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Milan Getting Scholarship Recipients Express Gratitude

Janelle K. Brinley

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the Milan Getting Scholarship. It is an honor for which I am truly appreciative.

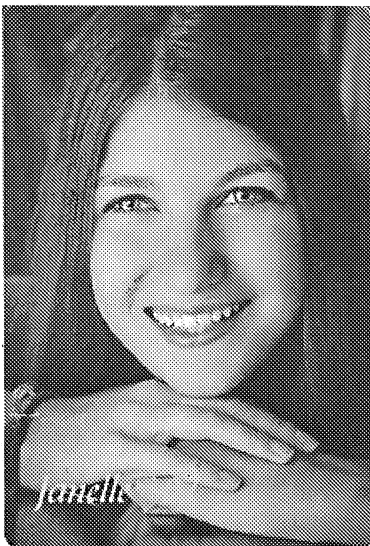
Although my earliest recollections of Sokol start much later, my grandparents presented me with a membership as a baby. My grandfather, Jan Sopoci, was Supreme Lodge Secretary and my grandmother, Anna Sopoci, was editor of the Sokol Times, and they made sure that all their grandchildren were Sokols before they could speak! My mother, Anne Marie, was involved as a young gymnast in Illinois and later as an instructor in Lodge 12 in New Jersey. She was also a leader in District M.M. Hodza before moving back to Illinois, shortly before I was born. Even my non-Slovak father, Paul, joined Sokol shortly after meeting my mom. Although never a gymnast, he was a regular in the Beseda dance circle.

Even before my first Slet in Indianapolis, I recall playing on the floor of the meeting room of Lodge 39-40W in Berwyn with my sisters and other members' grandchildren. Once a month we would gather for this strange ritual where we would eat sandwiches on rye bread and dance to music from the jukebox, avoiding the adults and their business at the table. Since I was only a very young spectator in the crowd of the 1991

Indianapolis Slet, I do not remember any of it. But I remember clearly participating in gymnastics on Mondays and Thursdays at Sokol Brookfield when I was 7, the culmination being the 1996 Slet in Philadelphia where we got to march in the Fourth of July Parade! I was just thankful that I did not have to perform any tumbling tricks, as my abilities were better suited to simple marching and calisthenics. I remember the excitement of everyone on the field that day, and the pride I felt at having my grandfather in The Grand March, wearing that official-looking hat.

I have attended quite a few Slets and gymnastics exhibitions between then and now, but never with the same electricity. However, I had eagerly looked forward to participating in this year's Slet in Pittsburgh, performing the combined Junior-Senior Cal with my mother and younger sister, Emily. This came to fruition when my family and grandfather drove to Pennsylvania this June. Although my perspective was no longer that of an excited little girl, I still got that thrill as we sang the four national anthems. It was nice to again feel that sense of magnitude, being part of such a diverse group.

In addition to these experiences, Sokol Lodge 39-40W, of which I am a member, supported me in my school's fundraiser for cancer research,



Janelle K. Brinley

Relay for Life, for two years. I have also been able to attend, with my family, several Lodge 306 events, like the Hody and Palm Sunday Brunch. And I always look forward to eating a good Czech meal at the biannual McCook Family Restaurant with my Lodge.

As a recent graduate of Wheaton North High School, I remember my involvement in many extracurricular activities. I played volleyball freshman year, yet picked up the racquet and played badminton instead for all four years. I enjoyed being a member of the school Speech Team, Key Club and various honor societies. See JANELLE BRINLEY, Page 8

Susan Arminio

I recently received notification that I have been awarded a Milan Getting Scholarship for the 2008 school year.

I became acquainted with Sokol USA Lodge 32 as a baby. My mother used to bring me to the Boonton Bowling Alley to watch my father and grandparents bowl and then to the Sokol Lodge afterwards. My dad, Frank Arminio, joined the league in 1989. Unfortunately, he passed away last June. My parents joined Sokol because my grandparents, Phillip and Anne LaChapelle, were already members and always told us what wonderful people were associated with the organization. See SUSAN ARMINIO, Page 2



Susan Arminio

Lauren Nikischer

My aunt is the Supreme Lodge Treasurer of Lodge 26 in Guttenberg, N.J. She has been a member of Sokol for 55 years. Over the years, she has held many different leadership positions. She has organized and ran many events. My aunt has often called on our family to support many of the Sokol activities.

