American Sokol San Francisco

1904 — 2014



110 Anniversary Celebration

September 6, 2014

On August 22, 1904 the first meeting of Sokol was held in San Francisco at the 36 Geary Street address.

The meeting minutes stated that Sokol San Francisco was founded and joined the Sokol of the United States.

Thank you, Brothers Founders.

22/8-04.

Protokol ze schůze Tělocvičné Jednoty „Sokol" v San Franciscu.

Schůze byla odbývána dne 22 srpna 1904 v místnosti br. J. Justice, 36 Geary st. City. Schůze byla svolána několika členy Sokola na 8 hod. večerní.
Za prozatimního starostu byl zvolen Bohus. Kantner, a za prozatimního tajemníka J. Justic.
V schůzi této založen byl odbor, zvaný Tělocvičná Jednota „Sokol" v San Francisco. Návrh byl přijat, by Jednota ona byla přidružena Národní Jednotě ~~ve~~ Sokolské ve Sp. Státech.

We are proud to list the names of our founders:

Bohaslav Kantner	F. J. Schuster
Jaroslav Justice	Vit. Hubacek
Josef Fousek	Karel Kostal
Josef Wiederman	Frank Lastufka
F. F. Budinsky	Jaroslav Ruzicka
Vaclav Storek	Franusek Hornacek
J. Ura	Victor Budinsky, Jr.
Anton Matloch	Wit Prosek
Karel Prosek, Jr.	Eddy Prosek
Jan Zak	Jan Urbane

The History of Sokol San Francisco

At the beginning of the last century, in 1904, San Francisco was living in prosperity of the Gold Rush and became the richest port on the Pacific Coast. Czech and Slovak pioneers who came to San Francisco were not gold miners, but professional craftsmen and tradesmen who brought the love of music from their old country with them. They founded choir "Hlahol" and met regularly to sing. Later they learned about the gymnastic organization in the Eastern U.S. (St. Louis, Chicago, ..), named " Sokol". They were attracted by the ideas of that organization, founded in Prague by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš. A group of 10 Czechs met to formally establish a new Sokol San Francisco Unit – the first Unit on the Pacific Coast. The singing choir „Hlahol" was disbanded and its property of $268.23 was transferred to the new unit, „Sokol San Francisco".

Sokol gymnastic classes practiced at several different places. The earthquake in 1906 briefly interrupted Sokol activities. In January 1910 a group of Czech women founded the "Sokolice San Francisco" Unit. In a joint effort with the male section of Sokol they decided to realize their dream of building a Sokol Hall to house all their activities. The idea was enthusiastically accepted and approved. A committee of 7 members was elected to find a location, and to study possibilities of financing the building. In February 1911 Sokol San Francisco became incorporated in the State of California and the location of a hall on Page St. was accepted and purchased. The Hall was opened on May 12, 1912 – gymnasium, dance hall, library, club rooms, banquet room, .. and housed not only Sokols, but the other Slavic organizations.

In 1914, when World War I began, most of the young gymnasts were drafted and many never returned. During this period Sokol San Francisco Unit raised $10,000 to help to T.G. Masaryk to create the Republic of Czechoslovakia. In 1919 Sokol Hall hosted 100 veterans of the Czechoslovak Siberian Army on their way home. Sokol SF members participated in the famous International Exposition in San Francisco in 1939. Sokol Hall received various delegations and dignitaries – General Rostislav Stefanik in 1918. During the World War II once again many of young men went off to war. Sokol raised over $25,000 for the Red Cross. In 1945 Sokol Hall received the delegates from Czechoslovakia for the United Nations. Among the delegates was Jan Masaryk. With great pride Sokol SF unveiled a statue of the President T.G. Masaryk in a prominent place in Golden Gate Park in 1960.

After the Communist "coup d'etat" in 1948 the influx of new immigrants generated new life for Sokol SF. When disturbances engulfed the area around the Sokol Hall in San Francisco, Sokols voted to sell the building in 1968 and purchased a new hall in San Mateo in 1969. Sokol's focus on athletics, social and cultural activities flourished once again. Almost every year children and adults participated in Slets in the U.S. and in Europe.
In the mid 90' extensive dry rot was found in two walls of the Sokol Hall in San Mateo. The cost of repair was too prohibitive and in 1997 the decision to sell was approved by the board. Since then all Sokol events have been held in various facilities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

J.D.

