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Sokol veterans remembered during Alumni Reunion

activities, a portion of time was devoted recognize and give thanks to the many Sokols who served in the military of this nation. The presenter for this segment was Brother Emil M. Trgala, member of Lodge #12 of Newark, present Commander of the Horvath Cushing VFW Post #14, and active in many VFW activities including Past District Commander, Past Chairman of the VFW Essex County Blood Bank, Past New Jersey State VFW Community Affairs Director. The following are his remarks.

"When I was asked to say a few words on this occasion, I did not hesitate and immediately said 'Yes I would be glad to do it.' Then I asked myself, 'Trgala, what did you get yourself into this time? Do we really need another day of remembrance?' The answer came quickly and it was an unequivocal 'Yes.' We do need such a day and always will. Not like a Memorial Day or

part of the reunion Veterans Day where the true cars and stood in silence as the meaning of these holidays often gets lost in picnics, shopping sprees and activities that have no bearing for such important days. It is gatherings like this, at a place like this, where we can reminisce, share our thoughts and memories with others - not only those who served in the military but also the families who had loved ones in the military. We were all in together. It affected our lives and the generations that have followed, and it is our obligation that we share these experiences with our

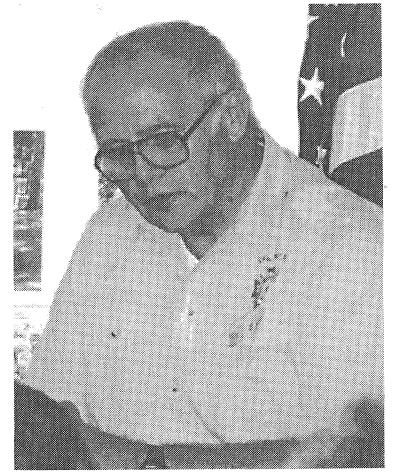
"Let me share with you some of my recollections. I was a war baby so I do not remember anything of World War II, but I do remember certain events of the Korean War.

"Raised in Newark, N.J., I remember at 11 a.m. on Armistice Day (we now know it as Veterans Day) when traffic stopped, drivers got out of their

church bells tolled and the air siren blared. I remember men walking down Ferry Street on wooden crutches with one pants leg sewn up or a shirt sleeve sewn up. I knew right away where they had been. I remember meeting while those same veterans on Broad and Market, my father giving one of them some change while the other fastening on my jacket lapel a little red flower called a poppy. I remember veteran parades on Market Street and recognizing those soldiers that were from my neighborhood, my church and those who were Sokols.

"I remember Sokol Camp. We celebrated "Stefanik Day." Milan R. Stefanik was not an American veteran but a veteran none the less, and we honored him as if he were one of our own. Closer to home, there was "Uncle" George Repasky who would say

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Brother Emil M. Trgala talks about Sokols who served in the military during the Sokol Alumni Reunion in August.

Monessen gymnasts demonstrate the calisthenics finale

Supreme Lodge Meeting Takes Officers to Pittsburgh and Lodge 47

By Chris Yatchyshvn

Supreme Lodge Officers had a busy day on October 14, 2006. The semi-annual meeting began at 9:30 a.m. at the Senator John Museum in Heinz History Pittsburgh, Pa. Deliberations were held in the conference room around an historic table that years earlier served in the board room of the U.S. Steel Corporation.

Following the meeting, the officers were invited to take a very brief tour of the museum its exciting displays including the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum in the Smithsonian Wing that features a Sokol exhibit. The museum is just three blocks from the Westin Hotel/David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This amazing cultural venue will

banquet.

After a quick return to their hotel rooms, the officers then assembled to take a 45-minute trip to visit the Monessen Sokol Gym. Since the Supreme Lodge was meeting in western Pennsylvania, Lodge 47 seized the opportunity to invite the officers to see their facility, now in its third year of operation. The lodge members prepared a lovely wine and cheese reception and provided entertainment that responsible for the reactivation of featured gymnastics performances and demonstration of the Junior/Young Adult calisthenics for the 2007 Slet.

Following the hour-long reception, a delegation from Monessen joined the Supreme Lodge officers in the nearby Back Porch Restaurant. In attendance were lodge officers Marty Thierot, Renee Allen and Steve Kusencko. Marty, her husband Rick, and daughter Katy have attended the Slets in Valparaiso, Toronto Chicago, as did Renee and her children, Paige and Alex. Rick, Katy, Renee, Paige and Alex are all Slet medal winners!

Also in attendance were Amy Cornell and Tammy Bendel. These moms not only bring daughters Lindsay Cornell and Devin Bendel to the gym, but they too work out. Both moms competed in the Chicago Slet

be the site of the 2007 Slet and are looking forward to competing in Pittsburgh. This time they vow to bring home medals, as their daughters did in

Chicago. And finally, the officers were joined by Darlene Mutich and Charity Ruhl. Both are gymnasts who attended classes years ago when Rich and Chris Yatchyshyn were directors in Monessen. Darlene's daughter Samantha now competes and Darlene helps instruct classes. Charity is the Monessen Sokol avm. She serves as Lodge Director and Manager of Falcon Gymnastics and Fitness, in addition to her full time job as a nurse.

