editor: Chuck Kalat -- 2401 Bluebonnet Dr., Richardson, Texas 75082



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and  
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for a  
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from the  
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# 1998-99 Annual Report of the American Sokol Board of Instructors

## 1999 Sokol USA Slet in Cleveland, Ohio

- ◆ Once again, the American Sokol had the largest contingent at the Slet, with all districts represented. In general, the Slet activities ran pretty well. We can all be proud of the participation and performance of the American Sokol units and their leadership.

## National Instructors Courses

- ◆ The 1999 ASO National Instructors Course (July 19 - August 2) was conducted in Omaha, Nebraska (hosted by the Western District at Sokol South Omaha) with 45 students attending (slightly more than the last few courses conducted in Omaha). I attended the course as an observer. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced curriculum were presented following the standardized instructors course curriculum established by the National School Board. Bro. Bud Benak directed the course. Once again, in order to keep registration fees as low as possible, the National Executive Board agreed to apply the \$2000 subsidy in the 1995-2000 BOI budget. In addition, at the recommendation of the BOI, the National Executive Board also agreed to allocate an additional \$3000 from the Future Sokol Leaders Fund as was done in 1998. As a result of these subsidies, course registration fee was lowered to \$200 (normally \$275+). Perhaps this lower fee has been the catalyst in generating the increased participation experienced the last two years.

## School Board

- ◆ A Copyright for the Instructors Course Guidelines Manual was applied for and received.

## National Programs

### ◆ Instructor / Director Development

- ◆ Patti Komara Tapes – The BOI continues to make available the 35 tape set of Patti Komara's instructional video tape lectures (with written text) to Sokol units at reproduction/shipping cost only. With increased exposure in the Directors Newsletter on a monthly basis, a few more units are beginning to take advantage of this tremendous training tool.
- ◆ Directors Newsletter – this monthly publication, sent free of charge to all unit/district directors and other interested individuals on a subscription bases, continues to carry informative, technical articles regarding leadership and coaching techniques / information to aid in the development of our unit/district directors and the instructor staffs.
- ◆ Instructors Digest – the inaugural edition of this publication was a 78 page collection of articles that originally appeared in the *Cvicitel* and *Sokol* publications of the COS. The articles were translated by Bro. Jiri Liska and edited by Bro. & Sis. Kalat. A copy of the *Instructors Digest Volume I* was distributed free of charge to all units and districts.

### ◆ Birthday Ribbons

- ◆ A standard Sokol Birthday Ribbon is available from the National Office for use in individual unit classes. Few units are currently utilizing these ribbons.

### ◆ Seniors In Motion

- ◆ Text and Video materials for two modules (Exercises and Line Dancing) have been available from the national office for the past couple years. Based on purchases of the program materials, very few units utilize this program and NO new units took advantage of this program this year.

### ◆ Folk Dance

- ◆ The program to date provides written, audio, and video materials to help use folk dancing as an in-class activity. Based on purchase of program materials very few units seem to be utilizing this program also. Again, NO new units took advantage of this program this year.

### ◆ Gymnastic Skills

- ◆ The Tots, Girls, and Boys Gymnastic Skills programs are used by the same small number of units that have continued to use it over the last number of years. All these programs have undergone review and modification. In order to try to jump-start these programs, the National BOI has designated December, 1999 as National Skills Month and is providing skills materials and special participation awards to all units free of charge.

## 1998-99 Annual Report of the American Sokol Board of Instructors

- ◆ **Judging Certification**
  - ◆ Womens Artistic - The womens artistic judges certification program was utilized extensively prior to the 1997 Slet. Major program review and update continues.
  - ◆ Rhythmic - This was a new program instituted last year. NO new certifications occurred this year. The rhythmic judges certification program was applied in a few instances.
  - ◆ Mens Artistic - This certification program just became available in 1997. NO new certifications occurred this year.
- ◆ **Aerobic Program**
  - ◆ Based on program materials purchased, very few units are using this program introduced in 1997.
- ◆ **Beginner Ballet Program**
  - ◆ This also is a relatively new program. Like the other ASO programs it has seen little application within our units. NO new units took advantage of this program this year.
- ◆ **Basic Volleyball Skills Program**
  - ◆ This is the newest national program. There have been very few requests for these materials.

### **Prague 2000 Slet**

- ◆ A Prague 2000 Slet Calisthenics Workshop was conducted following the Sokol USA Slet in Cleveland. Due to the efforts of members of Sokol Greater Cleveland, this workshop lead by the calisthenics authors and attended by 44 willing participants proved very successful.
- ◆ Calisthenics text, music and video tape have been distributed to all districts for distribution to units.
- ◆ There seems to be substantial interest throughout the country to attend this Slet.

