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" If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

Mark Twain

Calendar of Events and Sokol Dues 2007

January 20th , 2007 Saturday,	Pacific District Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
February 24th, 2007, Saturday,	Sokol Party of Czech Songs All Sokol members are invited.	Teyrovsky's Residence at 4:00 P.M. 26563 Durham Way, Hayward, CA
March 24, 2007, Saturday	Dinner /Dance	Tarragon, Sunnyvale, CA
May 19, 2007, Saturday	Sokol Picnic	Chabot Lake, Castro Valley, CA
September15, 2007, Saturday	Sokol Picnic	Chabot Lake (tentative)
October 20, 2007, Saturday	Dinner/Dance	Tarragon, Sunnyvale, CA
December 8, 2007, Saturday	Annual Meeting 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lunch 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. for all present Sokol members St. Nicolas Childern's Party 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Unity Building Recreation Area, 20121 Santa Maria, Castro Valley, CA
December 30, Sunday 2007,	End of the Year Dinner/Dance	Tarragon, Sunnyvale, CA

Thank you for your Sokol dues and donation 2006. Spring Věstník will disclose all details about donations. See your name and dues 2006-7 on pages 16 & 17

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: 2007 DUES ARE TO BE PAID !!!

Please send your check or Money Order to the address below with the stub below. Cut the end of this stub for your records. Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.
We believe this form is self-explanatory. Please, discard it if your dues are already paid.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Pledge of Allegiance:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all."

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Married ☐ Single ☐ Date of Birth:____/ _____/ _____

U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, legal resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

Spouse:_____

Childern:_____

Please, list other clubs, organizations to which you belong:_____

_____

_____Sponsor:_____

STATEMENT: I affirm that I am loyal to the government of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any subversive organization. If admitted to membership of the American Sokol, I promise to be governed by the by-laws in all my activities on behalf of said organization. I represent that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the statements contained in this application are full, complete and correctly recorded. I understand that this application shall be the basis for and a part of any insurance contract issued.

Signature of Applicant:_____

St. Nicolas Children's Party hosted by S.F. Sokol

The story of St. Nicolas, the 4th century AD Archbishop of Myrna, is very interesting. He was a very beloved early saint, of noble and rich origin, and he loved giving away gifts to poor people - all those came in contact with. By the time he left this humble world, his whole fortune was given away. His example started the tradition of gift giving at Christmas around the world.

In St. Nicolas' memory, San Francisco Sokol has hosted a traditional party for children for some 80 years, if not more. It is held around St. Nicolas' day, which is each December 6th.

This year the nearest Saturday fell on December 2nd. The party was held in the preschool recreation hall of Unity Church in Castro Valley (20121 Santa Maria Avenue) at 2pm. The joyful event was opened by a trumpet duet by the Livingston brothers, Alex (17) and Kenny (12). Livingston brothers have played at this Sokol event for many years, and with oldest brother Danny eventually replaced by Kenny. They performed such songs as "Joy to the World", "Good King Wenceslav", and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". We also enjoyed a second musician, pianist Matthew Feddersen (13), who played the traditional "Carol of Bells" expertly . And then the big moment came – the entrance of St. Nicolas - tall, dignified, and dressed in a bishop's habit, joined by the charming Angel Luci. Luci, by the way, flew all the way from Portland, Oregon, and assures us that she will be our angel at all future St. Nicolas events.

St. Nicolas cordially welcomed all participants, young and old alike. The youngest, 1-½ years old, received her gift first. However, she insisted on holding her mother's hand while sitting on the lap of St. Nicolas. Then the other children followed. Before they received their gifts, St. Nicolas asked how good they were, and if they had obeyed their parents. Snapshots were taken so the children could always remember this event. Afterwards, every child received stuffed animals from S.F. Sokol as a souvenir.

Sister Georgina Teyrovsky then thanked St. Nicolas for the visit, and invited both he and the Angel Luci to return next year. St. Nicolas promised to come again to see the children next year at "the same time, the same place!" He left the room to big applause.