It was a great opportunity for Supreme Lodge Officers and Lodge 47 members to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy one another's company. Special thanks to Patience Coleman, Charity's mom, who agreed to oversee a pizza party for the juveniles, as the parents enjoyed dinner and a night out with the Supreme Lodge officers.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From the Supreme Lodge Officers of Sokol USA



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Veterans Day



Friday, November 10, 2006

Sokol USA Lodge 32 Boonton, NJ

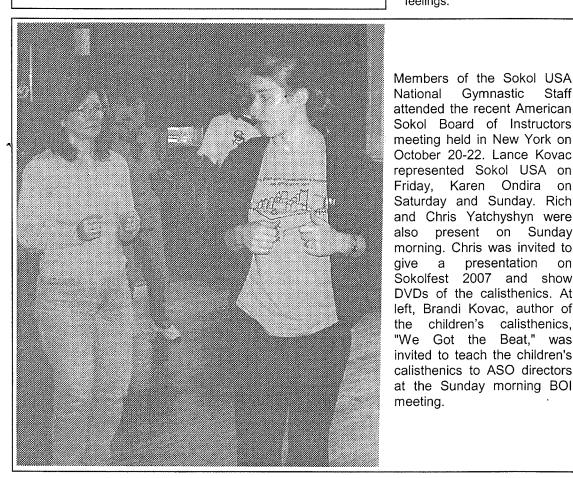
Bus Ride to Bally's Atlantic City Sunday, November 19, 2006

Bus Departs from Sokol Hall at 7:30 AM

Coffee and sweets, food and drink on the bus ride home.

Cost \$30 Cash back from the casino.

For reservations and more information call: Rosemarie Lynch - 973-331-8297 Sokol Hall - 973-263-9831



National Gymnastic attended the recent American Sokol Board of Instructors meeting held in New York on October 20-22. Lance Kovac represented Sokol USA on Friday, Karen Ondira on Saturday and Sunday. Rich and Chris Yatchyshyn were also present on Sunday morning. Chris was invited to give a presentation on Sokolfest 2007 and show DVDs of the calisthenics. At left, Brandi Kovac, author of the children's calisthenics, "We Got the Beat," was invited to teach the children's calisthenics to ASO directors at the Sunday morning BOI meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Somewhere along the way I lost the month of October and I find myself ready to turn the calendar page to November. Warm sunny days suddenly seem cool and brisk and windy. Christmas decorations cropping up everywhere and we haven't even had Thanksgiving yet. I'm told this is could be a function of old age.

The Supreme Lodge semiannual meeting was conducted in Pittsburgh, the site of our 2007 Sokol Slet. Pittsburgh truly is a renaissance city. I encourage all to set aside a few vacation days to come to the Slet and to visit Pittsburgh. In addition to the Slet activities, we are planning a tour and a reunion celebration during those days. If you were among the lucky Sokols who came together at Sokol Woodlands, I am sure you will want to reunite in Pittsburgh. If you could not attend the reunion at Woodlands, you have the opportunity of meeting and greeting old friends in Pittsburgh. It is not too early to begin

During our stay in Pittsburgh. we had the privilege of visiting the Monessen Sokol Gym. The

"Falcons," under the direction of Charity Ruhl, graciously performed for the Supreme officers. Lodge They demonstrated that they are skilled and well coached. The facility is a large open space that is now filled with the latest gymnastic equipment. It is bright and inviting, and the gymnasts who performed for us are filled with a wonderful spirit that fills the gymnasium. Charity, her assistants, the parents and the gymnasts are to be commended for fulfilling the dream of establishing a Sokol program in Monessen again.

Our Supreme Lodge meeting was held at the Sen. John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center. It is a marvelous museum that is now part of the Smithsonian network. conducted our business seated around the board table that was once occupied by Andrew Carnegie. A visit to this museum is worth the trip to Pittsburgh in and of itself. Plans call for our Slet banquet to be held in the museum. It is a wonderfully interesting venue that should not be missed.

We were all brought up to



Bea Walko

date on the plans for the Slet and competitions. All materials are ready for distribution and our Directors were attending the annual meeting of the gymnastic board of the American Sokol Organization held in New York, also in October.

We were saddened by the news that former Supreme Lodge officer, Brother Charles Turecek from Johnson City had passed away. Brother Turecek was a member of the Finance Committee for a number of vears

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(Continued from Page 1) that he was treated better as a prisoner of war than by his own military unit. I remember my cousin Ann Tacovsky telling us that her husband Emil would fly low over Sokol Camp and give a little wiggle with the wings as he flew by. Then there were men like Joe Skapik, Albert Walko and Milan Trnka and many others - men who served in the military, came home, taught and influenced many young people like myself, for which I am eternally grateful.

"Before we pay tribute to those who are with us, I would like to bring to your attention those missing in action. They must remain alive in our hearts and minds until we know they have returned home to their loved ones; and to honor our Gold Star parents whose sons daughters made the supreme sacrifice. This is where the words alone seem so inadequate to express such feelings.

"It is a privilege to stand before you today to honor those who served in times of war and peace. As your name is being called, can you please come forward and accept certificate as a token of appreciation from the members, their families and friends of Sokol USA."

The presentation Certificates of Appreciation was presented in Lodge number order. The names that appear are those whose names were submitted as a result of the solicitation as published in prereunion advertising. A name preceded by an asterisk indicates a deceased member.

ASO: *Stanley Mergl Lodge #1: Milan C. Lapar Lodge # 7: Joseph J. Darula, Robert A. Darula, Robert Hurta, *Albert Walko and Michael Zboray

Lodge #12: * John M. Babuska, Milan Huska, Milan S. Kovac, Stephen Kovac, Paul Nikituk, *Steve Placko, Emil Tachovsky, Emil M. Trgala, Milan Urban and Stephen Urban Sr.