Presidents of Sokol San Francisco

1904	J.J.Justice	1919	Boh. Kantner	1938	Vaclav Storek	1982	Libuse Sikl
1907	Fr. Lastufka	1920	Jan Stengl	1939	V. Vonasek	1984	Zuzana Bursik
1909	Boh. Kantner	1922	Fr. Lastufka	1940	Vaclav Storek	1985	Vladimir Cesak
1910	L. Buben	1925	Vaclav Storek	1950	Josef Malek	1987	Petr Jeremchuk
1911	Jos. Belza	1929	Fr. Gaspar	1954	Ant. Kohoutek	1988	David Kurka
1913	J. V. Holetz	1932	Jos. Novotny	1966	Jiri Spanek	1989	Blanche Duffey
1915	A. Budinsky	1933	Fr. Lastufka	1972	Jan Lorenz	1991	Cliff Tucker
1916	Jos. Novotny	1934	Vaclav Storek	1973	Jaromir Marek	1996	Frank Dlask
1917	Fr. Lastufka	1937	V. Vonasek	1974	Jiri Spanek	2010	Jara Dusatko



IT WAS the YEAR of 1911...

...and the Secretary of State of the State of California, Frank C. Jordan certified here in a beautiful formal language that the Articles of Incorporation of Gymnastic Association Sokol – San Francisco were filed with his office on the 31st day of January, Anno Domini 1911.

Sokol San Francisco was doing well and was now legally incorporated in the State of California.

What else happened in the year of 1911, still at the beginning of the 20th century and of an incredible technical progress?

In January, for the first time, an aircraft landed on a ship, on USS Pennsylvania, stationed in San Francisco Bay.

In February, a future Governor of California and the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, was born.

Marie Curie received Nobel Price for science for discovery of elements radium and polonium.

Population of the United States of America was 93, 863.000.

Z.Z.

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Dear Members of Sokol San Francisco,

It is my great honor and pleasure to cordially congratulate you on your 110th anniversary!

In 1904, your forefathers in San Francisco established Sokol San Francisco. Thanks to their decision, at least five generations of children and adults have benefited from Sokol activities. I hope and wish that at least five more generations will enjoy the physical and spiritual gifts of Sokol: *mens sana in corpore sano* - "A sound mind in a sound body".

Please let me thank you in the name of the Czech Republic for your dedication in keeping alive Czech traditions and promoting Czech culture and language in San Francisco. I really appreciate the fact that the members of Sokol San Francisco supported the president Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk in his efforts to create an independent Czechoslovak Republic and over the years never lost the vital link with our country. Sokol San Francisco has always played an important role in the Czech-American relations, and I wish the effort will continue.

I highly appreciate your current sport and educational activities, especially your generous support of the Czech school. The studying of the Czech language creates a natural bound with Czechs throughout the world and builds a bridge that will always connect you to the people, culture and country of your origin.

All the best to Sokol - Sokolu zdar!

Petr Gandalovič

Ambassador of the Czech Republic

Sokol San Francisco today



We are very proud that six of our members participated at the XV. Sokol Festival/Slet in Prague in June 2012. Here they are, posing at the Staromestske namesti with the new Sokol San Francisco flag.



The American Sokol Convention met in April 2014 in St. Louis. Representing Pacific District were (from left, first row): Sokol SF President Jara Dusatko, Pacific District President Yvonne Masopust, Sokol Los Angeles President Lillian Roter. In the 2nd row Zelmira and Milos Zivny, Darin Klega and Zdenka Svitek.



Sokol Walks turned out to be the most popular Sokol activity. Some of them are as easy as was the walk in the beautiful Filoli Gardens, some might be more demanding as was the climbing of the Mount Tamalpais





Singer Lea Derner performs at the Sokol Spring Lunch and Dance in April of 2014.



Picnics at Lake Chabot are patronized not only by Sokol members. Many friends from Czech and Slovak community are meeting there to enjoy good barbecue and a lot of singing.

Sokol San Francisco 110th Anniversary

This year we celebrate 110th Anniversary of establishing the oldest Unit on the West Cost of the United States - Sokol San Francisco.