Then, the Sokol choir led by Sis. Dusatko, and with accompaniment by Sis. Ivanka Linhart, from Soulsbyville near Sonora, sang such Czech Christmas carols as: "Nesem Vám Noviny, Půjdem spolu do Betléma, and Ježišku malý náš". Ice cream cones were offered, in addition to cookies and soft drinks. Everybody was happy and content.

We thank Br. Petr Linhart, who came all the way from Sonora County with his wife, Sis. Ivanka, and helped to arrange the charming Children's Party for Sokol San Francisco.

Georgina Teyrovsky

Silvester Dance, December 30, 2006

The Tarragon restaurant on Murphy Avenue in Sunnyvale was the stage for bidding our good-bye to the old year of 2006. The restaurant is centrally located between the Peninsula and East Bay, it's easy to find and its location eliminates the need to cross any bridges for most of us. Free parking is available in the lot behind the restaurant. And the added attraction of this new place is that we could, finally, meet on a Saturday, an advantage for those who are still working.

Our new dancing hall on the second floor is just the right size for us, with large windows into the street, facilities conveniently located on the same floor.

The food was tasty – the menu selection included a flavorful N.Y steak, juicy chicken breast or salmon, all accompanied by crisp vegetables and mashed potatoes. The main course was preceded by a fresh salad and was finished off by a generous potion of a mouth-watering tiramisu cake. The service was attentive and friendly.

Meeting old friends, and finding new ones, led to many lively conversations and together with the relaxing contribution of three hours of free wine & beer, created a friendly atmosphere. I believe that to be a fitting reward for the effort that ninety Sokol members and friends, some of whom live far away from here, invested into attending this Sokol dance.

Even those, who did not dance too much, were entertained by our obligatory "snake dance", that was winding its way around a few who did not join us. The raffle was richly endowed by donations from Sokol and Sokol members. Who does not love that excited and happy feeling of winning the bottle of wine he or she just donated!
All in all, the new place was a hit with our members, and our thanks belong mainly to Brother Burda, Sister Teyrovsky and Brother Dusatko, who spent a lot of time and effort to find our new home and to take care of all the necessary arrangements for a well-organized evening.
Let's hope the success of our Silvester dance will inspire everyone to invite friends, so we can meet again in even greater numbers.
Happy New Year to you all!
Zdenek Vernak

"Rosamunde"/ "Beer Barrel Polka"/ "Roll Out The Barrel"

Which came first? Which one is the oldest? What is the origin of this music? If you think you know, you just might be surprised. (A former Foreign Minister of Germany Hans-Dietrich Genscher even made a bet that it was a German Song; he lost the bet!)
The *Melody* was composed in 1927 by the Czech musician/composer *Jaromir Vejvoda (1902-1988).* Since it lacked lyrics and a base line he titled it *"Modřany Polka"* (Polka of Modřany). In 1929 he wrote the base line. In 1934 *Václav Zeman* wrote the first lyrics titled *"Škoda Lásky" (Wasted* Love). It gained in popularity and in 1938 *Will Glahe* published the German version with the name *"Rosamunde".* In 1939 the English lyrics were written by *Lew Brown* and *Wladimir Timm* and published by *Shapiro Bernstein* under the name of *"Beer Barrel Polka".* It is also known as *"Roll out the Barrel".* The song has 16 language versions and has been used in 136 films and TV series. During World War II the song was popular among soldiers of most combatant armies, but it was not until after WWII that the real author became widely known. It has been performed by the Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Benny Goodman, Billie Holiday and the Lawrence Welk Orchestra among others. In 2000 it was awarded the title "Czech Hit of the Century"!!!

Article compiled by Bob Martin from "Škoda Lásky" and other sources. Another Amazing Bohemian!!



American Sokol Pacific District Meeting January 20, 2007

The meeting was held at 2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91208 in County Park Center.
Brothers Frank Dlask and Paul A. Burda represented Unit of Sokol San Francisco Inc.
Meeting followed an annual meeting of Sokol Los Angeles and after two-hour presentation of ASO Chicago representative of " Strategic Planning Task Force Report of America Sokol".

Extensive Strategic Planning Report disclosed little disappointing news, however.

