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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT MADE BY THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO AT THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING:

You have made an excellent selection in your Board of Officers for 1988. All of those elected have expressed a sincere desire to serve Sokol San Francisco as officers: to organize and continue improving Sokol activities with the membership.

The critical word in the previous statement is "with". You have elected new officers. Seven people alone are not capable of maintaining Sokol San Francisco. This is why I said newly elected officers wished to serve Sokol "with the membership". An active membership will be essential to the continued existence of Sokol San Francisco in 1988.

Sokol co-founder Miroslav Tyrs made the following statement in Our Task, Aims, and Goal:

"The great majority of the people cannot remain as spectators only in our program. We were not created so that they could watch us perform and applaud our efforts. We do not want the spectators to disappear, but to participate....We feel that another's strength and exercise will not help the individual; and that the able efforts of a small fraction of the population will change the overall results when there is no general effort to do the same. An active well developed fraction that always remains a fraction will never have a decisive influence over the life of a nation."

In this excerpt Tyrs argues that athletic participation in Sokol is critical to the continued existence of a strong Czechoslovak nation.

This notion of "active participation" can and should be applied to Sokol San Francisco. There is, as we once knew it, no "Czechoslovak Nation" for us to preserve. Our equivalent to "Czechoslovak Nation" is our Czechoslovak heritage and culture. Participation in the Sokol movement is critical to the preservation of our Czechoslovak culture. This participation can be in many forms; attendance to Sokol functions, monthly meetings, or lending assistance wherever assistance is required.

Therefore, I urge you and your acquaintances to join your officers and other Sokol members in the San Francisco Sokol Movement of 1988.

David Kurka
President

Sokol Meeting Resume - November 14, 1987:

Meeting called to order and all officers were present. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Correspondence was read by Sis. Kurka who included a letter from Br. Skapa concerning his observations at the Vaclavska dance.

Membership Committee reported that reminder notices will be sent to all members that have not paid 1987 dues. The membership application of Otto Prossr was accepted and approved.

Building Director Br. Kolar reported that workers would be coming to work on the floor upstairs on Sunday, and that it would take about one week to complete.

Sis. Bele raised the question of advertising in the yellow pages in the San Francisco and San Mateo telephone directories. She will investigate the cost and report back. Br. John Macalike volunteered to investigate the possibility of obtaining an answering machine for the Unit. A motion was made by Sis. Sikl that Br. John Macalik be authorized to do so; second by Sis. Vrana. Motion passed.

Sis. Sikl initiated a discussion regarding reconsideration of the Unit's decision to prohibit smoking at the dances. Br. Kemr volunteered to talk to Sis. Meier and draft a notice to be put in the Vestnik to the effect that smoking would be permitted only in the bar and lobby areas during dances.

A discussion ensued regarding one of the subjects mentioned in Br. Skapa's letter about the possibility of reducing the price of admission to the hall after a certain time. Sis. Kurka moved that the price of admission be reduced to half price at midnight (1 o'clock on New Year's Eve); motion seconded by Sis. Bele. Motion passed.

Sis. Kurka volunteered to draft letter advising members of annual meeting.

Sis. Vrana nominated Br. Kemr as chairman of the nominating committee. Br. Kemr named Br. Josef Kurka, Br. Frank Macalik, Sis. Prossr, and Sis. Kurka to the nominating committee.

A motion was made by Br. John Macalik and seconded by Sis. Sikl that mailings to the members about the Mikulasska dance and Silvestr Dance and the annual meeting be sent first class. Motion passed.

Motion was made and passed that admission to Silvestr dance be \$15.00 per person with \$10 for dinner. Dinner to be served from 7 - 10 pm, and Furiant will perform.

MINUTE RESUME OF ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, 1987

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Br. Peter Jeremchuk at 10:45 am. All officers were present with the exception of Brothers Borsky and Vrana.

Br. President called for a minute of silence in memory of our recently departed Vestnik Editor, Br. Spanek.

The minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was read.

Sis. Vrana submitted her report and commented on the high cost of insurance premiums paid by the unit and suggested that someone investigate whether these can be lowered.

Sis. Bele submitted her membership report, which reflected a membership of 77 men and 66 women. Sis. Bele also reported that she had sent delinquent notices to 46 people, of whom 31 have paid. She will contact the remaining by telephone. Sis. Bele also reported the receipt of donations to the travel fund and the Vestnik.