In the early 1860's when new laws permitted ethnic identities in Central Europe to resurface, a young philosopher, Miroslav Tyrš and his benefactor Jindřich Fügner, founded a program of building strong bodies, minds and character. The movement, called „Sokol", quickly grew from a local activity in Prague to an organization that inspired the people of Czechoslovakia from all walks of life. The program expanded not just in Bohemia and Moravia, but very soon crossed the ocean and formed new Sokol Units in the United States. The Units came together and gradually created what is now American Sokol.

In the United States, Sokols have always changed and adapted to meet the needs of the community while practicing its core values and principles of „a sound mind in a sound body". Some Units offer gymnastics, volleyball, exercise classes, Czech language classes, various social, cultural and educational events. All activities are supported by the generous work of volunteers.

The fact that Sokol organization has prospered for so many years only proves that it was built on a solid foundation. As there are new athletic and entertainment opportunities available, as well as the internet and other technical gadgets, Sokol is facing new challenges how to keep its culture, and how to survive and grow. We continue in the spirit to do our best to go „Forward, forward, and not one step back"!

We are grateful to our forefathers and to all those who have volunteered and given so generously - their time, energy, effort, talents, and made sacrifices to benefit our Unit – Sokol San Francisco.

Jara Dusatko,
President of Sokol San Francisco



Dear friends,

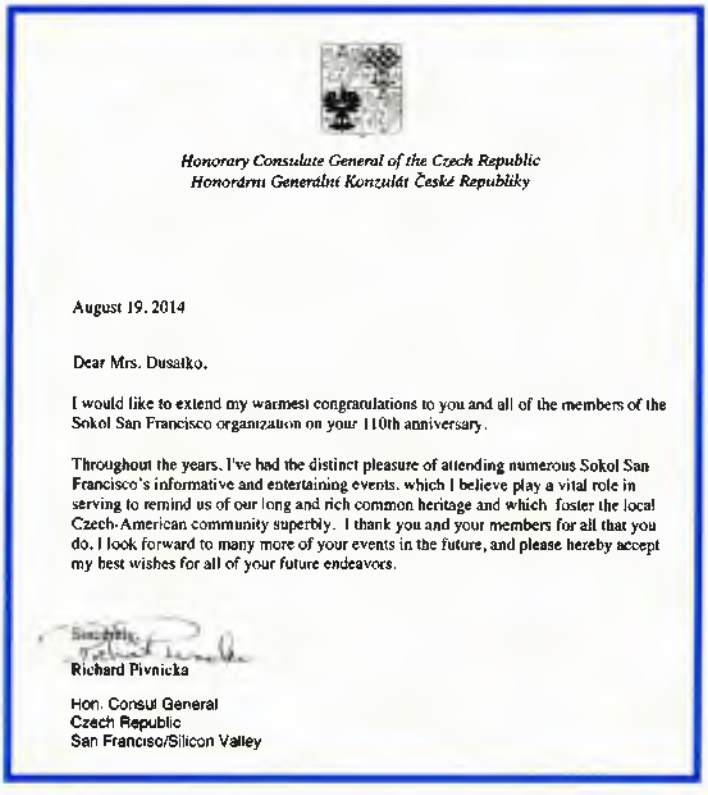
I wish to Sokol San Francisco all the best on the occasion of its 110th Anniversary. For so many years, Sokol has been playing a key role in keeping the local Czech community in Bay Area close together. And its existence made a difference especially during the dark years of Communism in our Motherland.

Even today, its role has not diminished, on the contrary. I admire the energy and relentless efforts of Sokol members in organizing various cultural, social and of course sports activities.

Keep up the fantastic work!

Nazdar!

Michal Sedláček
Consul General



Honorary Consulate General of the Czech Republic
Honorární Generální Konzulát České Republiky

August 19. 2014

Dear Mrs. Dusatko,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you and all of the members of the Sokol San Francisco organization on your 110th anniversary.

Throughout the years, I've had the distinct pleasure of attending numerous Sokol San Francisco's informative and entertaining events, which I believe play a vital role in serving to remind us of our long and rich common heritage and which foster the local Czech-American community superbly. I thank you and your members for all that you do. I look forward to many more of your events in the future, and please hereby accept my best wishes for all of your future endeavors.

Richard Pivnicka

Hon. Consul General
Czech Republic
San Francisco/Silicon Valley

The Executive Board of American Sokol

Representing all Members extend our hearty

Congratulations on your

110th Anniversary

Sokol San Francisco

Going forward with the will to succeed

Jean Hruby, President

BEST WISHES

FROM

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American Sokol

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CONGRATULATIONS

Sokol San Francisco

For continuing the Sokol Tradition for 110 years.