First of all, it was mentioned that due to aging Sokol members Organization is experiencing rapid declining of its membership. Secondly, declining number of American Sokol Units across the United States (there were 70 Units in 2003 down to 35 units in 2006). Report, prepared by outside hired management firm is analyzing Organizational problem, seeking solution but is using a lot of established gliche of today jargon of plan executive words statements, not very appealing to the ground of members.
Question remains however, by whom and how this ambitious plan is going to be funded? In 2007 ASO is planning to spend $150,000 dollars for quote-professional leadership, their trips meetings and expenses toward improvement of Organization. Obviously, this presentation stirred a lot of discussion from the audience.
Pacific District Representatives were highly concern about not clearly specified fulfillment of "new" directions of Organization and obviously about unknown contribution Units might be assets in the future. Considering that Units are getting very little for their yearly membership dues (Sokol San Francisco is spending almost all membership dues only for ASO support ~$3000/year in order to keep Sokol Unit as non-profit Organization).
Some Units are seeking to drop membership from ASO regardless of strict by-laws of Organization about this issue. Some lawsuits are already pending.
Please, for any input into this very important process use ASO American Sokol web site to download this Strategic Plan, contact Sister Jean Hruby in the main Sokol Chicago office for help with downloading this plan and follow following page of Plan survey. Also, contact our E-mail about your opinion.

www.american-sokol.org
Go to Members; pull down member forms,
Password is **nazdar,**
Can open file, fill out, save and mail or submit on line.

American Sokol Pacific District meeting followed with established agenda organized according Sokol by-laws.
There was an election of Pacific District Officers. Sister Cheri Riddle is leaving post of President. Br. Richard Miller from Sokol Fresno was elected a new President. Presidents of Sokol Units of District are automatically Vice Presidents of Pacific District. Board district members-President, VP's, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and Educational Director are getting $100 reimbursement for District meeting expenses.
ASO Pacific District Audit results written in agenda were not presented. Very useful for Units information were presented by Sister Barbara Lundeen. There were also a lot of activities presented by Sokol LA Unit. They are focusing on group activities for seniors and children.

District Family Camp at Dinky Creek for children and quests will be in July 22nd-July 29th in 2007.
Please, contact Sister Lynn Miller, E-mail-mmiller69@netscape.net; phone-559-233-4831.
Lynn is looking forward to see members and quests to join the camp this year.

Paul A Burda
Financial Secretary

Strategic Plan Survey

The Strategic Planning Task Force is interested in obtaining your input on our strategic imperatives that you just heard about. As a reminder these imperatives covered the issues of Mission, Programs, Personnel, Finances, Membership, Organizational Development, Communication, Marketing and Leadership Development.

If you had to pick your top three issues from this list, what would they be?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

After reviewing the goals for each of the strategic imperatives, do you feel the scope pertaining to the goals was broad enough? Why/why not? (If you have specifics around a particular goal, please indicate the goal).

General Comments around scope: _____

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Specific Goal Comments: Goal of - _____

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One of the ways we are looking at funding the Strategic Plan and its outcomes is through an "Invest in the Future" Campaign. Would you support/encourage your Unit to make a contribution to this fund? **Yes or No** _____

Would you consider making a personal contribution to it? **Yes or No** _____

Name: _____ **Unit:** _____

(please print)

Upon completion of survey, please turn in to your presenter, go o American Sokol website or mail to: Maryann Fiordelis, 6785 Lake McGregor Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33919.

Thank you for taking time to fill out the survey and for your support of the Strategic Plan.

Nazdar, Strategic Planning Task Force

Received Information

1. Informace pro české Američany

Sokol Commitee to correct some of Czech Wrongs

Věc: Restituce

Česká vláda vylučuje Čechy, kteří získali občanství Spojených států z možnosti dostat zpět majetek, který jim zabavil komunistický režim. Porušuje tím mezinárodní úmluvu, kterou ČR podepsala a pokračuje v zločinnosti komunistického režimu. Evropská Unie si vložila do úmluvy o přijímání nových členů článek 295, který říká, že se Unie nebude v žádném případě vměšovat do systémů, které řídí vlastnictví v jednotlivých státech. Unie se pravděpodobně za tento článek stydí, protože ho nikde neuvádí ale řídí se jím všechny složky, včetně Evropského soudu pro lidská práva. Proto také nikdo ještě neuspěl ve Strasburku s žalobou.