Br. Kolar reported that the building was in good shape. The floor in the upstairs was refinished at a cost of \$693.

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Director of Women Sis Prossr reported that she has begun teaching new drills, with the assistance of Sisters Meier and Walker. Sis. Prossr stated that she is in need of someone to take the classes on alternate Fridays, as she will be unable to conduct the classes on a regular basis next year.

Br. David Kurka reported on the Verene held on May 15, 1987. Sokol San Francisco was ably represented by 10 participants, which constituted the largest delegation from San Francisco in recent memory. We also had a self-improvement clinic hosted by San Francisco on August 7 thru 9, 1987.

Educational Director: Br. David Kurka reported on his progress in obtaining Czech articles for the Vestnik, and acknowledged Sis. Meier and Br. John Macalik for their good work in connection with the Vestnik. Thank yous were extended.

Old Business: Discussion re bids for repair of Turner's gymnastic apparatus. Sis. Sikl moved that Sis. Prossr be authorized to obtain bids from appropriate repair shops; Sis. Bele seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: Br. Kemr, as chairman of the nominating committee, proposed the following slate of officers for 1988:

President	David Kurka
1st VP:	Zuzana Bursik
2nd VP:	Miroslav Kemr
Recording Secty:	Jana Kurka
Treasurer:	Jarmila Vrana
Membership/Fin. Secty:	Elizabeth Bele
Educational Dir:	Josef Kurka
Vestnik Editors:	Mary Frances Meier
	John Macalik
Bldg. Dir.:	Vladimir Kolar
Auditors:	None
Director of Women:	None
Director of Men:	None
Delegates to Zupa:	Mary Frances Meier
	Miroslav Kemr

Nominees - listed above were unanimously elected, and our congratulations were sincerely extended.

The following were nominated and elected to the Board of Directors: E. Bele, Z. Bursik, M. Kemr, V. Kolar, D. Kurka, Jana Kurka, Josef Kurka, F. Macalik, J. Macalik, Mary Frances Meier, J. Vrana, and P. Vrana.

Children's Party: Sis. Sikl moved that a party be held on 1-8-88. Sis. Meier, Vrana, and Br. Kemr volunteered to help with the preparations, and Br. Jeremchuk agreed to volunteer hotdogs. Sis. Sikl moved that the committee be authorized to spend \$8 per child for a gift; motion seconded by Sis. Forstye. passed.

Decisions on dates of events in 1988 will be decided at the next board meeting in January.

Committees were completed for the successful completion of plans for the Silvestr Dance.

Mrs. Rozehnal announced that she can no longer take care of rental of the building, and that it might be necessary to obtain someone else in the future to sell chips at some of the dances.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm, and lunch was devoured in fine fashion!

Vzpomínka na T.G.Masaryka v Golden Gate Parku.

Každý rok scházejí se členové Sokola San Francisco u sochy presidenta Masaryka a pokládají květiny k jeho buste. V neděli 6. března ve 3. hod. odp., opět se sejdem k této vzpomínce v Rose Garden v Golden Gate Parku. Krajanská společnost v národních krojích jest vítána.

Kulturní a zábavní výbor Sokola San Francisco.



T. G. MASARYK MEMORIAL

For many years, Sokol members and friends have gathered with a garland of flowers at the Statue of Masaryk in Golden Gate Park to commemorate the birthday of our first President.

On Sunday, the 6th of March at 3 pm, we are again meeting in the Rose Garden of Golden Gate Park, and we invite all our members and friends to join us.

Wear your Czechoslovak National Costume, if possible.

From the closets come pleasant surprises and donations!

Br. Jan Kucera has loaned the Furiant! two men's costumes and one woman's costume. They have already dressed the backs of our dancers in recent performances at the Foothill College in Palo Alto.



JAN NERUDA



A chceš-li ještě, osude,
za volnost mého lidu
mít bledé, suché oběti,
nuž, mne uvrhni v bidu,

A drahou matku žebrat nech
a pohaň otce v hrobě,
jen svobodu, ach svobodu
dej bratřím v brzké době.

A vyrví lásku, královnu
z života mého báji,
jen svobodu, ach svobodu
ať bratři moji mají!