### **2001 American Sokol Slet**

- ◆ The calisthenics review committee has reviewed submissions from the prospective authors and has chosen the 1993 Slet calisthenics for children, a composition by Pat Satek and Tom Pajer for Junior Girls & Boys, a composition by Mary Panackia for Women, a composition by Bud Benak for men, and a composition by Ed and EllenJeanne Schnabl for Senior Coed II.
- ◆ Recommendations for girls, junior girls, and women routines have been distributed for review by district directors and other National BOI members.
- ◆ Recommendations for rhythmic routines have been distributed for review by district directors and other National BOI members.
- ◆ The BOI has been monitoring Slet Committee activity through the Slet Committee meeting minutes. A review of potential Slet activity venues is planned for the October, 1999 Directors Conference in Detroit.

### **Miscellaneous**

- ◆ The Merit Award program is not really a BOI program but is administered by the BOI on behalf of the organization. Six individuals received the \$500 awards this season. Unfortunately, there were only 7 applicants. We need to try and figure out how to better encourage students to apply; in particular, those applicants who do not receive an award with their initial application do not seem to reapply in succeeding years.
- ◆ Through research of old records, a complete list of merit award winners since the program began has been compiled.
- ◆ Congratulations are extended to Sokol Greater Cleveland on the construction of their new gymnasium adjacent to Bohemian National Hall. Opening is planned for November, 1999.

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**December is American Sokol National Skills Month  
Plan to Participate**

# INTERNATIONAL CAMP IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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**SWIMMING, GYMNASTICS, EXERCISE**

**LEARNING THRU EXPERIENCE**

**MOTIVATION - FITNESS - LEADERSHIP**

**TOURING CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Sokol Organization and the American Sokol Organization invite you to participate in the World Sokol Federation's International Youth Camp in the Czech Republic. Four (4) individuals (2 Junior Girls and 2 Junior Boys) will be selected along with one instructor to experience this international event. The camp will last 2 weeks (14 days) beginning July 5, 2000. Current plans for this program call for the participants to spend 7-8 days in a tent camp and the remainder of the time traveling around the country. The participants will be taken to some of the most famous sites in the Czech Republic (natural regions, historical monuments, towns, nature preserves, etc.). Accommodations while traveling will be in Sokol Halls; travel will be by bus. Supervision will be provided at all times. Language should not present a problem.

## ADVENTURE

General Physical Fitness - Gymnastics - Swimming - Exercises  
Instruction in Camping Techniques

Living with Nature

## TOURING THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Historical Sites - Towns

Nature Preserves

## EDUCATION

Basic Health Care - First Aid Training

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If interested, contact the American Sokol National Board of Instructors Secretary at the National Office for an application and information: Fran Malina, c/o American Sokol, 6424 W. Cermak Road, Berwyn, IL 60402. Phone: 708-795-6671; FAX: 708-795-0539; Email: [asosokol@mcs.com](mailto:asosokol@mcs.com).

Deadline for requesting an application is January 1, 2000

Application deadline is February 1, 2000.

# SOKOL FORT WORTH SUFFERS SEVERE STORM DAMAGE

On Thursday, August 19, 1999, at about 5:15 p.m., with a beautiful typical Texas day of sunshine and a temperature of about 103°, out of nowhere comes a black wallcloud of wind and water. It must have been "windshear" or a small tornado. The wind was almost blowing storefront windows in.

Sis. Jeanie Mason, Sokol Fort Worth Treasurer, her granddaughter, Emily and instructor Bro. Jody Steinman, were at the gym early, anticipating 6:00 classes. All of a sudden, the roof and the air conditioners

started ripping off the top of the building. Two of the diffusers fell into the gym. At this time, the building caretakers came running to the front door, soaked to the bone. They live in a mobile home on the property and decided to leave it when the metal patio covered roof was torn from the ground and two large trees split and fell on the back deck of the

trailer. It took all four adults to get the door to the gym open because of the pressure. It took only a minute for all five people to squeeze into the kitchen pantry.

Luckily, no one was injured. However, about 60% of the gym roof was torn off to the the concrete "tees" and there was about 60% damage to the lower roofs on the club room and



museum sides of the building. All 6 air conditioners were destroyed on top of the gym (see photo) and two others damaged. Security lights were ripped to the ground. Water poured into the building, ruining most of the acoustical ceiling tiles, damaging part of the floor exercise mat and dropping gravel to the floor. Many trees and branches were also lost.