Lodge #26: *Milan C. Hluchan and Albie Ondira

#32: Lodge Matthew Reynolds and John Walek

Lodge #36: *Paul Lojpersberger Sr. and Paul Lojpersberger Lodge#93: Edward F. Rakos,

George Raykos, Joseph B. Raykos, Robert Raykos and Stephen J. Raykos

Lodge #94: George Roxandich and *Joseph Skapik Lodge #203: Ed Jankovic and *Edward R. Jankovic

Lodge#223: George Massar, Joseph Massar, Milan Massar and Vladimir Massar

Lodge #306: Milan Trnka Lodge #39/40W: Gerald von Schwedler

Editor's Note: Certificates of Appreciation for military service for Sokol members are available through Headquarters. request a certificate, send the name of the individual, address, Lodge number, branch of service, and years of service to: SOKOL USA, PO Box 189, East Orange, NJ 07019-0189.

LODGE 276, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Calendar of Events for the winter days ahead:

- November 12, Sunday: Lodge Meeting at 2 p.m.
- December 3, Sunday: Lodge Annual meeting at 2 p.m. Covered dish and dessert will follow.
- December 10, Sunday: Christmas Dinner and Social as usual Watch for details.

Nazdar! Amelia Blistan Reporter for Lodge 276

SAVE THE DATE

15TH ANNUAL SLOVAK BALL

February 17, 2007 6 PM to Midnight NY Athletic Club, New York City

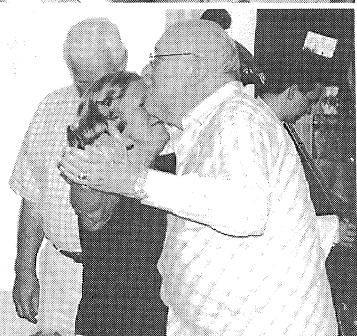
Slovak-American Cultural Center Music by the Express led by Marek Soltys

Another Look at the Sokol Alumni Reunion











After a recent fall, Sister Veronica Bindas Paley, a member of Boonton Sokol Lodge 32, is recuperating at Spring Rehab in Troy, N.Y. She enjoyed hearing about the Alumni Reunion at Barryville from Barbara B. Battista. Mastro remembered the many Sokol friends and activities they have experience over the years. Thank you Barbara Babuska and every single person who worked so hard to make the reunion another treasured Sokol memory.

Nazdar Helen Bindas





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and an active member of his lodge and District Nitra.

Our condolences also go to the family and members of the Farrell Lodge, on the passing of Brother Steve Banjak. Brother Banjak was known throughout the Sokol world for his dedication to Sokol and his kind manner. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. Sokol has lost a loyal member.

We also remember Brother Emil Trgala during his time of loss. Peggy Trgala passed away this week. Our hearts are filled with sadness as we remember those who have touched our lives in many different ways. We hold dear those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones.

I wish all our Sokol members, families and friends the most blessed Thanksgiving. We are all blessed and it is appropriate that we set aside time to offer thanks for the goodness in our lives. Don't miss an opportunity to thank those you love for the blessings they bring into your life and to our Creator for having put them there.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

NaZdar! Bea Walko

Milan Getting Scholarship

Lisa M. Votral

I would like to take the time to thank the Committee for allowing me to receive the Milan Getting Scholarship again this year. This scholarship is greatly appreciated by both my family and myself, and is very helpful in covering some of the rising costs of my college experience.

While in my second year at Gettysburg College, I again took advantage of attending a liberal arts school. Taking a variety of classes allowed me to finally declare myself as an English major and as of now it looks like I will be able to minor in Writing.

The pressures of college definitely were more evident during my sophomore year. Professors expected more and I had to learn how to manage all of their demands equally. Time management skills quickly became important.

Although my courses were much more difficult, I still managed to maintain a fairly high grade point average. I kept up a close relationship with my professors, utilizing Gettyburg's small class sizes. I especially excelled in my Spanish courses, and my professor encouraged me to continue in the language program.

In addition to academic achievements, I took the time to volunteer in the tutoring of local elementary school children. The program, Generation focused mainly on the Hispanic youth of the community who simply need a little extra help with the school work because of a language barrier between their home and school lives. The volunteer work was inspired by one of my Spanish classes; however, I continued to help out because I enjoyed experience so much.

Once again I returned to my campus job with Gettysburg Athletics. Mainly under the Men's Soccer coach, I was able to be involved with their recruiting process and assist with some office work. Occasionally I was able to help out a few of the other coaches with small tasks, and was even able to be involved with our Health and Exercise Science web site.

I followed up with the Resident Assistant recommendation and was involved in a very competitive process. Due to the large number of returning staff members, I was unable to become an RA for a freshman dorm, but was given the opportunity to be a coordinator of upper-class students. Because I did not feel that would be a good fit for me, I was unable to take the position, but still stayed involved with ResLife by helping out with First Year Orientation.

Again, I wold like to thank the Milan Getting Scholarship Committee for allowing me the chance to continue my education at Gettysburg College. I will continue to work hard, do my best and represent Sokol USA. Thank you.

Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol Of USA Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2006

Sept. 30, 2006

ASSETS	<u>Sept. 30, 2006</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CASH – PNČ CHECKING	75,685.43
CASH – CANADIAN BK OF COM	3,805.96
CASH M/M GYMNASTIC	27,873.78
PETTY CASH	500.00
Total Checking/Savings	107,865.17
Other Current Assets	0.770.00
SLET EXPENSE PREPAID 2007	8,750.00
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT #2 BONDS	119,040.86
BONDS	0.000.474.00
Total BONDS	8,283,174.89 8,283,174.89
STOCK	0,200,174.09
PREFERRED STOCK	582,220.00
COMMON STOCK	140,943.95
Total STOCK	723,163.95
MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE	·
Total MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE	1,219,853.29
COLLATERAL LOANS	
Total COLLATERAL LOANS	409,223.07
CERTIFICATE LOANS	2,150.15
BENEFICIARY TRUST FUND	40 770 40
RESERVE FOR TRUST FUND TRUST FUND FOR BENEFICIARY	-16,778.16 16,778.16
Total BENEFICIARY TRUST FUND	0.00
BOND INTEREST DUE	149,995.00
EXCHANGE	1.30
MORTGAGE INTEREST DUE	1,724.00
PREMIUMS DUE	3,321.52
Total Other Current Assets	10,920,398.03
Total Current Assets	11,028,263.20
Fixed Assets	
AUTOMOBILE	
ACCUM DEPREC – AUTO	-21,179.00
AUTOMOBILE – OTHER	<u>54,300.20</u> 33,121.20
Total AUTOMOBILE REAL ESTATE - BUILDIÑG	33,121.20
ACCUM DEPREC - BUILDING	-41,679.54
REAL ESTATE - BUILDING - OTHER	67,898.25
Total REAL ESTATE – BUILDING	26,218.71
Total Fixed Assets	59,339.91
Other Assets	
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Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol Of USA Profit & Loss January through September 2006

