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## From the President's View

Happy New Year, Happy 2007. Once again, I wish you peace, joy and love. I wish for a world that is free from war and tyranny. I wish for a peace that unites family and friends and I wish for each of us to know what it means to have inner peace – that peace which allows us to be content within ourselves, to have restful nights and to enjoy each day with the blessings it brings.

As I sit to write to you, the funeral of former President Gerald Ford is taking place. His legacy is that of healer, peacemaker. His quiet manner and his ability to forgive was a

great gift to our nation at a time when we needed most to forgive, to heal and to move on. Byram Sokol member John Mihalec, one of President Ford's speechwriters, has been invited to attend the service in the Washington National Cathedral. He remembers a simple, yet dignified, gentleman. There are many lessons to be learned from the life of Gerald Ford. His ability to fight for his principles and beliefs and then, following the debate, extending his hand in real friendship is indeed the characteristic of a great man. The battles were about the

issues and friendships stayed intact.

At this time, I ask you all to pray for the healing of Sokol Brother Eddy Kubanik. We pray for healing and for peace for Ed and for his dear family that we love.

Looking forward to the year ahead, I hope you are planning on attending the Slet in Pittsburgh. Once again, I think you will enjoy visiting Pittsburgh and meeting old friends. Video CDs are available for those who do not live near a Sokol Hall and wish to learn the cal and participate in the Slet. Watch the

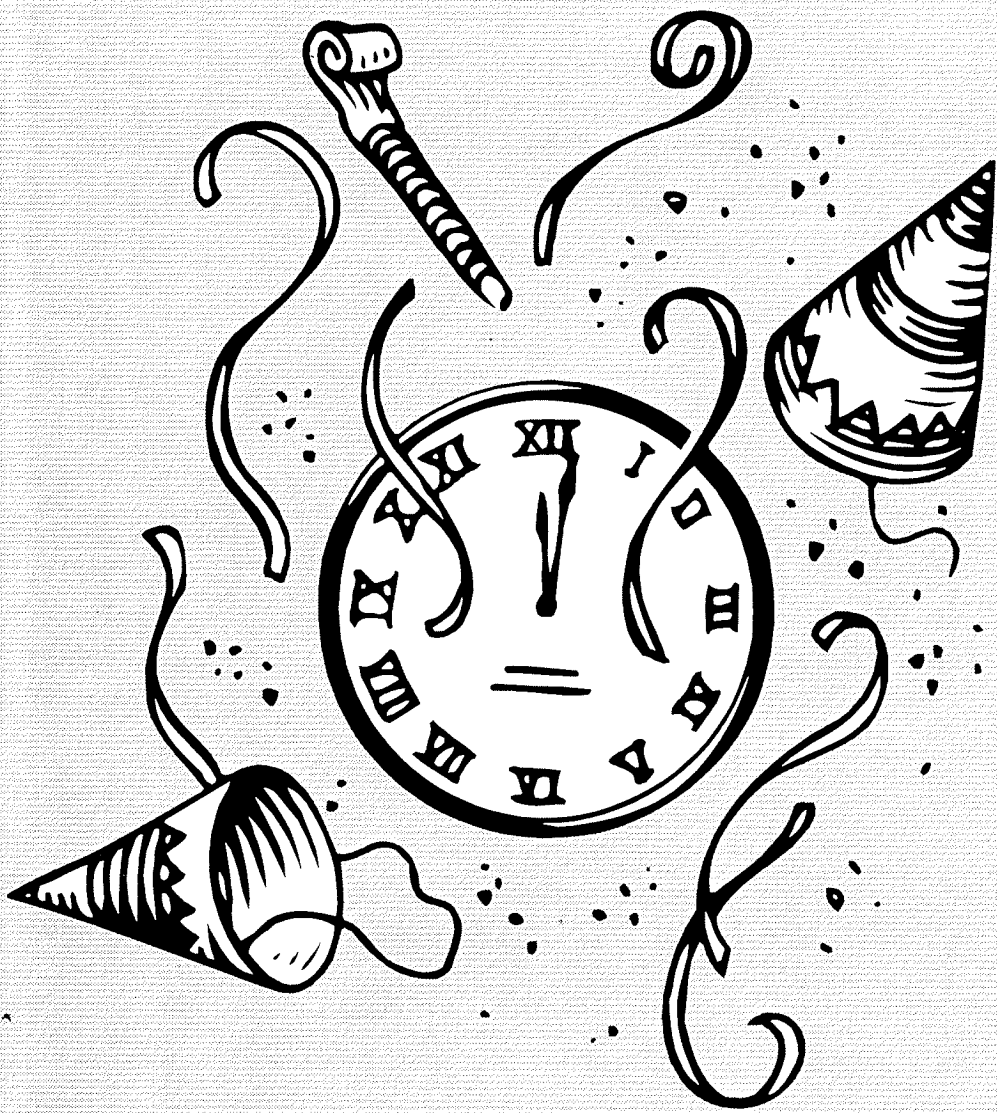
Sokol Times for more information. Now, you can access the Sokol Times on our Sokol USA web site. It will be available early in the month, long before the printed version reaches you by mail.