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Sokol St. Louis

1865 - 2015



IN MEMORY of SISTER
BLANCHE DUFFEY
SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO MEMBER
INSTRUCTOR and PRESIDENT
From
Sokol San Francisco

PACIFIC DISTRICT

of the American Sokol Organization

Congratulates its Member Unit Sokol San Francisco
on the 110th Anniversary of its Founding

American Sokol

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The Board of Directors and Members of Sokol Los Angeles Congratulate Sokol San Francisco On the Celebration of Its 110th Anniversary



Members, Family & Friends display beautiful native costumes of the Czech and Slovak Republics

We wish you continued success in the years to come!
Všechno nejlepší! Nazdar!

American Sokol

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Lillian Roter, President
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The Pasadena Beseda Club wishes a very special

110th Anniversary to Sokol San Francisco

May your service continue for more years to come

Pasadena Beseda Club

1924-2014

Celebrating its 90th Anniversary

Česko-slovenský klub
Pasadena Beseda

srdečně zve všechny krajany
na pravidelná setkání
která se konají každou druhou sobotu
v měsíci od 13 hodin



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In Memory of
Jarmila Bochenek



Just like God's tears of joy bring the morning dew,
Every loving thought we have sheds tears of love for you,
Your bright spirit brought joy into our lives,
Your loving smile gave us comfort and a sparkle to our eyes.

Your generous heart was always filled with love,
You always gave so friendly with a smile and a tear,
We remember you so fondly with a smile and a tear,
The love that we remember will always keep you near.

Our hearts are filled with wonder when we think of you,
Dancing up in Heaven must be wonderful for you
The times that we have shared are held in our heart,
All the joy, laughter and love we will never be apart.

As you look down from Heaven here is what you'll see,
All of us holding you close to our heart with a loving Memory.

Loving you Forever your Family.

Congratulations
Sokol San Francisco
On Your 110th Year Anniversary

CSA Fraternal Life
In New York Czechoslovak Society of America

LODGE GOLDEN GATE 252
New members welcome
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IN MEMORY OF JAN KUCERA



Jan and his wife Vlasta were dedicated members of Sokol San Francisco for more than four decades since 1957 when they emigrated to the U.S.

From his youth as an athlete in Czechoslovakia to the refugee camps of Germany to re-settlement in Australia and finally a successful life in America, the highest Sokol ideals were constant in Jan's life: unfailing courtesy toward others, an unwavering commitment to the highest ethical principles, a willingness to do any honest work no matter how humble, and a love of liberty so strong that he risked his own life and his family's to live in a free society.
He was a driving force in Sokol activities, writing and editing the newsletter, organizing and participating in dances and performances, leading meetings, serving as St. Nicholas for the children's Christmas program, delivering eulogies for numerous Sokol brothers and sisters who passed away. His was a respected voice of reason and a reliable ethical compass guiding Sokol San Francisco for nearly 50 years.

Family Kucera



In Memory of Paul A. Kryska

Paul was a long time a member of Sokol San Francisco.
He practiced the boys for Sokol Slet in Los Angeles and was also participant of Sokol Slet in Vienna

Eva Kryska



Reminiscing. January 2014

I came to this country with my husband fleeing the oppression of communism in Czechoslovakia. We forfeited the comfort of our homes and the life of petite bourgeois luxury to face abject poverty, hunger and challenge not only of a different language but of a different culture as well In exchange for what we left behind was to be the realization of democracy inherent in the constitution of the United States of America.

The horrendous task of this transition was accomplished because we had common goals, lofty ideals and clear vision of the future. We worked hard, leamed fast, accepted with reverence what this great coutry had to offer and in return became grateful and loyal citizens.

We both had successful careers and in spare time bought lands, built houses and invested our money wisely. We participated in social affairs, were involved in civic activities, traveted to exotic lands and suntanned on luxury cruises. We had it all !

Underneath of all our activities there was always an altruistic ideal followed by action to help others and above all, be the best we could be. There is a simple fact I learned during my adventurous and satisfying life: it is important to have clear goals. Follow your ideals and your dreams! If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. After all, LIFE is an energy containing infinite resources and possibilities just waiting to be molded to our actions. Diligence and perserverance are the cornerstones to achievement and good education is the springboard to success.