České verše (1860)



Sokol San Francisco Folk Dance Ensemble, FURIANT! is gearing up for its first international exhibition at the VIII Sokol Slet in Montreal P.Q. Canada.

Without your help, this trip will not be possible for some of our dancers. Please show your support! Send FURIANT! to Montreal.

Your donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated.

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Several Sokol member gymnasts are planning to attend the Slet in Canada and some of them are young Sokols with minimum means to travel. This will be a FIRST SLET for some of the children, and we know that it will be a thrilling experience for them.

At the moment, we hope to send three young people to perform the PROSTNA, and there should be several adults participating -- including some of the Furiant! also perform the Prostna. Some of our regular gymnastic members who learned the drill for the Fresno Slet hope to attend.

So the collection box is open for any contributions you may care to make.

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REMEMBER: Sokol is open for visiting and active participation on Thursday evenings for the Furiant! dancers, and on Friday evenings for Children's gymnastic classes at 7 pm and at 8:30 Fridays for adult classes who are brushing up on the calisthenic drill or who want to learn.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Let us all think kindly of others, never criticize them, never condemn, never judge; on the contrary, let us all condone, excuse, justify, seek to comprehend, seek to put themselves in the place of others. This mental attitude has to be perseveringly cultivated. It cannot be adopted by mere resolution.

- ARNOLD BENNET -

How wonderful it would be if by some magic touch this attitude were adopted and practiced universally by everyone. As this is impossible the second best choice is to cut out those few lines and place them on such a spot where they would hit our eyes in the morning and serve as a reminder and a guide for our attitude for the whole coming work-day. If sincerely adopted and honestly pursued - after a certain time it would become a habit - this centuries old, tested and proven wisdom, will create healthy atmospheres to trustful personal relationships. We'd all be better and happier people and so would everybody around us.

Try it - you might like it!

Josef Kurka
Educational Director



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FEBRUARY 13 - PACIFIC ZUPA MEETING
AT LOS ANGELES

MARCH 5 - MASARYK DANCE

MAY 21 - SPRING DANCE

JULY 24 - ANNUAL SOKOL PICNIC

Location to be announced

SEPTEMBER 24 - VACLAVSKA DANCE

OCTOBER 22 - INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION

DECEMBER 3 - MIKOLASSKA DANCE

11 - ANNUAL SOKOL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

31 - SYLVESTR

Watch for additional events and/or any changes that may come about!!!



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<i>In Memory of Dana Havlik</i>	\$50.00
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Stanley Bernhard	\$300.00
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*In Memory of Rev. Jaroslav Popelka S.J.
from his friends in the Czech Catholic
Union, Cleveland, Ohio.*

Joseph Kocab	\$20.00
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FREDERICK PHILIPSE AN EARLY AMERICAN

Born in Bolswaert, Friesland, Holland, on Nov. 6, 1626, as a grandson of Viscount Philipse of Bohemia, Frederick Philipse voyaged with his parents to New Amsterdam in 1647, in the entourage of the new director general of New Netherland, Peter Stuyvesant. A carpenter by trade, he served as an architect in the Stuyvesant government during the last years of Dutch rule. Philipse became one of the richest New Yorkers of his day. He was the builder of the fortified stone mansion known as Castle Philipse, at Sleepy Hollow, built in 1683, and the stone church opposite, built in 1699. After his retirement from public affairs, he built a manor house at Yonkers (now preserved as a state monument). His wealth included several business enterprises, such as manufacture of wampum, barter with the Five Nations, commerce with the East and West Indies and Madagascar, and the slave trade with Africa. Two marriages, the first in 1662 with Margaret Hardenbrook, widow of Pieter Rudolphus de Vries, and thirty years later with Catharine van Cortland, widow of John Dervall, increased his wealth, which at the time of his first marriage was already substantial.

In 1672 Philipse was one of the three purchasers of the Van der Donck estate known as the Yonkers plantation. Subsequently, he added the other two portions to his own. By an Indian deed of 1680, he acquired land on both sides of the Pocantico River, and four days later acquired the entire tract between Yonkers Creek and the Bronx River. These acquisitions which included the hunting grounds between Spuyten Duyvil and the Croton River, were consolidated in 1693 in the royal patent of Philipsburgh. As lord of this Westchester manor, Philipse enjoyed the customary privileges of holding courtleet, court-baron, exercising advowson, and so forth. He erected the manor house in 1682 and lived there for the greater part of the year. At the time of his death in 1702, the manor house staff included over 40 Negro slaves. His grandson, Frederick, inherited the manor which he enlarged in 1745. The second lord continued the feudal life of his grandfather, administering justice in the manor, including capital punishment. For many years he represented Philipsburgh in the provincial assembly.