Once again, I wish you all the blessings that a New Year, with new hope has to offer. May the love of family and friends surround you in this 2007, and may you enjoy peace, joy, and good health all year long.

NaZdar!  
Bea Walko



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# Happy New Year!!!

To all our members  
from the  
Supreme Lodge Officers of Sokol USA

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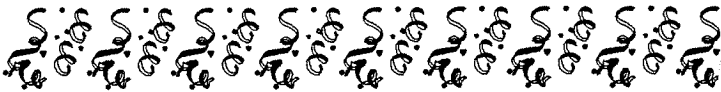
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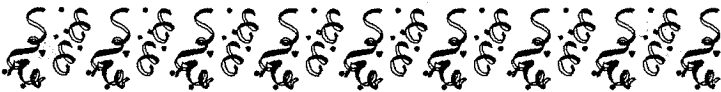
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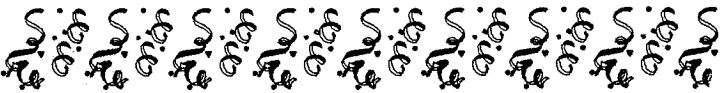


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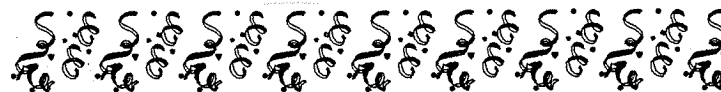
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# Happy Holidays



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*Veselé Vánoce a šťastný nový rok*  
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*  
*Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr*  
*Buon Natale e Buon Anno*  
*Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année Nouvelle*  
*Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo*

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Season's Greetings  
and Best Wishes from  
Kent - Dudince  
Sister Cities Association

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
Vesele Vianoce a Stastny Novy Rok

# Web Sites about Slovakia

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Slovakia On Line (General Information) <a href="http://www.skonline.sk">www.skonline.sk</a>	National Bank of Slovakia <a href="http://www.nbs.sk">www.nbs.sk</a>
Slovak Cultural Calendar <a href="http://www.kultura.sk">www.kultura.sk</a>	





# Sokol Košice Boy's Gym Team in Pa.

The two teams marched onto the floor with the American and Slovak flags leading the way. With the playing of the respective anthems, the boy's gymnastic team from T.J. Sokol Košice had realized their goal of traveling to the United States to compete against an American team.

Sokol Košice is located in the second largest city in Slovakia and is in the eastern District Jan Kollar of Sokol na Slovensku. It was the gymnastic coach at T.J. Sokol Košice, Jozef Dučák, who saw the possibilities of taking a group of Sokol boys on a trip of a lifetime. Through the special "Sister Sokol Club" relationship that nearby T.J. Sokol Vranov has with Sokol USA Farrell in Pennsylvania, contacts were made with the Butler Gymnastic Club in Butler, Pa., which has an excellent boy's gymnastic program and would be able to compete against the Slovak team. In a short time, invitations were written, visas were granted, airline tickets were purchased and the date of competition was set.


Steve Heasley, owner of Butler Gymnastic Club and a former Slippery Rock University gymnast under coach Brother Stephen Banjak, was excited that his boy's team would have the opportunity to compete internationally. According to Heasley, "This event gave our boys a lot more enthusiasm in our practices."

Coach Dučák said, "This trip to the USA was for us a great experience and we hope that all the Butler gymnasts will compete with us in the XXX J. Pajor Memorial Competition on May 4-6, 2007, at Sokol Košice in Slovakia. We wish to thank Brother Stephen Banjak, owner Steve Heasley and all those in Butler, especially Erika Kolod, who hosted our entire team in her home and took care of us as if we were all her children."

The team from Sokol Košice included: Coach and Internationally rated judge Jozef Dučák, Assistant Coach Peter Jenik and gymnasts 17-year-old Vladimír Vojtek, 12-year-old Eduard Marčák, 13-year-old Matúš Stehlik, 12-year-old Matúš Majerník, 12-year-old Martin Pajtáš, 13-year-old Jakub Fodor, and 10-year-old Jakub Belán.



Members of Sokol USA Farrell – Bibiana and Zuzi Murcko, and Stephen and Alexej Banjak – took members of the Sokol Kosice gymnastic team to Niagra Falls. Other Sokol Farrell members on the trip were Sasha Banjak and Zuzana Murcko.



## SOKOL USA

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**Brothers and Sisters:**

Why not take a little time and check your's and your children's (if you have any) insurance coverage. Most likely, you will discover that the amount is not sufficient and you need greater coverage.

Why not act on it right now and apply for an additional certificate?