Úřad Vysokého komisaře pro lidská práva v Ženevě naproti tornu vytýká republice, že nedodržuje úmluvu, kterou podepsala a že neprávem diskriminuje lidi na základě občanství, což je vysloveně zakázáno.

Česká koordinační kancelář v Torontu pomáhá americkým Čechůmpodávat stížnosti do Ženevy

V případě, že žadatel dostal od českého soudu vyrozumění, že není oprávněným žadatelem, protože ztratil české občanství, má velkou naději na kladné vyřízení. Kladné vyřízení ze Ženevy sice nezakládá přímý nárok na vrácení majetku ale tyto žádosti vytvářejí tlak, jemuž, jak doufáme, bude muset Česká republika ustoupit.

Kdo nechal nemovitý majetek v Česku a má zamítavý rozsudek českého soudu, obraťte se na tuto kancelář, která vám ráda zdarma pomůže.

Edmund Teyrovsky, 9. prosince 2006

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2. Dear Friend of the Czech Republic

AFCR

Last spring, I took part in an event that was quite moving for me, as one who well remembers the days of the Cold War and an Iron Curtain separating the US from the Czech people. The former Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic, Cyril Svoboda, was in Washington, DC on an official visit to meet with Condoleezza Rice and others. One of his stops was at the headquarters of the Voice of America near the Capitol. Minister Svoboda presented to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty a check from the Czech government for over $1.2 million for the construction of new radio facilities outside of Prague. What an amazing gesture from an American ally that would have been unthinkable before 1989.

Since 1989 and the fall of the Iron Curtain, the Czech Republic has made great progress in becoming once again a free, democratic society where the rule of law prevails. The Czech Republic has one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The Czech Republic is our ally, being part of NATO, and it is a part of the European Union as well as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Czech citizens enjoy the full spectrum of democratic freedoms with the same privileges and responsibilities that US citizens have.

Having said that, I need to make certain that you know there is also a serious problem in the relations between the US and the Czech Republic. Americans traveling to the Czech Republic do not need a visa and are welcome to enter the Czech lands. The Czech Republic is not included in the Visa Waiver Program of the US. Czechs wishing to come to the US need to apply for a Visa. This is a costly, lengthy, and often humiliating procedure that creates a sense for Czechs and others that we are not truly partners and the support given to the US by the Czech Republic and other allies is not taken seriously by the US.

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) was established in 1986 with the objective of promoting better relations with US allies, eliminating unnecessary barriers to travel, and stimulating the tourism industry and people to people contacts. Currently 27 countries participate in the Visa Waiver Program, including many of the European Union countries. However, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, and Malta are not included in the program.

One of the tasks of the American Friends of the Czech Republic is to educate and inform Americans concerning issues that affect relations between the US and the Czech Republic. The visa issue is the biggest concern that exists today.

This document will familiarize you with the VWP, what Congress is doing to address its inconsistencies, and how you can help. For your convenience, a sample letter that you may send to your US Representative at his or her home office is available online or you can contact AFCR.
In 1999 we at AFCR undertook a similar program of education that resulted in NATO expansion for the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland. This expansion proved to be a good thing when September 11 th happened. Majority of concerned Czech people have stood with us in the war against terrorism ever since. Hopefully, we can stand with the Czech people at this time.
I would ask that you share this letter and information with your family and friends.