January through September	
Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan – Sep '06</u>
Income	
SCHOLARSHIP-MILAN GETTING	3,038.75
ACCIDENT & HEALTH PREMIUM AMORTIZATION-IMR	246.45 38,700.00
ANNUITY	150,000.00
ASSESSMENTS-GYMNASTICS	1,244.10
ASSESSMENTS-INDIGENT	262.10
ASSESSMENTS-LIFE DIVIDEND ON STOCK	34,113.04
GAIN/LOSS REAL ESTATE	36,275.42 49,455.37
GAINS/LOSSES - BONDS	70,00.07
GAIN ON SALE OF BONDS	6,830.37
Total GAINS/LOSSES – BONDS GAINS/LOSSES – STOCKS	6,830.37
GAIN ON SALE OF STOCKS-PREF.	0.00
Total GAINS/LOSSES - STOCKS	0.00
GYMNASTIC INCOME	
GYM FUND DONATIONS Total GYMNASTIC INCOME	3,133.25
INTEREST INCOME	3,133.25
ACCRUED INT. PURCH. OF BONDS	-2,794.98
BONDS - GYMNASTIC	2,000.00
BONDS - INDUSTRIAL	404,735.25
CAPITAL RESERVE COLLATERAL LOANS	2,155.22 2,800.07
GYM DEPT INVESTORS SVGS BK	215.82
MORTGAGE LOANS	35,588.93
PNC CHECKING	54.05
Total INTEREST INCOME MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	444,754.36
RENTAL REAL ESTATE INCOME	905.92
Total RENTAL REAL ESTATE INCOME	24,413.11
Total Income	793,372.24
Expense	
PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS ACCIDENT & HEALTH CLAIMS	810.00
CASH SURRENDER	18,252.26
DEATH CLAIMS	69,734.00
INTEREST – ANNUITY	6,955.87
Total PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS ACTUARIAL & ACCOUNTING FEE	95,752.13 39,530.00
BANK CHARGES	441.48
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	172.00
BUREAU & ASSOCIATION DUES	1,312.50
CAMPAIGN REWARDS DIVIDENDS	224.40 2,251.66
DONATIONS & ADVERTISING	1,369.43
EXPENSE OF SUP. LDG. MTG.	13,416.38
FRATERNAL EXPENSE	2,544.01
GYMNASTIC EXPENSES SCHOOL – EXPENSE (KURŻ)	845.44
GYMNASTIC BOWLING	1,611.60
GYMNASTIC MISCELLANEOUS	660.08
GYMNASTIC NATIONAL MEETING	8,742.52
GYMNASTIC TRAINING SESSION GYMNASTIC TRAVEL EXPENSES	410.75 2,150.38
Total GYMNASTIC EXPENSES	14,420.77
HOSPITALIZATION	12,832.56
INSURANCE (EXCEPT REAL ESTATE)	9,707.94
INVESTMENT EXPENSES MISC. OFFICE EXPENSE AND SUPPLIES	9,543.27 786.15
NJ EXAMINERS FEES	138.64
OFFICE EXPENSES	22,537.61
OFFICERS' TRAVELING EXPENSE	15,742.94
OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS PAYROLL TAX EXPENSE	14,396.00 7,196.48
POSTAGE, EXPRESS, TEL & TEL	2,896.06
PRINTING & STATIONARY	8,183.61
RENT EXPENSE (Rent)	15,750.00
RENTAL REAL ESTATE EXPENSES	19,578.06
Total RENTAL REAL ESTATE EXPENSES SALARIES	19,576.00
SALARIES-SUPREME OFFICERS	4,325.00
OFFICE	37,175.58
OFFICER	50,093.88
Total SALARIES SCHOLARSHIP	91,594.46
SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES	5,500.00
Total SCHOLARSHIP	5,500.00
STATE LICENSE FEES	3,111.50
TELEPHONE EXP Total Expense	2,860.40 413,790.44
Net Ordinary Income	379,581.80
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Net Income

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 9, 2006

Delegates

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Guests

Chuck Kalat, American Sokol Director of Men Jan Kalat, American Sokol Asst. Director of Women Howard Wise, ASO Cleveland, Director of Men Jane Wise, ASO Cleveland, Director of Woman Donna Sbrillia, ASO New York, Director of Women