Please Send \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Applications to:

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



The XXV Sokol USA Slet – Sokolfest 2007 – is just nine months away. Make plans now to attend this exciting event from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Watch the Sokol Times for more details or click on the Sokolfest logo on our website at:

**[www.sokolusa.org](http://www.sokolusa.org)**

You are cordially invited to attend the Sokol USA XXV Slet to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Competitions and social events are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday and the indoor Slet is scheduled for Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Century and continues into the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:bielecki1@earthlink.net) or 412-824-2885  
or  
Rich Yatchyshyn, Director of Men, at [rcyatch@comcast.net](mailto: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  
Afternoon/Evening: Fitness Challenge  
Evening: Banquet – History Center  
Teen/Young Adult Bowling Social  
Children’s 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

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Support Sokolfest 2007 by sponsoring on 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 19<sup>th</sup> Century and continues into the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

While the National Gymnastic Staff and the Slet Committee have most of the events and venues scheduled for Sokolfest 2007, 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 is not a requirement. We certainly could use the help of anyone interested in making this a memorable event in the history of Sokol USA.

**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 afternoon  
Crew to lay markers on Slet floor – Saturday afternoon  
Ticket collectors at various Sokolfest events

**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](http://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





THINGS TO DO IN PITTSBURGH:

The following information was taken from [www.visitpittsburgh.com](http://www.visitpittsburgh.com), the official tourism web site of the Greater Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau. This month we take a quick look at Pittsburgh Attractions.

**The Andy Warhol Museum**  
117 Sandusky St., Pittsburgh  
412-237-8300; [www.warhol.org](http://www.warhol.org)

The Andy Warhol Museum is located on the North Side across the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge from Downtown. The museum features permanent collections of art and archives. Temporary exhibitions, including the work of other artists, are presented on a regular basis. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children and \$7 for seniors.

**Duquesne Incline**  
1220 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh  
412-381-1665; [www.incline.cc](http://www.incline.cc)

Enjoy a spectacular panorama of Pittsburgh and its three rivers. Ride to the incline's Observation Deck in the 100-year-old incline car to see what USA Weekend calls one of the "10 most beautiful views in America." Historical exhibits in the waiting room entertain between rides. Admission is \$3.75 for adults and \$1.70 for children.

**Gateway Clipper Fleet**  
350 West Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh  
412-355-7980; [www.gatewayclipper.com](http://www.gatewayclipper.com)

Our six excursion vessels sail all year-round. Enjoy narrated sightseeing, Luncheon Revue, Big Band, Dinner Dance and specialty cruises while sailing the three rivers of Pittsburgh. Cost ranges from \$10 to \$70.95.

**Kennywood Park**  
480 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin  
412-461-0500; [www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com)

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**National Aviary**  
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Get nose to beak with a flamingo. Talk to a parrot and stroll through a 200,000-cubic-foot indoor rainforest. Home to more than 600 exotic and endangered birds in natural habitats, the National Aviary is the perfect destination for all ages. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for children and \$7 for seniors.

**Nationality Rooms**  
University of Pittsburgh, 157 Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh  
412-624-6000; [www.pitt.edu/~natrooms](http://www.pitt.edu/~natrooms)

A visit to the 26 Nationality Rooms in the 42-story Cathedral of Learning transports you from the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC Athens through 1<sup>st</sup> Century Israel to 18<sup>th</sup> century Africa. Stained glass, carved stone and inlaid wood reflect the cultures which Pittsburgh immigrants brought from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$0.50 for children and \$2 for seniors.

**Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**  
One Schenley Park, Pittsburgh  
412-622-6914; [www.phippsconservatory.org](http://www.phippsconservatory.org)

Something's always blooming at Phipps. The 13-room Victorian glasshouse and gardens in Schenley Park feature tropical plants, palms, orchids, ferns, desert plants and bonsai, as well as many special flower shows and exhibits, and butterflies. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children and \$6.50 for seniors.

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**Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium**  
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A historic 52-acre riverfront complex that is only a five-minute walk from Downtown. Specialty shops, restaurants, hotel, riverboat cruise line, entertainment and night clubs.



Zemplin Club holds 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Slovak Zemplin Club of Greater Cleveland sponsored its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance at St. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall in Lakewood, Ohio, on Oct. 22, 2006.

A holy mass was celebrated prior to the dinner, which gave all who attended an opportunity to take part in its spiritual contribution.

President George Carny welcomed all guests and officers. He gave an overview of the Zemplin Club's history and activities. One of the highlights is the annual picnic, which is held at the Slovak Sokol Farm. The picnic this year was very big and very successful. President Carny wanted to thank all who worked very hard each and every year on the picnic.

Father Pastirik offered the blessing and a very delicious meal was enjoyed by all. The dinner provided for fellowship and brotherhood, meeting old friends and making new ones.

Special guests were introduced by President Carny and music for listening and dancing pleasure was provided by Johnny Pastirik and his band. What is a Slovak event without great Slovak

music!

The Slovak vocal ensemble, Slovenske Marnich of Greater Cleveland, added to the pleasure and enjoyment for those in attendance by singing several songs with accordion accompaniment.

The Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble introduced several numbers in preparation for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and banquet that was held Nov. 11, 2006. We are proud that Lucina has promoted the Slovak heritage and culture for 25 years. A thank you is extended to Tom Ivanec for the hard-working dancers.

The junior Lucina children dances gave a sample of their contribution for the anniversary event. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy this dancing experience and to learn more about the Slovak heritage. A special thanks to their teachers and parents.

Lastly, a big thank you to all who attended and supported the Zemplin Club. Among the Slovak organizations attending was the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association members and officers.

Review by Rudy Bachna

Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

A large audience joined the Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble of Greater Cleveland's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner-dance on Nov. 11, 2006. A delicious meal was served family-style to the delight of the diners. During the past nine years, this event was called the Tri-Concert in addition to Lucina. Two other outstanding folk ensembles were invited to perform. The following are some of the groups who participated in past years at the Tri-Concert: Veselica Slovak Ensemble of Chicago, Domovina Slovak Dancers from Canada, Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble from Michigan and the Pittsburgh Slovaks, to name a few.

This year, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration consisted entirely of current dancers, returning dancers and the children's group. What a pleasant surprise to someone who has followed and worked with Lucina for most of the past 25 years.

The program numbers were well performed. The veterans must have worked very hard during rehearsals. It was wonderful to see past dancers doing an excellent job. For the most part, it seemed like they never retired.

In one of the opening numbers, it looked like Tom Ivanec from 25 years ago. It should be noted that his age won't be given away with this comment. What a job he has done during the past 25 years. His leadership, inspiration, motivation and example have had Lucina perform all over the United States and Canada, and at several of the big festivals in Slovakia. Literally thousands of audience members have enjoyed their outstanding efforts promoting our Slovak heritage and culture.

What can one say about Michael Anderko, Stefan Nad and Joseph Chuba. Mike has been living in Florida the past two years. He arrived in Cleveland on Wednesday prior to the concert. In asking Mike if he was running to stay in shape, he replied, "I play hockey." Stefan also took a leave and Joe has helped hold things together.

When the "big three" got on stage, it looked like they never separated. When arriving home following the concert, I viewed two videotapes of their dancing during the Kent-Dudince banquets in 2004 and 2005. Same guys, same quality performances.

As the women and men performed,

you could see the joy on their faces – memories of days gone by. Susy Cvicela did a great job with all her hard work, as it takes a lot of preparation to produce a fine program book and the on-stage performance. Watching Susy since she was a little girl, she is a great dancer.

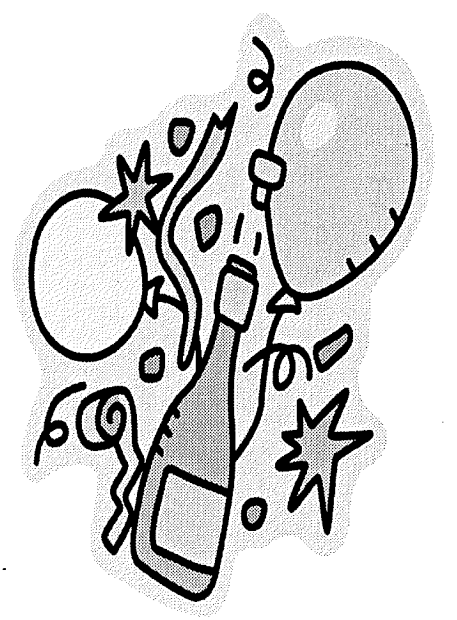
The children are our future and everyone enjoyed their contribution to the program. When they were not dancing, they were watching the veterans. Pride abounded to their parents for the encouragement to participate. There were a lot of cameras and video recorders rolling.

As a final comment on the program, it was excellent, good quality dancing, great enthusiasm, and outstanding showmanship. This writer is pleased to have had the opportunity to meet and become friends with so many of the dancers. On several occasions, I have served as master of ceremonies when Lucina danced at the Kent State Folk festivals.

In attendance were more than 25 members of the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association. On behalf of brothers Gil and Joe Bachna, we wish Lucina "Mnoho Zdaru" and good luck in the future.