With all good wishes, Michael G. Rokos

3. Debut ofAmero
By Judy McLeod
Canada Free Press

The People's Republic of China, long lauded by America's enemies as the world's next economic power, will be the country that will force the creation of the "North American Union."
Kofi Annan's former pointman, Canadian Maurice Strong, has been boasting from Chinese soil that China soon would be replacing America as economic king, using the jingo that's the official language at Turtle Bay.
The billions of dollars China has invested in the flagging American economy will be worthless. They will have to negotiate the exchange rate to the new "Amero." This will then force the creation of the North American Union, (NAU), United States, Canada and Mexico.
The cloak of the NAU, fashioned in secrecy, will be thrown over an unsuspecting public, erasing the borders of three countries. Mexico, which already has legions of its citizens living and working inside America, is, in effect, already inside the NAU. Their governments will inform the American and Canadian people that there is no option but the bread line.
Unfortunately, the plan, which has been in place for some time flow, has been all but ignored by the mainstream media.
One of the signs that the NAU is on its way, is the collapse of the American greenback dollar, paving the way for the debut of the "Amero."
"Two analysts who have reconstructed money supply data, after the Fed stopped publishing it, argue that a coming dollar collapse will set the stage for creating the Amero as a North American currency to replace the dollar," (WorldNetDaily, Dec. 13, 2006).
The Euro followed the same blueprint of stealth and surprise. It was already issued as replacement currency before the masses could coalesce to fight it. Who ever would have dreamed that the Euro of a secular bureaucracy one day would be accepted for use at the Vatican? Pope John Paul II, who repeatedly condemned the "moral drift" of secular Brussels, finally sanctioned an official Euro for the Vatican.
In appearance, the Vatican coin looks very much like other Euro coins. But on the flip side of the com, the image of Pope John Paul II faces left.
"By permitting his image on this new com, John Paul II has given another symbolic and powerful stimulus to the European Union, which with the issuance of the Euro, is taking an important step towards the Universal Republic," said Atila Sinke Guimarnes in *Daily Catholic.*
Was it all that long ago, when people said the formation of the European Union was impossible? Today, the EU European holds 27 nations under its authority, with other countries lined up for membership.
In the U.S., experts are now predicting that the collapse of the dollar is imminent.

"People in the U.S. are going to be hit hard," says Bob Chapman, publisher of *The International Forecaster* newsletter. "In the severe recession we are entering now, Bush will argue that we have to form a North American Union to compete with the Euro." "Creating the Amero," Chapman explained, "will be presented to the American public as the administration's solution for dollar recovery. In the process of creating the Amero, the administration just abandons the dollar." While the Amero is being groomed to enter stage left, another phenomenon has been gathering steam outside of media headhines.

The North American Union, which got its start in secrecy, has been pulled out of the closet by a grass-roots effort, that will force it onto the agenda when Nancy Pelosi and Company opens the l00th Congress.

Pressed on by Conservative Caucus Chairman Howard Phillip WND columnist and author Jerome Corsi activist and American icon Phyllis Schlafly leaders of the 50 member strong coalition are poised to halt any effort by the U.S. to enter into a North American Union with Mexico and Canada.

Members of Schlafly's Eagle Forum have been in training for the past two months to lobby on Capitol Hill when Congress convenes.

The resolution — sponsored by Republican Reps. Virgil Goode Jr. of Virginia, Tom Tancredo of Colorado, Walter Jones of North Carolina, and Ron Paul of Texas — expresses *"the sense of Congress that the United States shou/d not engage in the construction of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System, or enter into a North American Union (NAU) with Mexico or Canada."*

It's no idle boast when Phillips says, "this could be the most important project on which we've ever worked."

Armed with the Internet release of about 1,000 documents, obtained in a Freedom of Information Act request to the Security and Prosperity Partnership ofNorth America, the coalition has the potential to embarrass the governments of all three countries.

According to Corsi, "the documents show the White House is engaging in collaborative relations with Mexico and Canada — outside the U.S. Constitution.

Very little about the NAU has been covered by the Canadian media.

The stage has been carefully set, and only intervention will stop North America from taking the same stealth route that Europe took in creating the European Union, and its legal tender, the Euro.

Canada Free Press jounding editor Judi McLeod, is an award-winning journlist with 30 years experience in the print media. Print from *The **eco-logic*** Powerhouse.

P.S.

Our next issue will inform about organizing of NAU and following Agenda 21 issues.

Editor

4. OPEC Unloading Treasuries at Record Pace

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With crude oil prices dropping and bond yields consequently rising, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are unloading Treasuries at the fastest pace in more than three years.

The Treasury Department reports that exporters including Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela sold 9.4 percent, or $10.1 billion, of their U.S. government debt securities in the three months ended in November.