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. National Anthem
- C. Moment of Silence for Deceased Member
- II. Welcome
- III. Introductions, Comments from Supreme Lodge Officers and Sister Organizations
- IV. Reports from National Directors and Assistants
- V. Reports from Lodges and Districts
- VI. Old Business
 - A. World Federation Meeting
 - B. STAR Camp/Sokol Woodlands Report
 - C. Code of Conduct
 - D. Mini-Kurz
 - 1. Sokol Woodlands, July 06
 - 2. Chicago Lodge 306
 - E. Project 2nd Century
- VII. New Business
 - A. Sokolfest 2007
 - 1. Calisthenics
 - 2. Gymnastics Routines
 - 3. Fitness Challenge
 - 3. Sports Tournaments
 - a. Golf
 - b. Bowling
 - c. Volleyball
 - d. Basketball
 - 4. Awards & Presentations
 - 5. Rules
 - 6. Uniforms
 - 7. Social Events
 - a. Thursday Evening Welcome to Sokolfest 2007 Kennywood
 - b. Friday Evening Social Juniors/Young Adults
 - c. Friday Evening Social Children
 - d. Friday Evening Reception/Banquet
 - e. Saturday Evening Celebration Dance
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- a. Special Numbers by Guest Organizations
- b. Other Performances
- B. Training Sessions
 - 1. Central Area Sunday, September 10
 - 2. Western Area
 - 3. Eastern Area
- C. Public Relations
 - Website Updates
 Power Point by Steve Banjak
- D. YES Committee
- E. Recommendations from National Directors

- F. Recommendations from Lodges and Districts
- G. 2006-2007 Budget
- H. Correspondence
 - 1. American Sokol BOI meeting
- Sokol Canada
- IX. Date and Site of the 2007 Meeting
- X. Adjournment

Schedule

Saturday

Sunday

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Meeting at Westin Hotel

12:00 Noon – Lunch in meeting room 12:45 PM – Tour of Convention Center

1:30 PM - Tours of Volleyball/Basketball & Bowling Venues or

Tour of the History Center

3:30 - 5:00 PM - Resume meeting at Westin Hotel

5:45 PM – Tour of Kennywood – Stay as long as you like and enjoy the park

Dinner is on your own. There are stands and sit-down eating

venues at Kennywood

8:00 PM Slet Committee Meeting (Slet Committee members and National Directors)

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Training Session at Monessen Sokol/Falcon Gymnastics & Fitness

Meet in hotel lobby at 7:45 AM.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided at the gym.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Rich Yatchyshyn at 9:03 A.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the playing of the National Anthem and a moment of silence for our deceased members.

Brother Yatchyshyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Supreme Lodge Officers and guests from other organizations. Since our President Sister Bea Walko was unable to attend the meeting, she sent a letter welcoming everyone and wished them well on the upcoming year with their lodge endeavors as they prepare for the upcoming Slet.

Reports from National Directors and Assistants

All national staff members, Rich, Karen, Chris, Amy, Lance and Matthew verbally reported their activities for the last year.

Reports from Lodges and Districts

Lodge 12 Central Jersey: Directors, Norah Valentin and Ellen Kovac 8 Sokolettes, 3 Sokolads, 5 Junior Girls, 4 Senior Women, 3 Senior Instructors and 2 Junior Instructors.

- Central Jersey holds all of their classes on Friday nights. They have already notified their membership that if membership doesn't improve this will be their last year of gymnastics.
- The lodge and its members participated in a fundraiser for the family of a member who was ill and died this summer.
- They had 6 gymnasts participate in the District Competitions, 4 in the US of E competitions, 3 in the Mini Kurz, 1 in the Star camp and 3 in the Fun Bowling Tournament.
- Three of their adult members worked as the managers of Sokol Woodlands, as well as house mother, and Lance as facilitator and Milan with cutting of the grass. They had three junior girls work at the camp this summer. Written report submitted.

Lodge #46: Representatives, Steve and Pat Tomko

- Lodge #46 has been holding their meetings in Bro. Tomko's home
- They are helping with the Slet committee. A verbal report was given.

Lodge #32 Boonton: Directors, Eric Skovronek and Pat Ritz.

24 Sokolettes, 7 Sokolads, 3 Junior Girls, 3 Senior Women, 2 Senior Men, 25 Cheerleaders, 7 Instructors

- Boonton holds their gymnastic classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Their cheerleaders meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays.
- The fundraisers that they have conducted this year were pancake breakfasts and a fish & chips dinner
- They had 30 gymnasts compete in their District Competitions, 6 in the US of E Competition, 3 attended Mini Kurz and 25 participated in the National Bowling Tournament.
- They also held a one-day training session for Sokolettes and Juniors, the US of E Bowling Tourney and a Parent's Night. A written report was submitted.

Braddock Lodge #16: Representative, Joe Bielecki

- Although they are not a gymnastically active lodge, they are going to be paying the fee for the Sports Museum to be open during the Slet Banquet.
- Joe Bielecki is serving as the Slet Committee Chair. A verbal report was given.

Bethlehem Lodge #93: Representative, Joanne Check

- Bethlehem has Dart and Bowling leagues.
- They hosted the National Bowling Tournament.
- They were closed for the summer; only opened on some weekends.

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Sokol USA National Gymnastics Meeting Minutes Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Trying to help with the golf tournament for next summer. A verbal report was given.

Farrell Lodge # 103: Directors, Steve Banjak and Jennifer Bateman 11 Tots, 8 Sokolettes, 7 Junior Girls, 10 Seniors

- Farrell has 175 adult members, and 40+ juvenile members
- Farrell has meetings the first Thursday of each month except January, July and August.
- They attended the XIV Pan Sokol Slet conducted by the Czech Sokol Organization in Praha June 30-July 6, 2006. They had five gymnasts participate in the special number of Sokol na Slovensku.
- They print and mail over 175 copies of their own Sokol USA Farrell Newsletter twice per year.
- They continue with their special Sokol Club agreement with T.J. Sokol Vranov n/Topl'ou in Slovakia by communications via telephone and e-mail and they are planning to make an official visit this summer.
- Farrell continues to take contributions for their own "Sokol USA Farrell Steve Banjak Centennial Scholarship Fund." They have surpassed their goal to raise \$10,000 by their 100th anniversary in 2006. By doing so they were able to award their first scholarship at their 100th anniversary celebration in May of 2006.
- Farrell's fundraising events consisted of a Daffin's Candy sale, a Chicken Dinner, a Halloween costume party and a St. Nicholas party. A written report was submitted.