With my very best wishes for your future,

Jindra Stroleny

SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO´S 110th ANNIVERSARY

PROGRAM

Door opens at 11:00AM

Sokol March "V nový život" by Josef Suk

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening and Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Greetings

Recognitions

Lunch

Czech School of California Performance

Dance

Sing Along

National Costumes Show

Dance

Czech songs – Solo

Closing at 4:00PM



MENU, SERVED BUFFET-STYLE

Traditional Caesar Salad

Shrimp and Penne Pasta Salad

Antipasto Platter

Buffalo Mozzarella with sliced tomatoes and fresh basil

Sliced Imported Cheese

Chicken Florentine (Breast, stuffed with spinach and Ricotta)

Lasagna with Italian Sausage

Baked Red Snapper, Spinach and Ricotta

Glazed Ham

Grilled Vegetable Medley

Rice Pilaf

Breadsticks and Rosemary Focaccia Bread

Biscotti cookies

Tiramisu

TRADITIONAL CAESAR SALAD





REED SNAPPER



TIRAMISU



Když Sokoli odlétají.....



V tradiční české pohádce chudý Honza odejde do světa, vysloužíi si princeznu a království. Náš příběh není pohádkový, jen někdy tvrdá skutečnost, a průběh je zcela obrácený: Moudrý Edmund bohaté království nepřízní osudu ztratil a se svou ´princeznou´ Jiřinkou se vydal do širého světa získat nové.

Nám všem dobře známý Edmund Teyrovský se narodil 6. června 1921 do bohaté pražské rodiny. Jeho tatínek, inženýr chemie, vlastnil řetěz stovky čistíren po celé Praze, měl tedy dostatek finančních prostředků poslat nadaného syna na studia. Edmundovi bylo 13 let, když jeho otec tragicky zahynul při hašení požáru v jeho továrně.

Syn vystudoval Reálku v Praze na Smetánce, lehce se dostal na universitu, vždyť byl první student v Praze, který nikdy nedostal horší známku, než jedničku.

Ještě stačil vystudovat první ročník studia chemie, když se budoucnost našeho národa sesula pod tlakem německé okupace a Hitler zavřel všechny university.

Práce se Edmund nikdy nebál, našel uplatnění v otcově továrně na Vinohradech s dvěstěpadesáti zaměstnanci a přes svůj mladý věk - 17 let, byl nakonec jediný z rodiny, schopný ujmout se vedení po úředním zplnoletění. Po válce se Edmund vrátil na tři roky do vysoké obchodní školy, potkal svoji životní lásku - Jiřinku a v roce 1947 slavili svatbu. Neustálý tlak komunistů na továrníky ztěžoval život i Teyrovským, hrozilo znárodnění větších podniků, bylo třeba propouštět, ale to nebylo tehdejší textilními odbory povoleno. I tak se snížil přirozeným úbytkem počet zaměstnanců na pouhých sto. Dne 28. dubna 1948 byly všechny podniky s více než 50 zaměstnanci znárodněny. Teyrovským zkonfiskovali celý podnik. t.j. stroje, dopravní prostředky, budovy s pozemky i všechnu hotovost. Přestože už nic nevlastnili, Komunisti je stále měli za "kapitalisty" a proto byli vystaveni jejich nenávisti a závisti.

Sotva devět měsíců po svatbě usoudili, že pod komunistickou nadvládou nemají naději na slušný život. Opustili vše, co jim zajišťovalo slušné živobytí a dramaticky překročili hranice do hospodářsky i vojensky devastovného Německa, nám stále nepřátelského.

Manželé Teyrovští rádi opouštěli nehostinné Německo a vydali se za novým životem do Australie.

Ani zde to neměli lehké.

Za dobrodružnou přepravu lodí se platilo dvouletým kontraktem s vládou, kdy "přijetí" museli příjmout i velmi těžkou práci s minimálním platem. Teprve po sedmi letech, v roce 1955, konečně přišlo toužebně očekáváné imigrační pozvání do USA.

S jednoroční Věruškou v náručí vstoupili na břeh Kalifornie aby znovu začínali "od píky". Hned příští rok přivítali do rodiny druhou dcerušku, Helenku. Edmund pracoval jako vedoucí barvírny automobilových koberců, podniku, který zásobil koberci celý Západ USA. Jeho touha, pokračovat ve studiu, ho přiměla přihlásit se k večernímu studiu na San Francisské Universitě.