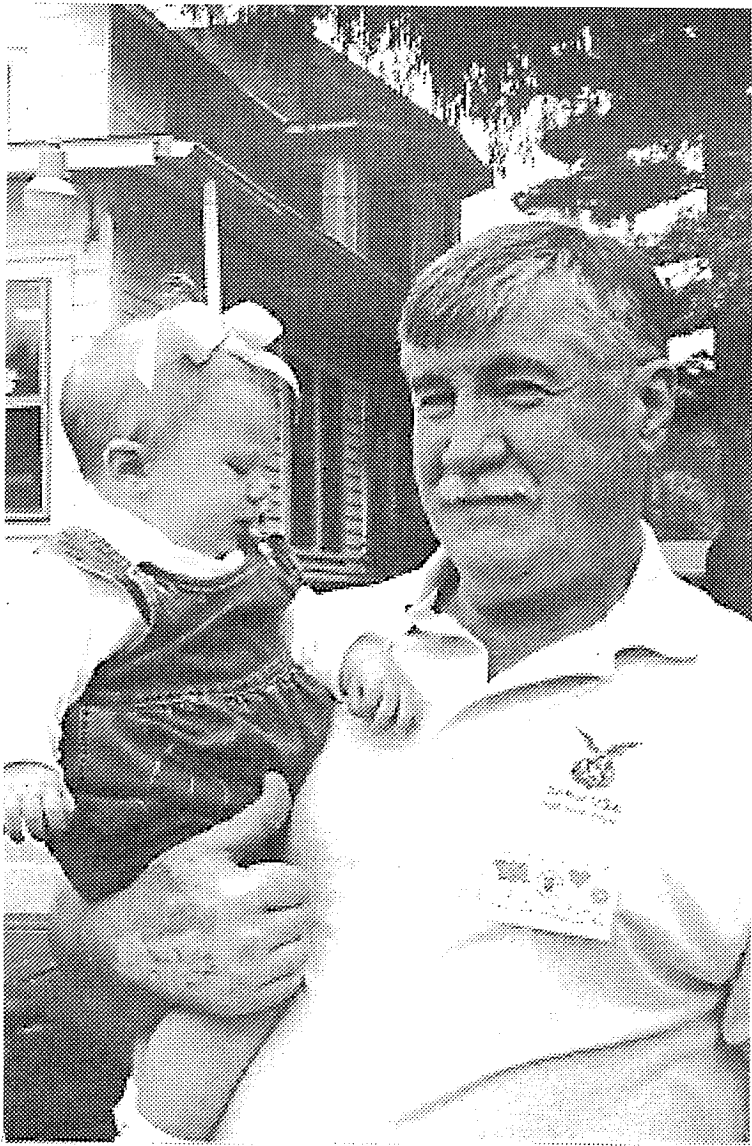
The excellent Slovak band, Dolina of Greater Cleveland, played as part of the program and afterward for everyone's dancing enjoyment.