Lodge 306 Chicago: Directors, Bryan Pracko and Kristin Merker 24 Sokolettes, 8 Sokolads, 5 Junior Girls, 3 Junior Boys, 15 Senior Women, 10 Senior Men, 8 Tots and 11 instructors

- They hold classes on every night of the week except Thursday evenings.
- They have several fundraisers and other events throughout the year in order to support the gymnastics program and the Lodge 306 itself. These events consisted of Spaghetti dinners, Candle sale, Cartwheel/roll a thon, Christmas party, Hody, Parent Night, Palm Sunday Brunch, Paprikas dinner, Bingo every Sunday, Candlelite Bowl, American Academy of gymnastics outing, Awards banquet & Volleyball League.
- Lodge #306 had 25 gymnasts participate in the District Competition, 40 that participated in the Central District Slet and sent 2 students to the American Sokol Kurz. A written report was submitted

Monessen Lodge #47: Director, Charity Ruhl

6 Children, 25 Juniors, 20 Seniors and 25 Cheerleaders

- 2006-07 registration has begun. It looks like they will have 20 new members joining Sokol USA.
- They had about 250 gymnasts in Falcon Gymnastics classes. They have a cheer program, a Senior Level 4 squad with 25 members. They also have a Karate program with about 8 participants. They are working on a contract with the Intermediate Unit to hold a special needs class.
- They had two USA gymnastics sanctioned meets. Polar Bear meet had approximately 170 competitors, levels 4 to 8. Rubber Ducky meet had approximately 90 competitors, levels 3 to 8.
- They hosted a back-to-school exhibition that had about 150 spectators.
- They purchased a used spring floor and a tumble track.
- Their volleyball team competed in a grass tournament and went 8
- They have created a DVD for the Jr./Sr. cal for the 2007 Slet,

Blairsville Lodge #68

They are still active in bowling and are looking forward to the bowling tournament at the Slet. A verbal report was given.

Pittsburgh Lodge # 276

- They have 11 senior women who will be learning the cal for the Pittsburgh Slet.
- They also celebrated their 75th anniversary this year. A verbal report was given.

Guest Organizations:

- American Sokol and Greater Cleveland are looking forward to the upcoming Slet.
- They held their National Youth Camp, 40 kids attended the oneweek event. They encouraged us to send Sokol USA teens next time and reminded us that this program does not focus on gymnastics, so anyone can participate and have a good time.
- They would like to move the National Youth Camp back to Barryville next summer.
- They will be hosting their next Slet in 2009; the location will be

American Sokol New York has over 200 tots, they also have a Tae Kwon Do program. They hosted a college reunion night during the summer. They also have a Sokol educator speak to the parents and gymnasts about what Sokol is. A verbal report was given

Old Business

World Federation Meeting:

The World Federation met and discussed the possibility of again holding an international camp during the summer of 2007. Sister Bea did offer Sokol Woodlands as a site and they discussed the possibility of having instructors from the Czech Republic on the staff. Sister Bea will continue to discuss this with them. New officers were elected. The meeting concluded with little actual business being discussed with the exception of dues and the responsibilities of delegates attending the meeting. Email will continue to be the source of communication.

STAR Camp/Sokol Woodlands Report

- Both the STAR and Day Camps ran for 3 weeks this year. Things that need to be changed for next year are: Need to reach out sooner for staff help; need to stress that the camps do not focus on gymnastics so those that do not have active lodges can come and help as well; Need a nurse on site 24/7; Need to increase camp fees in order to cover the expenses for each gymnasts for the week.
- Cheerleaders could also use Sokol Woodlands for cheerleading
- The Sokol Reunion weekend brought 130 people. Everyone had a great time.
- Lots of renovations need to be done. The camp board will be working with Katherine Durula to develop a business plan over the next year. A written detailed report was past out.

Code of Conduct

- Pat Ritz will take the corrections from Bro. Tomko and edit the code. It will then be distributed to the all of those that attended the meeting, via e-mail, and suggestions, corrections can be submitted to the directors. It will then be passed on the Supreme Lodge for final approval and they will be asked to give direction on how it should be implemented.
- Bro. Tomko made the few changes that he felt needed to be done at this time and he explained that this will be considered a work in progress. As the organization changes, there will need to be changes made to fit the organization. All changes will have to be approved by the Supreme Lodge.

Mini-Kurz

A Mini-Kurz was held in July, 2006 at Sokol Woodlands. A total of ten people attended this course. Instructors included Ellen Kovac, Rich Yatchyshyn and Todd Yatchyshyn. Another Mini-Kurz is scheduled for the weekend of September 29, run by American Sokol. It will take place at Chicago, Lodge 306. The deadline for registration has been extended to September 15, 2006.

Project 2nd Century:

Project 2nd Century is at a stand still. The Supreme Lodge needs to construct a new committee and appoint a coordinator to implement the program.

Reunion at Sokol Woodlands:

The reunion brought new excitement to older Sokol members. They became very interested in the upcoming Slet in Pittsburgh. Thank you to those that put the reunion together; a wonderful time was had by all who attended. Look for the photos and comments from attendees in the Sokol Times.

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DONATIONS GRATEFULLY **ACKNOWLEDGED**

For the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Steve Banjak

From Helen Koudelik of Lodge 59 In Memory of Henrietta Stanik	\$100.00
From Ernest J. Mitrosky In Memory of Henrietta Stanik	\$50.00
From Helen Koudelik of Lodge 59 In Memory of Mary Graja & Henry Graja	\$50.00

For the Gymnastic Fund

From Lodge 15W in Binghamton, N.Y. In Memory of Anita & Anna Benya	\$25.00
From Milan Kovac	\$50.00



Calisthenics demonstrators, from left, Abby Moffit, Stacy Hoffman, Mary Beth Sprang and Samantha Mutich.