On his death in 1751, his son became the third and last lord of the manor. In 1779 he was accused of treason by the New York legislation and his estate was confiscated. The state divided this little principality into varying tracts which were sold in 1784. The manor house was finally purchased by the corporation of Yonkers in 1867 for use as the city hall. Several decades later it was acquired by the state for preservation as an historic monument.

Do You Know Me?

I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help unlock doors, open hearts, dispel prejudice. I create friendship and goodwill. I inspire respect and admiration. Everybody loves me. I bore nobody. I violate no law. I cost nothing. Many have praised me, none has condemned me. I am pleasing to those of high and low degree. I am useful every moment of the day, in many ways.

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ODEŠEL MIROSLAV MAREK - (1923-1925 - 1-14-1988)

JÁ PUJDU TAM, KAM VSECHNA
POKOLEMÍ ODEŠLA, A LESY BUDOU
DÁLE V SLUNCI SNÍT A VODY
DŘÍMAT V LESKU BÍLÝCH HVEZD

JULIUS ZEYER

Sotvaže dozněl umíraček za br. Kolubařem, rozlehla se rychle krutá zpráva o náhlém skonu br. Míry Marka. Rozlehlo se to jako bomba po naší krajaňské veřejnosti. Kdo by ho neznal z jeho generace i z pozdějších příchozích uprchlíků? Vždyť on byl všude, zvláště v jeho mladších letech. Později jeho rozsáhlá činnost byla zpomalena jednak dlouhou, vleklou chorobou jeho choti Zdeny, ale zvláště pak i jeho vážnou chorobou srdce, která ho nakonec předčasně zklátila do hrobu.

Ké vzpomínky na něho jdou zpátky pěknou řadu let. Míru a Zdenu jsem poznal od nejdřívejších chvil naší emigrace, již v Luitpold Kaserne v Mnichově v červnu 1949 kde jsme po odchodu z vlasti ztrávili několik prvních týdnů pohromadě. Za krátký čas jsme byli posláni do Čsl. uprchlického tábora v Lurnau, poblíž Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Tam byla krátce před tím založena sokolská jednota a ihned jsme se stali všichni členy. Míra byl právě ve svých 24 letech na výši svých atletických schopností a jeho zásluhou jsme většinou vyhrávali takové i volleyballové soutěže mezi sokolskými jednotami v Německu. Po půldruhém roce činnosti se začaly jednoty v uprchlických táborech rušit, jelikož většina členstva již emigrovala do všech svobodných částí světa. A tak my jsme přistáli v Sydney, ale Markovi na opačném konci v Perthu v Západní Austrálii. Ale ani tam on nezapomněl a v krátkém čase organizoval s několika jedinými novou sokolskou jednotu v Perthu.

Po letech a to v r. 1958 jsme se opět sešli ku společné práci v Sokole, San Francisco, kde jsme postupně přistáli po opuštění Austrálie. V této době snad nastala největší činnost v historii této jednoty a to jak po stránce kulturní, tak i v činnosti cvičební. Mladá krev, ještě naplněná sokolskou výchovou ve vlasti, posilovala již prořídle řady starousedlíků a postupně se ujmala zodpovědnosti v jednotě. Míra byl výborný organizátor a připravoval, nastudoval a režíroval četné programy, hry a výstupy. Kdo z nás, kteří jsme v té době byli činní, by nevzpomínal na "Cestu vzducholodi kolem světa", neb "Cestu na Mars", zpěvohru "Císařův slavík" - "Cinderella", divadelní hru "Matka", dramatizace básně "Ve stínu lípy", scény pro sibirsky a mnoho výstupu při oslavách Čsl. státních svátků 7. března a 28. října, jeho největším dílem o které se tolik zasloužil s našim nezapomenutelným tehdejším starostou jednoty br. Kohoutkem, bylo postavení památníku T.G. Masarykovi v Golden Gate parku. Pro tento účel nastudoval i scenu, která svým uměleckým provedením překvapila mnoho vzácných hostů z Chicaga, Washingtonu D.C., i ostatních vzdálených jednot. Později byl též zvolen starostou Sokola v San Franciscu. Ani cvičební činnost nezustavala pozadu v té době a byli jsme schopni uspořádat župní Slet na cvičišti Galileo High School.