Review by Rudy Bachna





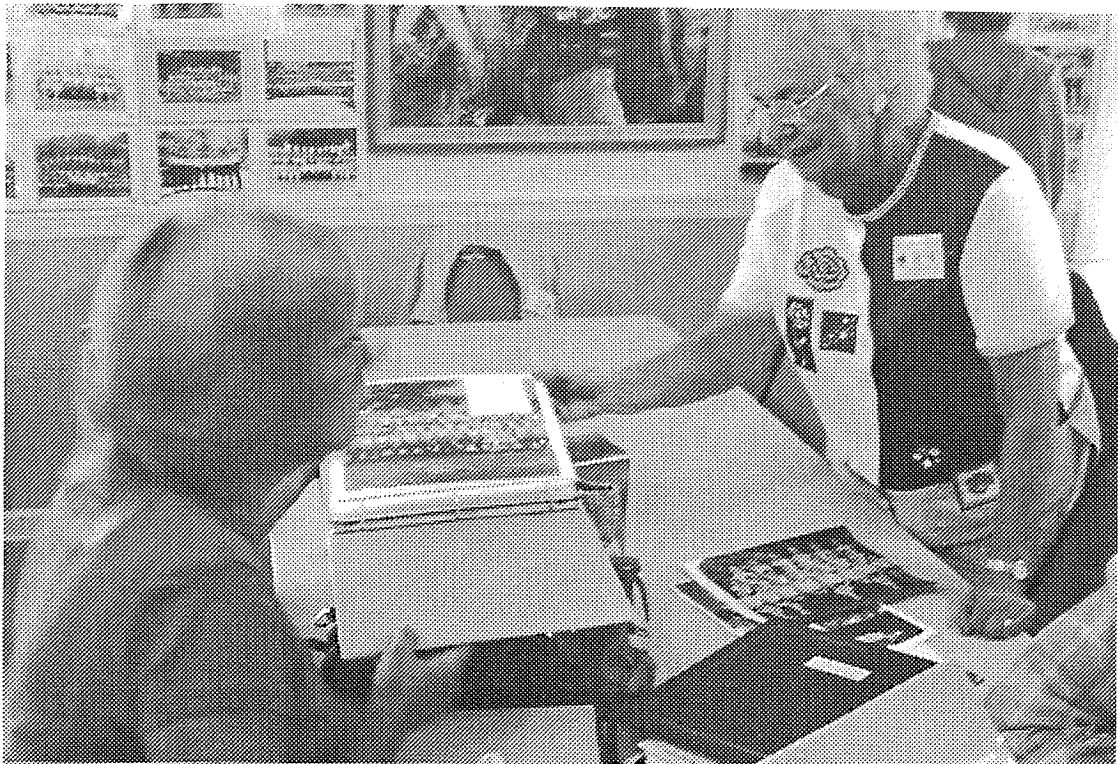
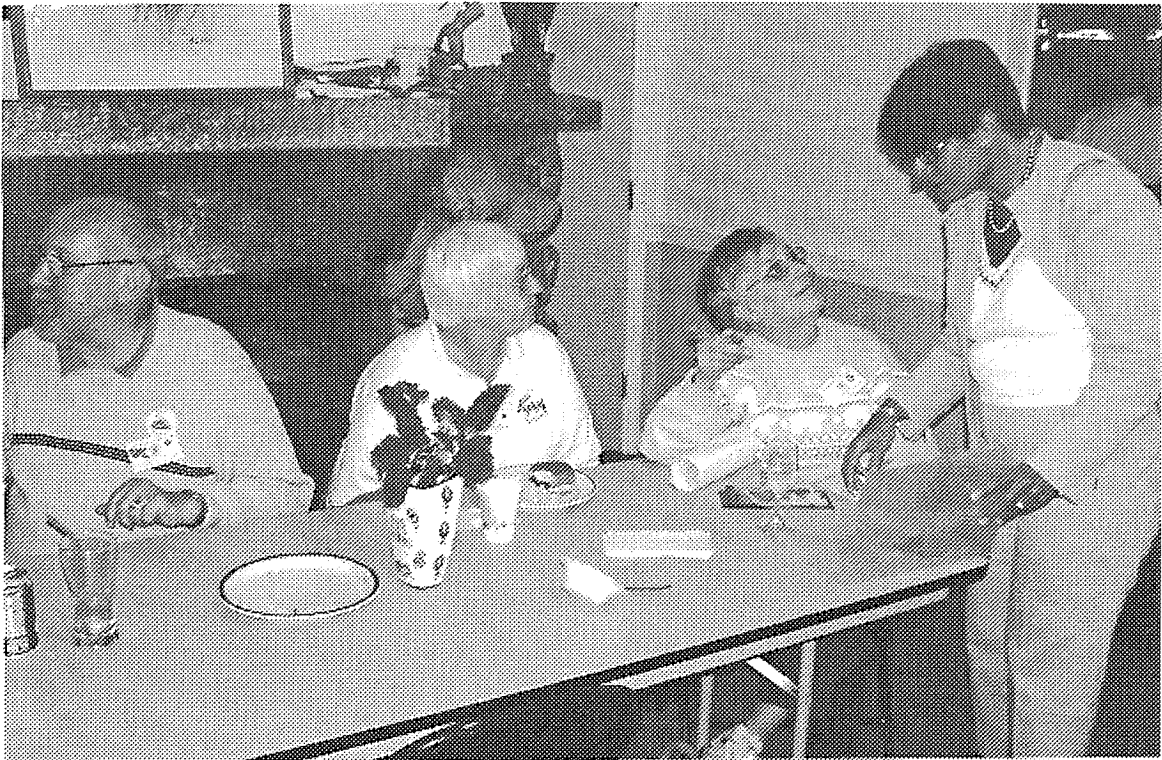
# Another Look at the Sokol Alumni Reunion



*Sokol Reunion Weekend  
was a memorable event*

*Some time has passed since the wonderful and magical reunion that you and your Sokol group organized. Thanks to all for their great effort! Mary and I had a great time meeting with old Sokol friends that we hadn't seen in 50 and 64 years. I also remember when your dad invited me and my brother to a gymnastic exhibition in Johnstown, N.Y., and I flew up and landed in a grass runway in Johnstown, N.Y. Thanks for your effort in this great reunion.*

*George Massar  
December 1, 2006*





LADIES SOKOL LODGE 42

Our annual meeting of the Ladies Sokol Lodge 42 was held on Thursday, December 14, 2006. Before our meeting, members met at the Horseman Diner and were treated to a delicious luncheon. During the year, members were also treated to the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, N.Y., for a performance of the Barnum and Christmas Show.

At the meeting, the following officers were re-elected for the year 2007:

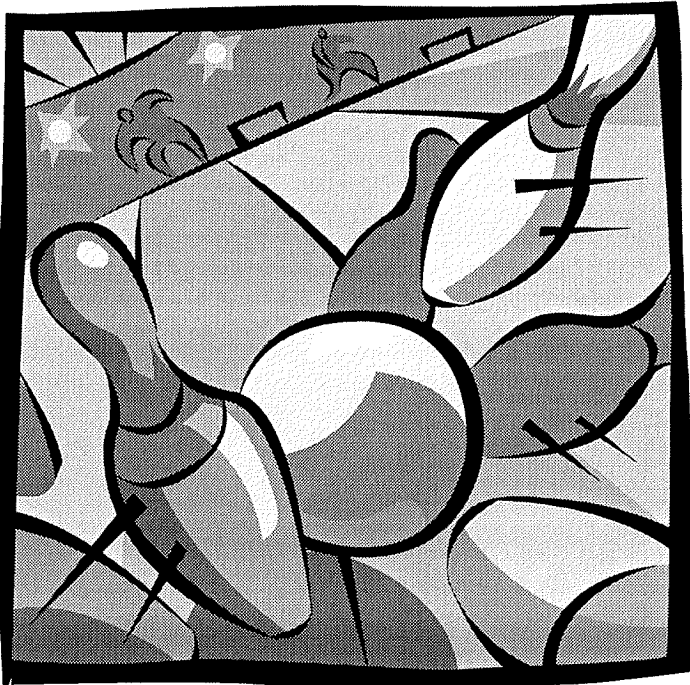
President/Vice President	Mary Cannoles
Financial Secretary/Treasurer	Florence Lester
Inspector	Mary Ann Blascik
Recording Secretary	Emily Pollack
Audit Committee	Mary Ann Blascik
Sick Committee	Emily Pollack