Gymnasts make time to demonstrate cal

By Chris Yatchyshyn

Meet the demonstrators of the Junior/Young Adult Calisthenics from Sokol USA Lodge 47 Monessen. They took time out of their busy schedules to learn the composition, written by their coach, Charity Ruhl. Their efforts will help us produce a DVD that will be available in the near future to use as a teaching aid.

Abby Moffit is 9 years old and competes at At the Pennsylvania Championships, she captured first place in vaulting, so it's no surprise that vaulting is her favorite event. This active fourth grader is also a cheerleader, plays soccer and enjoys playing the piano.

Seventeen-year-old Stacy Hoffman is very new to the sport of gymnastics. She recently competed in her first meet, winning third place on balance beam at Level 7. Her favorite event is floor exercise. Stacy is also an accomplished swimmer, who hopes to earn a college scholarship.

Mary Beth Sprang is a Level 7 competitor who says vaulting is her favorite event. As a Level 6 competitor in 2005, she won first-place honors at the ASO Slet in Chicago. Thirteen-year-old Mary Beth likes to read, but she is also an avid musician who plays both clarinet and sax in her school band.

Fourteen-year-old Samantha presently competing at Level 7 and her favorite event is floor exercise. As a Level 5 competitor, she captured first place in the Pennsylvania State Championships. Samantha says she's involved in lots of activities, including soccer and volleyball.

All four girls are looking forward to Sokolfest 2007. Be sure to say hello and make a new Sokol friend if you run into them during the competitions or social events in Pittsburgh next summer.

Sokol Social News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Bess Adamek Babuska celebrated her 85th birthday on October 23, 2006. Bess was feted at a surprise party in Great Meadows, N.J., on July 4th with family and many friends

Born in Little Falls, N.Y., she is an active member of Sokol Lodges in Little Falls Perth Amboy, Newark and Central Jersey. She married former Sokol USA Supreme Secretary John M. Babuska in 1941.

Bess has six children who have been very involved in Sokol USA activities over the years. They are Debby (Dave) Kruger of Tampa, Fla.; Barbara Babuska of Gaithersburg, Md.; Ellen Kovac of Elizabeth, N.J.; Linda (Dennis) Beach of Valparaiso, Ind.; John David (Nivia) Babuska of Oakland, N.J.; and Kathy (Gene) Naccarato of Great Meadows, N.J. She is grandmother to Karen, Paul, David, Lance, Albert, Lindsay, Brandi, Aaron, Matthew, Daniel and David; and great-grandmother to Sydney, Katherine, Drew, Jonathan and Emeline.

We all wish her many more years of health and happiness!!

LODGE 114. SLEEPY HOLLOW, N.Y.

Our Lodge held its annual clambake on Sunday, August 27th at our facility, the National Sokol Inc. located at 155 Beekman Ave., Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Our day started with breakfast; continued throughout the day with clam chowder, clams, steamers, skewed shrimp, sausage and peppers, hamburgers and hot dogs; and concluded with a steak dinner. Of there were refreshments served throughout the day. Our chefs, Brothers Sonny Bottista and Neil Martone, prepared the excellent menu, with a support staff of other members.

Our sporting events were limited to shuffle board due to the inclement weather. Of the eight teams participating, the new champions are Brothers Josef Lukacovic and John Ackerly.

Although the weather did not cooperate, everyone enjoyed the day with excellent food, drinks and fraternal company. A special thanks to all the committee members who made this day possible.

Nazdar Stephen Horecky Secretary

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Sokolfest 2007 Update

Information pertaining to the XXV Sokol USA Slet, Sokolfest 2007, to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, June 28-July 1 can be found on the Sokol USA website at

www.sokolusa.org

Presently on the website you will find:

An Invitation to Sokolfest 2007 **Calisthenics Texts**

Parents & Tots Children Juniors/Young Adults Seniors Women Senior Men

Competition Levels for Males & Females Directions to Sokolfest Venues Sokol USA Rules and Regulations Sokolfest-related Websites Sokolfest Schedule of Events **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Watch the Sokol Times and check the Sokol USA website for the latest news. In the near future we will be announcing the availability of calisthenics DVDs and a Sokolfest Tour. For additional information you may contact the following Sokolfest 2007 Committee members:

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National Directors, Rich Yatchyshyn and Karen Ondira







Regular & Blueberry Pancakes Sausage * Bacon Scrambled Eggs Coffee * Tea * OJ

Sunday, November 26th, 2006 8:30am - 12:00pm



Adults \$6.00 Children \$3.00 **Boonton Sokol Hall** 301 Pine Street



You are cordially invited to attend the Sokol USA XXV Slet to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, June 28 - July 1. Competitions and social events are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday and the indoor Slet is scheduled for Sunday, July 1 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The Westin Hotel, adjoined to the convention center, will serve as the Sokolfest XXV headquarters.

The Slet slogan, "Fitness & Fraternity Bridging Three Centuries," highlights the longevity of the Sokol movement that began in the 19th Century and continues into the 21st. The term "bridging" was selected to appropriately represent Pittsburgh, a city that boasts over 700 bridges!

Below is the schedule of events. We hope you will consider participating in one or more of the activities, or attending as a spectator and cheering on your fellow Sokols. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Joe Bielecki or Rich Yatchyshyn. Let them know what area or event you could lend a hand with in order to help ensure a successful event.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be in Pittsburgh in 2007. Take part in the history of Sokol USA by demonstrating the beauty, strength and longevity of the Sokol ideals.