Později přijal místo v Los Angeles a i tam se ihned zapojil do práce v tamější jednotě. Nakonec ještě přesídlil do Stocktonu za svým zaměstnáním a i přes velkou vzdálenost dojížděl na zkoušky k programům, které většinou sám připravil a provedl, kdykoliv jsme ho o to požádali. Byla to velká obět, ale dělal to rád a dobrovolně. Přesvědčil nás, že jsou stále na světě lidé, kteří dokáží věnovat velkou část svého života pro blaho celku, pro druhé. Za tuto práci se neplatí, ani nedávají nedají. Ale díky těmto mužům, svět je trochu lepším místem, než by byl bez nich.

Tož, díky Míro za těch 39 let přátelství, krásně prožitých chvil a Tvého obětování. Slibuji Ti i za ty ostatní, kterým jsi dával stejné chvíle radosti, že budeme na Tebe hodné vzpomínat, protože chvíle prožité s Tebou nemůžeme nikdy, do konce svého života, zapomenout!!!

Jan Kučera

S bolestí v srdci oznamujeme všem přátelům a známým, že nás navždy opustila naše nenahraditelná manželka, maminka a dcera

DANA HAVLIKOVÁ
z Hradce Králové

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manžel Václav

Děkujeme všem, kteří se přišli se zesnulou rozloučit.

*Bohatství světa je nám jen půjčeno
Nejlepší statky nevlastníme nikdy.
Své zlato slunce rozhazuje všem
A proudy vod chladivých, křišťálových
Vysoké hory vylévají na vše.
A jako zářák křídel zelených
Quetzala-ptáka džungle, kouzlo barev.
Zdarma a bez námahy těší naše smysly.*

*Nic nevlastníme del než ze dne na den
Nic nedržíme del než hodinu.
Nic než to jediné je vskutku naše:
Spravedlnost. Vzpomínka na dobro.
Památka člověka, který byl dobrým
A jenž byl spravedlivým.*

*Toto jest jediné co nikdy nelze ztratit,
Co neumírá,
Jediný statek
Jenž je vskutku našim.*

J.K.

IN MEMORIA M...

Minulý rok 1987 byl ve znamení početných a nenahraditelných ztrát v řadách naší sokolské jednoty, jak jsme se již v předešlých vydáních našeho Věstníku zmínili. Smutnou cestu na večnost zahájila již v květnu m.r. ses. Zdena Marková, následovala ji ses. Helen Murphy a na konec br. Jiří Spanek.

Než však jsme se mohli rozloučit s tímto neuprosným starým rokem, došla nás další smutná zpráva, že náš dlouholetý člen br. JAN TUREK opustil naše řady, právě před Stedrym dnem, dne 23. prosince 1987. Bratr Turek, než onemocněl, byl vždy činným členem v jednotě a rádi jsme si vždy poslechli jeho kulturní přednášky při oslavách narozenin T.G. Masaryka, a nebo výročí zrození Československé republiky, připadající na 28. říjen. Zúčastňoval se pravidelně členských schůzí, kde svými náměty a radou vždy přispíval ku zdárnému prospěchu jednoty.

Sotva že nastoupil vládu Nový rok 1988, ukázal se nám zrovna tak nemilosrdným jako ten předešlý. Vyrval z našich řad dalšího dobrého Sokola a vlastence bratra FRANTIŠKA KOLOBÁŘE dne 6. ledna 1988 ve věku 32 let. Vzpomínáme na něho jako na člověka sice skromného a tichého, ale s pevným vlasteneckým cítěním, jehož ani nacionalistický koncentrák, ani komunistické šikanování, nezlomilo. Jako velký milovník hudby velmi často doprovázel na piano naše sokolské děti, při různých vystoupeních v rádiu českých písní. Naše krajaňská veřejnost se s ním přišla rozloučit v Petalume dne 10. ledna t.r. V rakvu zesnulého se s ním rozloučil za Sokol a Čsl. národní řadu v Č.S. Jan Kučera, za početné účasti našich krajanů.