As quickly as it came, it was gone; about 30 minutes total. Bro. Jody climbed to the top to assay the damage to find broken gas pipes to the heaters on the roof spewing gas. Down he went to turn off all the gas. There was no electricity when many members arrived to help with the clean-up. The floor was mopped and cleaned, apparatus taken down and moved to the dry part of the

gym Tarps were put over the holes where the air conditioners and skylights had been. Early the next morning, the insurance adjuster was there and the roofing and mechanical contractors arrived

with their crews to begin work. They worked Friday and the weekend until a new roof with six new air conditioners were in place. Classes were canceled (except for the Seniors) for the next week. Work has continued and hopefully all will be better than ever soon.

Na Zdar! Bro. Jerry B. Milan

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## MEMORIAM Sis. Ludmila Formanek

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Sokol Belcamp mourns the recent loss of charter member Sis. Ludmila L. Formanek. Sis. Formanek was born in Czechoslovakia, July 3, 1919, and came to the United States after the Nazi invasion. She was an accomplished violinist and artist. She was a member of the Harford Artists' Association as well as the Knights' Ladies. Sis. Formanek was predeceased by her husband Sidney and is survived by her sons Sidney and James and their families. The members of Sokol Belcamp, as well as the American Sokol Organization extend their sincere sympathy.

## PRAGUE SLET 2000

The European Union has named Prague "The Culture City 2000." Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The Czech Sokol Organization (COS) is preparing the XIII All-Sokol Slet as part of "Days of Sport and Culture 2000." These Slets have been highly regarded by the International Olympic Committee and the world organization UNESCO. Many cultural and athletic contests and exhibitions are being planned; the highlights will be:

### Friday June 30

The Slet opening in the National Theater and "Gala Praha" (gymnastic special numbers and cultural performances) in Prague's Sport Hall.

### Saturday, July 1

3:00 PM - The first Slet performance. 8:30 PM - Slet performance and cultural program under lights.

### Sunday, July 2

9:00 AM - Parade through historic Prague ending in Old Town Square. This will feature thousands of gymnasts, uniforms, national costumes and musical groups - not to be missed! 3:00 PM - Final Slet performance. 8:00 PM - Gala Farewell Ball in the historic Sokol Prazsky, the first Sokol unit and first Sokol hall. Semi-formal dresswear or Sokol parade uniform recommended.

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, June 28. Tentative competition venues are:

### Thursday, June 29

Finals for all categories of sport gymnastics at Tyrsuv Dum. Finals for Junior Boys' Basketball, Junior Boys'/Girls' volleyball and table tennis at Sokol Kralovske Vinohrady. Men's and Women's volleyball at Sokol Nusle.

### Friday, June 30

Boys' athletics (four disciplines) at Strahov Stadium. Sport and modern gymnastics, acrobatic rock 'n roll, Euro team (special numbers), aerobics, Olympic rope climb and international competition of

gymnastic veterans at Tyrsuv Dum.

### SLET CULTURAL EVENTS

**June 22** - Literature and music dedicated to Sokol at Lichtenstein Palace.

**June 24** - Finals of Sokol puppet theater group competition at Sokol Jinonice.

**June 29** - Program of Sokol choral groups at Church of St. Kliment, 3:30 PM. Sokol and folklore exhibition of Sokol folk dance groups and their guests at Palace Adril, 7:30 PM.

**July 1** - Folk dance groups from the Czech Republic at Vystaviste Fair Grounds, 7:30 PM.

Various Prague Sokol units will sponsor dances and socials featuring modern and folk music.

### SLET EXHIBITS

Repeat of 1895 exhibit of Czech and Slovak Folk Culture at Vystaviste Fair Grounds, Industrial Palace.

Exhibit of artworks dedicated to Sokol at Lobkovicky Palace in the castle grounds - not to be missed!

"Sokol Today and Tomorrow" Exhibit at the National Museum of Physical Culture and Sport in Tyrsuv Dum.

Exhibit of Camping/Tourism at Tyrsuv Dum.

International Sports Symposium - "Sports for All," June 26-27 at Tyrsuv Dum.

Tyrsuv Dum is undergoing renovation and should be ready to great and make proud Sokols from all over the world. In addition to Slet events, many other cultural events and exhibits will take place as part of "Prague - The Culture City 2000."

The American Sokol Organization tours to the Slet have been finalized and brochures are being mailed. We are proud to announce that we have secured rooms in the new, modern Movenpick Hotel

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# AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION XVII GENERAL CONVENTION

## APRIL 25-30, 2000

### Tentative Convention Schedule

Date	Event	Venue
Tues., April 25	BOI & By-Law Committee	Sokol Omaha
Wed., April 26	BOI & By-Law Committee	Sokol Omaha
	Board of Governors	Harvey's Hotel
Thurs., April 27	Ice Breaker Social	Sokol Omaha
	BOI & By-Law Committee	Sokol Omaha
	Educational Directors	Sokol Omaha
	Rules & Order	Sokol Omaha
	Credentials	Sokol Omaha & Hotel
Fri., April 28	Convention General Session	Sokol Omaha
	Convention General Session	Sokol Omaha
	Banquet & Dance	Sokol South Omaha
Sat., April 29	Convention General Session	Sokol Omaha
Sun., April 30	Convention General Session	Sokol Omaha