On the agenda of items to be brought up for discussion were the yearly donations, of which \$100 toward the District Gymnastic Fund and \$100 toward the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund were approved.

Reminder to all members, our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

Nazdar,  
Emily Pollack  
Recording Secretary

United Sokols  
of the East  
Bowling Tournament



Saturday, January 27, 2007  
Boonton Lanes  
Boonton, NJ  
Juniors @ 4:00 PM  
Seniors @ 6:00 PM

Cost: \$13.00 per person

Questions or pre-registration, contact  
Eric Skovronek  
[eskov@optonline.net](mailto:eskov@optonline.net)  
973.625.3189

BYRAM  
LODGE 7

ATTENTION  
MEMBERS

The regular monthly meeting for January 2007 is canceled.

Monthly meetings will resume in February at the regular date and time.

Thank you.

IS YOUR  
FAMILY  
COVERED?

Insurance coverage for all family members is an essential part of personal financial planning. Don't put off taking care of this responsibility.

See your lodge Financial Secretary or call Sokol Headquarters toll free at 1-888-253-0362 for additional information or membership applications.

SAVE THE DATE

15<sup>TH</sup> 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

SHARE YOUR FAMILY EVENTS WITH YOUR "SOKOL FAMILY"

*The Sokol Times Social Page is a new way to keep up with your old and new friends! Share your families' events with your Sokol family. We want to hear from you. Only news regarding members of our lodges will be printed.*

Complete one of the attached forms and mail the information and a photograph of clear quality to Sokol USA, 276 Prospect Street, P.O. Box 189, East Orange, NJ 07109-0189. Information and photographs also may be e-mailed to: [SOKOLUSAHQS@aol.com](mailto:SOKOLUSAHQS@aol.com)

ENGAGEMENTS,  
WEDDINGS &  
ANNIVERSARIES



NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOMETOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
SOKOL LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEARS MARRIED (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAYS



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SOKOL LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROMOTIONS,  
HONOR ROLLS &  
OTHER EVENTS



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Photographs are not required, but they do add to the presentation.  
Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photograph returned.

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.

**AGNES DELGROSSO** – (1912-2006) A member of Lodge 66W in Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by her son, James Delgrosso, and daughter, Lorraine Hunt.

**JANE LIPTAK** – (1932-2006) A member of Lodge 244 in Westfield, Mass. She is survived by her husband, Donald Liptak, and four sons, Donald, William, Kevin and Brian Liptak.

**HELEN MACO** – (1919-2006) A member of Lodge 66W in Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by her sons, Rev. Stephen and John J. Maco Jr.

**JOSEPHINE MICKLEY** – (1921-2006) A member of Lodge 235 in Carteret, N.J. She is survived by her sons, Theodore and Brien Mickley.



ATTENTION  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!  
(and their parents  
and grandparents)

Each year, Sokol USA is proud to award the Milan Getting Scholarship to a limited number of qualified Sokol USA Members who are furthering their education in a four-year college or university.

If you or a family member will be entering a four-year college or university this coming fall, please contact Sokol USA headquarters (1-888-253-0362) and ask for a Milan Getting Scholarship application.

Applications for the 2006-2007 academic year must be received at Sokol USA by April 1, 2007. New scholarship recipients will be announced by June 1, 2007.

Reminder to current Milan Getting Scholarship recipients: Please submit a scholarship renewal application each year by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Have a Happy,  
Healthy  
and Safe  
New Year!

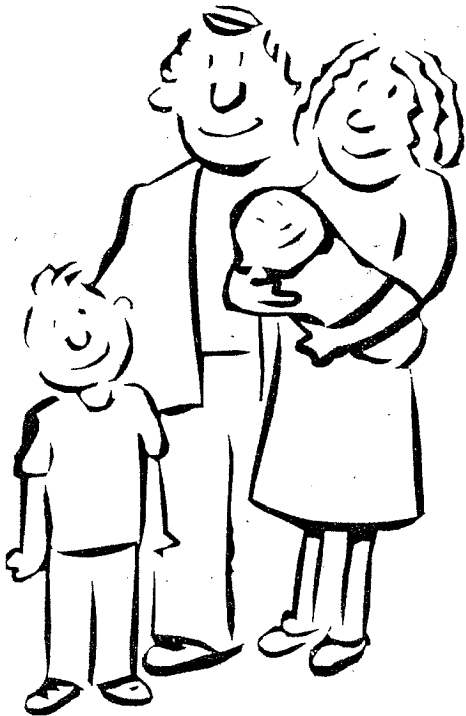


INSURANCE CORNER

The family pictured below feels secure because its life insurance coverage is adequate. Can you say the same about *your* family?