Hluboce litujeme odchodu všech těchto Sokolů a Sokolek. Dost jejich památek!!!

SPECIAL REQUEST:-

At the request of Štěpánka Jonašová and Drahomira Rabová of Praha CSSR, I would like to make contact with anyone with information regarding the son and cousin of Mirek Jonaš.
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We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes;
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a whole lot of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows, or kine,
But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.
And I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,
But I give a boot - would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
If the singular is this and the plural is these,
Why shouldn't the plural of kiss be nicknamed kese?
Then one may be that, and three may be those,
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose;
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim!
So our English, I think you will all agree,
Is the trickiest language you ever did see.

Anon. (reprinted from a recent issue of *DISTING*,
the CUSO Nigeria newsletter.)



How to Kill an Organization

1. Don't attend meetings.
2. If you do attend, arrive late.
3. When the weather doesn't suit you, don't consider attending.
4. But, if you do, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept office. It's easier to bitch than to work.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed to a committee, but, if you are, don't attend the meetings.
7. When phoned by the committee chairman for your opinion regarding an important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After you receive the minutes, let everyone know how "they" loused things up.
8. Do nothing, but, when others roll up their sleeves and do it, HOWL that the organization is being run by a clique.
9. Let others know that the organization "has never done anything for me".
10. Don't enlist new members. Let the "clique" do it. They're doing everything else, aren't they?

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May, 1984

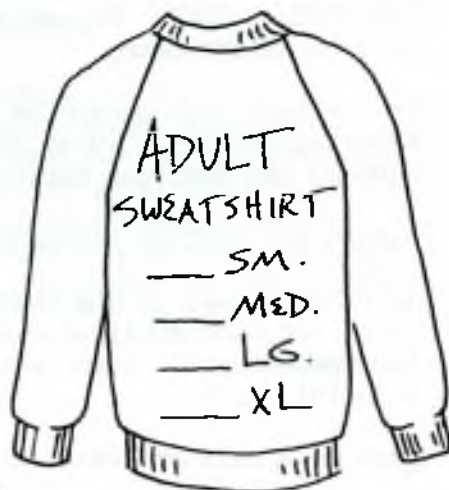
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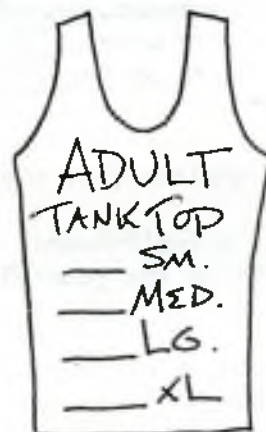


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Almost any kind of needlework is okay: applique, embroidery, patchwork patterns.

In other issues of the Vestnik we hope to include various quilt patterns. In order to avoid too many duplications, check your idea for design with us first. A quilt with ten Czechoslovak flags or maps of the country would not make a very interesting or colorful quilt.

Give me a call at 344-4578 for more information.



Mary Frances Meier
Editor

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The last time we printed this nessage, we had wonderful response. We're hoping for some of the same this time:

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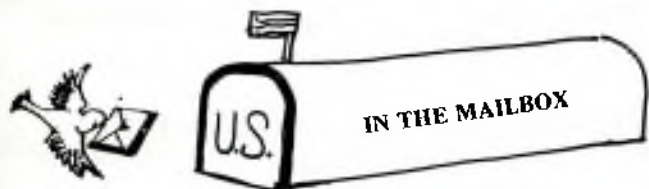
Bratři, sestry, příznivci a přátelé Sokola!

Dostal jsem nápad! Nestává se to příliš často a proto jsem si ho podržel a nějakou dobu hýčkal. Je dobrý nebo špatný? Mám - nemám? Nakonec jsem se rozhodl ho realizovat a vy posuďte!