5. California-Bay Area scientist of Czech origin, Dr. Oldrich Alfons Vasicek named the 2004 Recipient of the IAFE/SunGard Financial Engineer of the Year Award.

New York, NY - December 14, 2004 - SunGard Trading and Risk Systems, an operating group of SunGard (NYSE:SDS), and the International Association of Financial Engineers (IAFE), today announced that Dr. Oldrich Vasicek has been named the 2004 IAFE/SunGard Financial Engineer of the Year (FEOY). Dr. Vasicek, a founding partner of KMV Corp, and advisor to Moody's KMV, was selected for his long-time contribution to the field of financial engineering, most notably for his pioncering work on fixed income derivatives and his more recent contributions to the modeling of credit risk.

The award had been presented to Dr. Vasicek on February 3, 2005, at the United Nations in New York City, during the 2004 IAFE/SunGard FEOY Award Gala Dinner.

The annual IAFE/SunGard FEOY Award, established in 1993, recognizes individual contributions to the advancement of financial engineering technology. Nominations are submitted by a nominating committee of 100 people, consisting of all the IAFE governing boards. They are then reviewed by a selection committee of 25 members, including the IAFE board of directors and senior fellows. This year's selection committee was chaired by Dr. Jonathan Ingersoll, an IAFE senior fellow and 2002 FEOY award recipient, and a professor at Yale University.
Dr. Vasicek said, "I am greatly honored by this award. The IAFE is an excellent organization that has throughout its existence done an outstanding job of promoting and supporting the development of financial theory, and the implementation of new research in practice."

Richard Lindsey, chair of the IAFE, said, "Dr. Vasicek is a most distinguished scholar and practitioner in the field of credit risk. All of us have benefited immensely from his work in this area. It is fitting that he should join the past recipients of the FEOY award, and we are delighted to name him."
David Rowe, group executive vice president, risk management, SunGard Trading and Risk Systems, said, "It is our honor to continue to be associated with this prestigious award. This year, we are delighted to present the FEOY Award to Dr. Vasicek, whose seminal conceptual contributions to financial engineering have had such a profound influence on practice."

Biographical Information:
Dr. Oldrich Alfons Vasicek
Oldrich is a founding partner of KMV Corporation and currently advises Moody's KMV. In his early career, he was a Vice President in the Management Science Department of Wells Fargo Bank. His academic career includes teaching graduate finance at the University of Rochester, the University of California at Berkeley and at Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (ESSEC) in France. A native of the Czech Republic, he holds a Ph.D. in probability theory from Charles University in Prague. Oldrich works in mathematical finance, particularly on development of quantitative models of firms, financial instruments and financial markets. His work is extensively cited and used in applications. He has published over 30 articles in financial and mathematical journals and has received a number of honors, including the Graham and Dodd Award, the Roger F. Murray Prize, the Award of the Institute for Quantitative Research in Finance and the Risk Magazine Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been inducted into the Derivatives Strategy Hall of Fame, the Fixed Income Analysts Society Hall of Fame and the Risk Hall of Fame. His equilibrium model of the term structure of interest rates is generally recognized as a genesis of this field in finance.Previous Award Recipients

Dr. Vasicek joins a prestigious list of recipients of the IAFE/SunGard Financial Engineer of the Year Award. They include: Darrell Duffie, Jonathan Ingersoll, Andrew Lo, Emanuel Derman, John Hull, John C. Cox, Robert Merton, Fischer Black, Mark Rubinstein, Stephen Ross, and Robert Jarrow. Myron Scholes received a lifetime achievement award in 2001.

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Holidays in January & February

The *Silvestr* New Year's Eve celebration Is named after St. Silvester (Pope Silvester 1) and after midnight, comes the start ot the New Year. The Czechs celebrate it In a similar way as it Is done here. This Is traditionally a holiday for adults because it Is tull ot drinking difterent liquers and punch as a toast to the newyear. Many different dishes are prepared for this celebration. From sweet to salt from cookies to *oblozené chlebíčky* (canape sandwiches), from turkey to goose, from roast pork with dumplings and sauerkraut to beefsteaks and french fries. The one food that must be served Is lentils which bring you prosperity and money for a whole new year. The other special dish for this occasion Is cooked *Ovar.* You could call this the "scruff ot the neck,"typically eaten still hot together with the skin and lard with fresh-grated horseradish and apple miXed together. You eat mis atter midnight and drink a toast tó the New Year. This, too, will bring you prosperity and money for the whole year. The proverb for New Year's day is "Na Novy Rok o slepičí krok" meaning "From New Year's day the days start to be a chicken tool longer."