One of the most popular types of insurance nowadays is called Three Payment Life, because the annual payment is made for only three years. The annual rates for this type of coverage are shown in the chart on this page. As you can see, they are quite affordable.

Ask about our Single Premium rates if you would rather pay just once for permanent life insurance coverage.



The **3 Payment Life Certificate** is paid over a period of 3 years which may be most suitable for one's pocketbook or budget. The certificate becomes paid up and the insurance remains in force for the life of the member without any further payments to Headquarters.

Upon payment of premiums, this certificate has cash value and earns dividends which may be taken in cash, left on deposit or the dividends may be used to purchase "paid up additions."

This plan is issued from ages 0 to 70 and is subject to the same underwriting limits as our other plans of insurance.

Anyone with an insurable interest may purchase this plan for another. This makes an excellent gift from a grandparent or parent to a grandchild or child.

As a member of Sokol USA, the individual may participate in all programs of our organization and a youngster may at some point desire to seek a Milan Getting Scholarship.

See your lodge secretary for an application or call Headquarters toll free at 1-888-253-0362 for additional information.

The columns to the right indicate the premiums for each of three years under Sokol USA's 3 Payment Life Insurance Plan. Find the age of the person to be insured to the nearest birthday, and the amount of insurance desired, to determine the actual payment.

3 payment life rates – 1980 CSO 4 1/2 %

Issue Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
0	55	77	100	136	226	316	406
1	55	79	103	141	236	331	426
2	55	81	106	146	246	346	446
3	55	83	109	151	256	361	466
4	55	85	112	156	266	376	486
5	55	87	115	161	276	391	506
6	55	89	118	166	286	406	526
7	55	91	121	171	296	421	546
8	55	93	124	176	306	435	566
9	55	95	127	181	316	451	586
10	55	97	130	186	326	466	606
11	55	99	133	191	336	481	626
12	55	101	136	196	346	496	646
13	55	104	141	206	366	526	686
14	55	107	145	211	376	541	706
15	55	109	148	216	386	556	726
16	60	113	154	226	406	586	766
17	63	116	160	234	419	604	789
18	66	119	164	242	437	632	827
19	69	122	168	248	448	648	848
20	72	125	172	256	466	676	886
21	75	128	177	263	478	693	908
22	78	132	182	272	497	722	947
23	81	135	187	281	516	751	986
24	83	138	191	287	527	767	1,007
25	85	141	196	296	546	796	1,046
26	87	145	202	306	566	826	1,086
27	89	150	209	317	587	857	1,127
28	91	155	217	331	616	901	1,186
29	93	159	223	341	636	931	1,226
30	95	163	228	350	655	960	1,265
31	98	169	237	365	685	1,005	1,325
32	100	173	244	376	706	1,036	1,366
33	103	179	253	391	718	1,081	1,426
34	105	183	259	401	756	1,111	1,466
35	108	189	268	416	786	1,156	1,526
36	111	195	277	431	816	1,201	1,586
37	114	201	286	446	846	1,246	1,646
38	118	209	298	466	886	1,306	1,726
39	121	215	307	481	916	1,351	1,786
40	124	221	316	496	946	1,396	1,846
41	128	229	328	516	986	1,456	1,926
42	131	235	337	531	1,016	1,501	1,986
43	135	243	349	551	1,056	1,561	2,066
44	139	251	361	571	1,096	1,621	2,146
45	143	259	373	591	1,136	1,681	2,226
46	147	267	385	611	1,176	1,741	2,306
47	151	275	397	631	1,216	1,801	2,386
48	155	283	409	651	1,256	1,861	2,466
49	159	291	421	671	1,296	1,921	2,546
50	163	299	433	691	1,336	1,981	2,626
51	168	309	448	716	1,386	2,056	2,726
52	172	317	460	736	1,426	2,116	2,806
53	177	327	475	761	1,476	2,191	2,906
54	182	337	490	786	1,526	2,266	3,006
55	186	345	502	806	1,566	2,326	3,086
56	191	355	517	831	1,616	2,401	3,186
57	196	365	532	854	1,659	2,464	3,269
58	201	375	547	881	1,716	2,551	3,386
59	206	385	562	906	1,766	2,626	3,486
60	212	397	580	936	1,826	2,716	3,606
61	219	409	599	967			
62	227	423	619	999			
63	236	436	640	1,032			
64	246	451	662	1,066			
65	257	467	685	1,101			