V práci změnil směnu na ranní, od 7:00 do 15:00, již za hodinu seděl v posluchárně university a po další čtyři roky přicházel domů až po desáté večer. Veškerá další práce a starost připadla na již plně zaměstnanou Jiřinku.

Ve večerních hodinách neměla universita plný počet studentů do semestrů v oboru textilní chemie, Edmund tedy vystudoval Komerční obor s výborným prospěchem "Summa cum laude" a byl promován na inženýra v roce 1963.

V září roku 1965 otevřeli Edmund a Jiřinka barvírnu vlněných přízí na koberce 'Alvarado Dye House' v Union City. Eventuelně barvili vlákna pro celý americký Západ. Edmund vedl produkci, Jiřinka kanceláře. Ze skromného začátku se dvěmi zaměstnanci se podnik rozrůstal a když se konečně rozhodli ho v roce 1986 prodat, loučili se s třiceti pěti pracovníky. Úspěšný prodej jim umožnil splnit si celoživotní sen - cestování po celém širém světě.

I v těch nejtěžších dobách byl pro ně všechny Sokol druhou rodinou, domovem i vlastí. Odpláceli Sokolu dlouholetou aktivní činností ve výboru i finančně.

Za to Edmundovi, Jiřince, Helence a Věrušce děkujeme a rádi si je připomínáme.

Zdeněk Verňák, s Jiřinkou Teyrovskou.



JAMES R. FROLIK,

San Francisco attorney and law professor was long time member and legal adviser to SOKOL,
died August 30, 2002 after a short battle with leukemia.

Mr. Frolik was born in Fresno, California and graduated from Fresno High. He earned a scholarship to Stanford University. Served in the U.S. Army, learned Japanese at the University of Michigan, served in US Army Intelligence in Japan after World War II. After his stint in the military he returned to Stanford University, won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University, where he also became captain of Oxford's tennis team.

He graduated from Stanford Law School and joined San Francisco firm of PiIlsbury,Madison and Sutro before starting his own firm Frolik,Filley & Schey. He married Aska Stichova and in 1975 their son Jim was born.

For the past 10 years, Mr. Frolik maintained his own practice in international commercial law and tax. He also tought at Hastings College of Law and Golden Gate University School of Law.

Mr. Frolik participated in number of diverse civic organizations and was chairman of the Chinese Cultural Foundation; member and legal adviser to Sokol (organization of Bay Area Czechs and Slovaks), and president of the Northern California Tennis Associaton.

Mr. Frolik spoke five languages. In his youth, he played twice in the Wimbledon tournament and well into his 70s was a ranked tennis and squash player in Northern California.

Mr. Frolik is missed by his family, relatives, friends and clients in and outside USA.



AMERICAN SOKOL

You are invited to...

Stroleny's Picnic

Sunday • August 15 • 2004





Moji milí
ač
vzdálení
příbuzní



"Já půjdu tam kam
Všechna pokolení odešla!
A lesy budou dále v slunci snít
A vody drímat v lesku bílých hvězd."
Julius Zeyer





Captivating moment
for sis. Jindra Strolena





We appreciate
the 110 years of Sokol San
Francisco's service to
the Czech & Slovak communities and
wish and hope that our organization
shall be alive & well to enrich our
lives for many more years.

Helena & Dennis Vernak.

BLAHOPŘEJI SOKOLU
K 110 VÝROČÍ
SE VZPOMÍNKOU
NA MANŽELA RUDU
A SYNA TOMÍKA SACHU. SPOLEČNĚ
SE
SYNEM MICHEALEM SACHOU.

DĚKUJEME ZA KRÁSNÁ LÉTA
SPOLEČNÝCH AKTIVIT
A BOHATÝCH VZPOMÍNEK,
KTERÉ S NÁMI STÁLE ZŮSTANOU.

MNOHO ZDARU DO DALŠÍCH LET.

DAGMAR SACHOVÁ / RUSOVÁ

One of our Unit's
oldest members,

Prof. Ing. Desider
Eugen Slavoj
(June 22, 1914 -
March 17, 2012),

deserves our fondest
memory



Sokol San Francisco just celebrated its tenth anniversary when Brother Desider was born. We were meeting him, and his wife Vera, at many Sokol activities.