On Epiphany, the 6th of January, the *"tři králové"* (Three Kings) make their appearance, along with the *Koledníci* (carols). The word "epiphany" Is from the Greek "to show" is used to celebrate the day the baby Jesus was shown to the world. At this time needy children dressed in the costume of three kings with tall golden crowns go through the town and, after they receive a gift for singing a carol, they will write on the frame ot the main door, with white chalk which has been blessed at the church, three capital letters "K+M+B+Year". The letters represent the names Of the three magi, *Kašpar,* (Caspar), *Melichar* (Melchior), and *Baltazar* (Balthazar); and the year they came to your home. Connected with this date is the proverb *"Na Tři Krále o hodinu dále"*, the translation from word to word means "On Three Kings we are going about one hour into the front" free translation means "From the celebration ot the Three Kings the days are longer by an hour."

Manger scenes, or *creche,* are popular parts of the Yuletide celebrations throughout Europe. In the Czech lands they're called "Příbram" and can be quite elaborate. Families hand them down from generation to generation and, each successive generation adds to their splendor. Epiphany, January 6, is the traditional day to take down the Christmas Tree and store the decoration for another year.

If you're In Denmark on this day you celebrate *"Hellig-Tre-Kongers-Dag"* (Day ot the Three Holy Kings); In France *"Le Jour des Rois"* (Day ot the Kings); In Germany *"Dreikönigsfest"* (Festival of the Three Kings); In Britain *"Twelvth Night";* and In Spain it's *"Dia de Los Reyes Magos"* (Day ot the Magi Kings). All these countries in Europe are celebrating a church holiday which commemorates the Magi's finding ot Jesus in the manger.

Now we come to another day (not a holiday though) associated with a proverb, the 2nd of February. The word-to-word translation for the proverb: *"Na Hromnice o dvě více"* is "On the days with thunder we are going about two (hours) into front", meaning: "on the days of thunder you can tell that the days are visibly longer." *Hromnice,* hrom=thunder (clap). I'm not really sure if this is the feminine name "she Hromnice" meaning "noisy wife" or "she who thunders" or for the plural "you Hromnice," from the old Czech expression *"Hromné dny"* (Days ot thunder), indicating the possibility of a couple of days with thunderstorms. Over high winter, in December and January, it is freezing and snowing all around Europe. At this time of year the possibility for thunder storms with lightning does not exist in this particular geographic area ot Europe.

Dear Sokol members and friends:

We are greeting you in the New Year 2007 and wishing you all the best for the whole year: good health, vitality, prosperity and a loving atmosphere in your family. In the Sokol spirit lets enter with zest and energy and follow the Sokol's proverb "In the healthy body, healthy spirit!"

Sokol just concluded successful Sokol year 2006. All the activities were great; five of our representatives from San Francisco Sokol went to Prague XIV "Slet" to participate in this unique gymnastics and aerobic event.

Sokol San Francisco chapter is enthusiastically entering into New Year 2007 with great programs.

All its members wish to all members and Sokol friends most happy and successful New Year.

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SUMMARY OF STRETCHES FOR THE LEGS, FEET, AND ANKLES



Do these stretches, in this order, as a routine.

Bouncing while stretching can actually make you tighter, rather than more flexible. For example, if you bounce four or five times while touching your toes, then bend over again several minutes later, you'll probably find that you are farther away from your toes than when you started! Each bouncing movement activates the stretch reflex, tightening the very muscles you are trying to stretch.

Obituary

Our member Sis. Lida Mikes informed us that her loving husband Karel suddenly passed away on January 16th 2007. He was almost 90 years old. Karel was active and supporting member of Sokol San Francisco for more than 55 years.

We are staying with our prayers and our sincere condolence to Lida. Per Karel wish, there will be no funeral public ceremony.

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