## PRAGUE SLET 2000 *(continued)*

bordering the historical city center in Prague. The Movenpick is a whimsical hotel with two restaurants, cafe, bar, fitness center and large underground garage. It has a cable car that connects its two buildings. The cable car and terraces offer an exquisite atmosphere with an exciting view over the golden city of Prague. The hotel is near the Andel Metro Station, where shuttles will be available to take Slet participants and spectators to the stadium for rehearsals and Slet performances. The Movenpick Hotel will be the American Sokol Organization Slet headquarters. We will have a desk with Slet information and opportunities to sign up for optional tours.

There is great interest in this Slet not only in the Sokol communities in the Czech Republic and abroad, but also in various sport societies worldwide. It is recommended that you book early to insure that you will be a part of this exciting event in the year 2000. See ASO Tour information on Page 3.

*Happy Holidays!  
All the best in the Year 2000!*

# American Sokol Organization Quarterly Financial Report

July, August, September 1999

Submitted by Bro. John Satek, Financial Secretary

## RECEIPTS

Dues/Penalties	\$18,847.36
Convention Fund 1998 Sokol Schenectady	60.00
Subscriber	16.00
Resale Jewelry/Membership Pins	74.00
Educational Booklets	16.50
BOI Skills/Ribbons/Tapes/Manuals	435.80
Donation	181.80
Postage	8.95
Copies/Labels	56.60
Laminator Supplies	5.00
Transfer from FSLF for Merit Awards	3,000.00
Weber Travel Profit from 1998 Tour	1,450.00
Uniform Dept. Salaries (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	691.92
Uniform Dept. FICA/Medicare (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	125.30
Uniform Dept. FWT Tax (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	40.00
Uniform Dept. IWT Tax (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	24.57
Office Supplies	41.99
Uniform Dept. Phone/Fax	42.46
Uniform Dept. Rent (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	1,035.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$26,153.25</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.

Salaries (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	\$2,529.37
Vacation	399.53
FICA/Medicare (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	501.78
FWT (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	80.00
IWT, 2nd Quarter	95.31
Ameritech/AT&T	277.45
Com Ed	424.18
CPA (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	570.00
Petty Cash, Postage	320.50
Office Supplies	108.10
Janitor/Supplies	74.25
Winstar Internet Online Packrat	70.00
Illinois Secy. of State Fee	5.00
Copier Machine Supplies	62.00
Copier Maint. Agreement	1,447.00
IL Charity Fee	15.00
Shipping Fee	4.95
Phone Cord	10.86
Selden Fox Annual Audit 1998	1,375.00
Rent (Aug., Sep., Oct.)	3,231.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$11,601.28</b>

### PUBLICATION

Salaries (Mailing)	\$268.77
Vacation	33.56
FICA/Medicare	28.61
FWT	10.00
IWT 2nd Quarter	4.77
Printing (Jun., Jul./Aug.)	2,950.67
Address Changes	16.32
Editor (Jun., Jul./Aug.)	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$3,612.70</b>

## BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

Salaries (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	\$1,681.22
Vacation	99.47
FICA/Medicare (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	292.80
FWT (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	50.00
IWT, 2nd Quarter	57.51
Ameritech/AT&T	225.55
Office Supplies	18.45
Petty Cash/Postage	229.50
Audio/Video Tapes	35.51
Skills Program	176.19
COS Slet Info	50.00
USAG Membership Fee D. Harlan	100.00
Air Fare ASO Course J. Kalat	489.00
Air/Hotel USAG Coaches Congress J. Kalat	831.00
Hotel Deposit Directors Conference	200.00
Editor "Gymnast" (Jul./Aug., Sep.)	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$4,596.20</b>

## EDUCATION

Salaries (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	\$305.65
Vacation	47.31
FICA/Medicare (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	57.34
FWT (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	20.00
IWT, 2nd Quarter	8.13
Shrink Wrap	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$440.83</b>

## UNIFORM DEPARTMENT

Salaries (Jul., Aug., Sep.)	\$540.95
Vacation	33.56
FICA/Medicare (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	125.29
FWT (Jun., Jul., Aug., Vac.)	40.00
IWT, 2nd Quarter	28.89
Ameritech/AT&T	52.31
Rent (Aug., Sep., Oct.)	1,035.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$1,946.61</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

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United Moravian Soc. Ad	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.\$3,050.00</b>

Balance Brought Forward/Checking	\$14,571.94
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	\$40,725.19
Disbursements	- \$25,247.62
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