Hodně se teď cestuje a táboří. Jednotlivci, rodiny i skupiny přátel (o dvojicích nemluvě) se vydávají do přírody. Primo táhnou. A dělají správně. Pro zdraví je takovýto aktivní odpočinek daleko lepší než konzumace TV programů spolu s pivem. Ovšem dříve (pamětníci mi dají za pravdu) stačila celta, deka, baton, kotlík a šlo se. Potom přišla éra stanu, torny zvané "tele", esusu, spacáků, kanad (vše většinou původu vojenského) a jelo se. Dnes a obzvláště tady, v Americe, je výstroj a výzbroj mnohem bohatší. Kdyby jen nafukovací matrace a plynové vařiče! Je to v pořádku; technický pokrok a nové materiály pronikají všude. Samozřejmě že lepší, praktičtější vybavení zpříjemní pobyt venku. Nesmíme se plést "pohodlí" s "pohodlností". Ani sebezarputilejší nepřítel moderního vybavení nebude vykřesávat oheň pomocí pazourku.

Ale s tím větším pohodlím a z něho vyplývajícím větším masovostí táboření dochází k oné nechvalně známé konzumaci. K zapomínání, co je vlastně podstatou návštěv v přírodě, jaké jsou tam psané a hlavně nepsané zásady, jaké základní vybavení k tomu stačí, co je praktické, užitečné a co není a jak s tím, co mám, zacházet.

Sokolstvo vždy mělo a doufejme, že stále má k turistice, výpravám, osadám či táboření blízko. A Sokolstvo má také Věstník. A to je vlastně ten nápad. Co takhle připomenout, obnovit polozapomenuté na jeho stránkách. Pro začátečníky i pokročile. Ne dotazy a odpovědi, ale trochu více nebo méně zasvěcené povídání, něco málo z tábornických příruček, či lesní moudrosti. Nečekáme tisíce děkovných dopisů, ale ani dopisy zatracující. Ale budeme rádi, jestliže naše snaha povede ku prospěchu věci a budeme vděční za každou konkrétní připomínku, dobrou radu či pomoc.

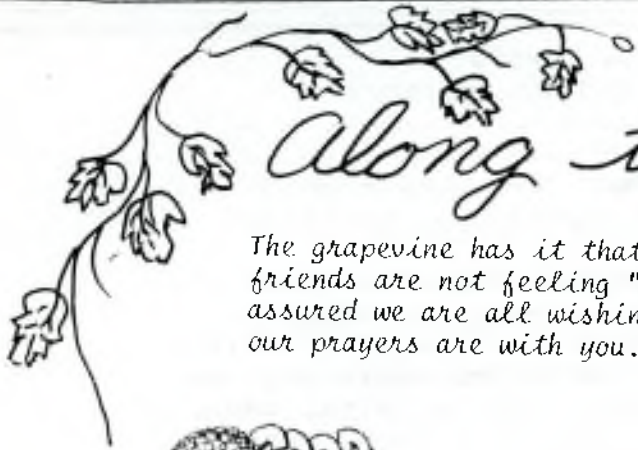


Hello, Mary Frances!
I enjoy the Věstník -
reminds me of the
"good old days."
Regards,

Kileen
Penes

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Along the Grapevine

The grapevine has it that several of our Sokol members and friends are not feeling "up to snuff". To all of you - be assured we are all wishing you a quick road to recovery, and our prayers are with you.



Heard along the grapevine also is that there are new grandparents among us. A very bubbling with happiness, Libby Sikel called to tell us the good news. The Sikel's are VERY NEW grandparents - and first-timers, at that - to a baby girl. The proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sikel. Congrats!

(Wish it were me)

While wandering thru the vineyards, it was noted that when you say "Let there be light" - there is. Br. Kolar recently installed a lighting system in Sokol Hall that automatically goes on if the electrical power is discontinued - due to pranksters, a winter storm - but certainly not from non-payment of bill. Thanks Br. Kolar. We enjoyed the demonstration at last Sokol meeting.

There may not be any grapevines at the Price Club, but everyone knows you might meet any one there - a long lost relative, a neighbor you haven't seen in months, or an old friend that you thought was lost forever - BUT - Blanche Duffey and her sister, Lillian discovered (or overheard) a familiar "Ano", and Blanche in her most friendly way asked, "Are you Czech?" They were and we are hoping to see them among us in the future.

Furiant! hear this - they love to dance!! Sign them up NOW!!!

PLEASE, if you hear anything along the grapevine, please let us know. Give me a call at 344-4578, or send a note to Sokol Hall - care of "Grapevine". We'll get it!!!!



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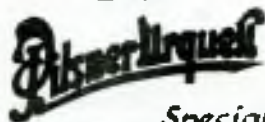


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