We shall remember,

San Francisco Board of Directors

THREE GREAT REASONS TO TRY

1. LEV LION PILSENER LAGER

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Jiří (Jerry) Marek
výborný a vynalézavý organizátor sportovních a společenských aktivit Sokola. Byl autorem mnoha básní, pestrých zabavných programů, senzačních a veselých kabaretních výstupů...
Uměl kolem sebe soustředit mnoho dobrovolníků.

Olda Gann
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Karel Mikeš
Byl výborný kamarád, obětavý spolupracovník, známý svým humorem a optimismem.

Vilhelm Bursik
byl velký Sokol a patriot.
Mnoho svého volného času věnoval přípravám ½ hodinového pořadu na rozhlasové stanici KQED v S. F. jednou měsíčně.
Organizoval několik vlasteneckých demostrací, např. v srpnu 1968 před Sovětským konzulátem, jindy velkou automobilovou demonstraci v San Francisku, kdy byla auta vyzdobena vlajkami a protisovětskými hesly. A účastnili se jí nejen Češi a Slováci.



O úspěšné dění v Sokole v té době se zaslouzilo mnoho bratrů a sester.
Všem za to děkuji a rád na ně vzpomínám!

Láda Zrzavý

In memory

In memory of my missed wife,
mother and Grandmother Irena Burda
the former Sokol Unit Treasury
long member, activist, and volunteer of
Sokol Unit Organization.

From Pavel (husband) and Martin (son)



In memory of devoted father
Peter Sehnal,

former Unit Financial Secretary,
Sokol Unit organizer and key person,
who saved San Francisco Unit from complete financial collapse and financial bankruptcy.
Peter Sehnal receives the highest credit for his work with our Sokol Unit.

From Marta (wife), Barbara (daughter), Pavel (friend)



In memory of

my missed wife Mirka.

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TWO BUILDINGS marked two eras in the history of San Francisco Sokol.

The first one was built with joined effort of all Sokol members and opened on May 12, 1912 at 739 Page Street. There was a sum of $2,200 in Sokol's treasury when the decision to build a Sokol Hall was made so the members were lending money to Sokol and Korbel family covered what was missing. In fact, the Korbel's provided most of the capital needed for the construction. The second Sokol Hall in San Mateo replaced the original one in 1962. This is how the buildings stayed in memory of Sokol members.

Sokol Hall in 1950's



Lada Zrzavy says: "I have arrived to San Francisco in May of 1957 and was pleasantly surprised not only by the beautiful city but also by the beautiful Sokol Hall built forty five years ago. I could imagine how hard had the Sokol members to work to build such a "Sokolovna" and to keep it in such a perfect shape. Most of the Sokols at the time of my arrival were aging and the Sokol activities were slowing down. Luckily enough, many of new Czech immigrants, most of them Sokols, were arriving after they left Czechoslovakia in 1948 and spent time in Australia and also in England or Canada. And all of us have joined Sokol."
(From Vestnik 2014.)
There were regular exercise lessons for different ages, there was a Sokol band and many dances and End of the Year /Silvester evenings at Page Street.
Georgina Teyrovsky remembers that time well. "The 'Sokolovna', the Page Street Sokol building was large, well equipped. Its wall were beautifully decorated by Czech motifs. The motifs were elaborate paintings in real person sizes in nations Czech costumes. It impressed me that they were taken from famous Bedrich Smetana Opera: Bartered Bride. In years 1958 – 1960 the building was most probably all paid for. As I mentioned, the building lacked any parking lot or even designated spaces. One had to park sometimes many street away in order to find one empty spot.

But even bigger problem raised that Page Street in San Francisco area became low income as well as full of crime." At the end, Sokol sold the building and for next three to four years rented different halls and places. Finally, a new building was located and as **Georgina Teyrovsky** says, "the purchase of San Mateo Sokol building was recorded on July 13, 1969. Many San Francisco members refused ever to go there. 'Too far' they said. But our dinner/dances were held there, exercise evenings were resumed though with much smaller membership held there and Sokol activities continued."
(From Vestnik 2010.)
Later on, serious construction problems were found in the building walls and the price of repair was much more than Sokol could afford. The San Mateo Sokol Hall was sold in December 1997



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