For more information contact Joe Bielecki, Sokolfest 2007 Chairperson at bielecki1@earthlink.net or 412-824-2885

Rich Yatchyshyn, Director of Men at rcyatch@comcast.net or 215-943-1258

See you in Pittsburgh! Nazdar!

Sokol USA XXV Slet Schedule

Thursday, June 28

Morning: Golf Tournament (tentative date) Afternoon: Men's Basketball Tournament Evening: Welcome to Sokolfest 2007 at Kennywood Park

Friday, June 29

Morning/Afternoon: Men's & Women's Volleyball

Children's Social

Afternoon/Evening: Fitness Challenge Evening: Banquet - History Center Teen/Young Adult Bowling Social

Saturday, June 30

Morning: Bowling Tournament All Day: Gymnastics Competitions all levels, men & women Fitness Challenge

Evening: Celebration Dance - Westin

Sunday, July 1

Morning: Slet Rehearsals Afternoon: Slet Performance

Watch for Slet updates each month in the Sokol Times. Beginning September 25, Slet information will be high-lighted on our website at: www.sokolusa.org



Attention Districts, Lodges and Members

Here's your opportunity to help make the XXV Sokol USA Slet a huge success!

Support Sokolfest 2007 by sponsoring one or more of the events at the upcoming slet that epitomizes Sokol USA - Fitness & Fraternity Bridging Three Centuries. Help us highlight the longevity of the Sokol movement that began in the 19th Century and continues into the 21st Century. And do it in the city of Pittsburgh!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum - \$5,000

Sponsor the Slet Performance Sponsor the Gymnastics Competitions Sponsor the Gymnastics Equipment

Gold - \$3,000

Sponsor the Banquet Sponsor the Volleyball Tournament

Silver - \$1,500

Sponsor the Opening Ceremonies at Kennywood Park Sponsor the Basketball Tournament Sponsor the Fitness Challenge Sponsor the Saturday Night Dance

Bronze - \$750

Sponsor the Golf Tournament Sponsor the Bowling Tournament Sponsor the Friday night Junior/Young Adult Social Sponsor the Friday night Children's Social Sponsor the Banquet Entertainment

Red, White & Blue - \$500

Sponsorships at this level will be combined to help support Sokolfest events

Awards Sponsors

Donations of all monetary levels are requested to help subsidize competition awards

All sponsorships will be acknowledged in the Sokol Times, the Slet Program Book, and at the sponsored event with signage and verbal recognition.

For more information contact Chris Yatchyshyn, Fraternal Activities Chairperson Day: 215-949-4073 Evening 215-943-1258 e-mail:cyatch@comcast.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SOKOLFEST 2007 PITTSBURGH, PA

It's just a little over a year before Sokol USA will host Sokolfest 2007, our XXV Slet. While the National Gymnastic Staff and the Slet Committee have most of the events and venues scheduled, there will be a need for additional volunteers to implement all that is planned. Help from members in the Pittsburgh area would be greatly appreciated, but living in the area in not a requirement. We certainly could use the help of anyone interested in making this a memorable event in the history of Sokol USA.

Below is a tentative schedule of events. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Rich Yatchyshyn or Joe Bilecki. Let them know what area or event you would be willing to lend a hand with to help ensure success. Nazdar!

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Tentative Sokolfest Schedule

Thursday, June 28

Morning: Golf Tournament

Afternoon: Men's Basketball Tournament

Evening: Welcome to Sokolfest 2007 at Kennywood Park

Friday, July 29

Morning/Afternoon: Men's & Women's Volleyball Afternoon /Evening: Fitness Challenge Late Afternoon – Rhythmics Competitions Evening: Adult Reception/Banquet

Evening: Teen/Young Adult Bowling

Evening: Children's Social

Saturday, June 30

All Day: Gymnastics Competitions - all levels, men & women

Fitness Challenge Evening: Dance at hotel Sunday, July 1

Morning: Slet Rehearsals Afternoon: Slet

We will also need help in the following areas:

Information booth attendants

Display room attendants

Souvenir sellers A crew to set up gymnastics equipment - Friday morning

A crew to tear down gymnastics equipment - Saturday, late

Crew to lay markers on Slet floor – Saturday afternoon

Ticket collectors at various Sokolfest events

Bethlehem Lodge 93 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 12th 1 p.m. **Sokol Hall** 613 Hillside Ave.

IN MEMORY

Of our deceased Brother and Sister Sokols with a sincere expression of sympathy to their families from the Supreme Officers of Sokol U.S.A.

SUZANNA BARTIZAL - (1913-2006) A member of Lodge 304 in Chicago, III.

ROY C. EISENHART - (1908-2006) A member of Lodge 77 in Alientown, Pa.

AGNES FOLKVARD - (1920-2006) A member of Lodge 66 in Staten Island, N.Y. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth and Richard Folkvard.

JOSEPH MARCINEK - (1910-2006) A member member Lodge 248 in Rossford, Ohio. He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen

FRANCES PAVLICA - (1922-2006) A member of Lodge 248 Rossford, Ohio. She is survived by her son, Coilin Ayres, and a daughter, Olivia Randall.

JOSEPHINE PERSA - (1923-2006) A member of Lodge 66W in Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by her son, Larry Persa, and two granddaughters, Megan and Nancy Persa.

ANNA M. SEVCIK - (1907-2006) A member of Lodge 68 in Blairsville, Pa. She is survived by her daughter, Helen Spadaro.

CHARLES F. TURECEK - (1917-2006) Financial Secretary of Lodge 158 in Endicott, N.Y., former Supreme Lodge Officer and Officer of District Nitra. He is survived by his son, Charles N. Turecek.