I have been a member of Sokol since 1998. I have heard many stories about the Sokol organization throughout the years. I would very much love to become involved in the organization, but I do not live near an active lodge. My aunt

had planned on taking me to the Sokolfest in Pittsburgh, but I was unable to attend due to working to pay for college.

As of the fall of 2007, I will be a freshman at Kutztown University. I hope to pursue a career in medical technology. I was involved in many community activities throughout high school, and participated in volleyball and track and field. I hope to continue my commitment to the community throughout my college experience.

I would like to say thank you very much to the Sokol USA scholarship program for this generous opportunity to further my education.

From the President's View

Yet again, in the true order of our world, one season is drawing to a close as another is approaching – autumn. I find these changing seasons renewing and energizing. It provides us with yet another reason for hope and optimism. Having a bit of difficulty in completely “retiring” from my past, I find autumn signals the beginning of a new year providing the opportunity of doing all those things that will make it better than the one past. Educators enjoy this luxury!

This year begins with several activities. The Gymnastic Department meeting will be convening September 8 and 9 to plan for the year ahead. The National Fraternal Congress holds its annual meeting in Pittsburgh during the same weekend and, finally, the Slovak League will celebrate its 100th anniversary with the donation of the Pittsburgh Agreement to the Senator John Heinz History



Bea Walko

Center on Sunday, September 9, 2008.

The Pittsburgh Agreement was a document that paved the way for the creation of the state of Czechoslovakia, uniting Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Silesia. The Agreement was

signed on May 31, 1918, by Professor Thomas Garrique Masaryk as well as by leaders of local and national Slovak and Czech fraternal organizations who pledged the support of these American-based organizations for the formation of a united country. Brother Milan Getting, then editor of the Slovensky Sokol (now Sokol Times), represented Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA. Professor Masaryk was the leader of the Slovak and Czech independence movement and traveled to the United States to solicit the support of President Wilson and to raise awareness of the American people of Slovak and Czech aspirations for freedom and to gain support for establishing an independent Czechoslovak state. The Pittsburgh area at this time included one of the largest concentrations of Slovaks outside of Slovakia. In 1920, the Constitution of the Czechoslovak

Republic was adopted by the National Assembly. Thomas Garrique Masaryk became the first President of this new Republic.

Original documents of this agreement were distributed to the representatives of the participating organizations who, by signing the agreement, agreed that they would work for mutual independence of each area and then form one country. Sokol USA's copy was recently on display in the history room during our recent Slet. The Slovak League, on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, is donating their copy to the History Center. This particular copy of the Pittsburgh Agreement was taken to Bratislava, Slovakia, and then returned to the United States. On Sunday, September 9, representatives of Sokol USA, including Brother Kovac, Kamenitsky and Bielecki and me will be present at the presentation of the Pittsburgh

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Agreement to the Heinz History Center by the Slovak League. We are proud of our history.

The Sokol Woodlands Camp Board will be holding its end of the season meeting during this Labor Day weekend. Look for more information regarding our Camp in next month's paper.

Hoping you will have the opportunity to witness the beautiful changing colors of the seasons, I remain with our sincere Sokol greeting, NaZdar!
Bea Walko

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Supreme Lodge

of the
Slovak Gymnastic Union
Sokol of the USA
October 19 & 20, 2007

Finance Committee

Friday, October 19, 2007
9 AM to 5 PM

Supreme Lodge

Saturday, October 20, 2007
9 AM to 5 PM

All meetings will be at:

Boonton Sokol Hall
Pine Street
Boonton, NJ

*All proposals, recommendations, petitions
and complaints of individual members, Lodges
and Districts are to be duly signed and certified
by officers, and forwarded to the office of the
Supreme Secretary, Sokol USA, P.O. Box 189,
East Orange, NJ 07019-0189, postmarked no
later than October 10, 2007*

Nazdar!

Beatrice Walko, President
Judith A. Smith, Treasurer
Milan S. Kovac, Secretary

ATTENTION AFFILIATED LODGES IN DISTRICT SVÄTOPLUK – LAKE ERIE

Annual District Meeting
October 14, 2007
11:00 AM

At Sokol USA Farrell
In the Slovak Home
800 Spearman Avenue
Farrell, PA

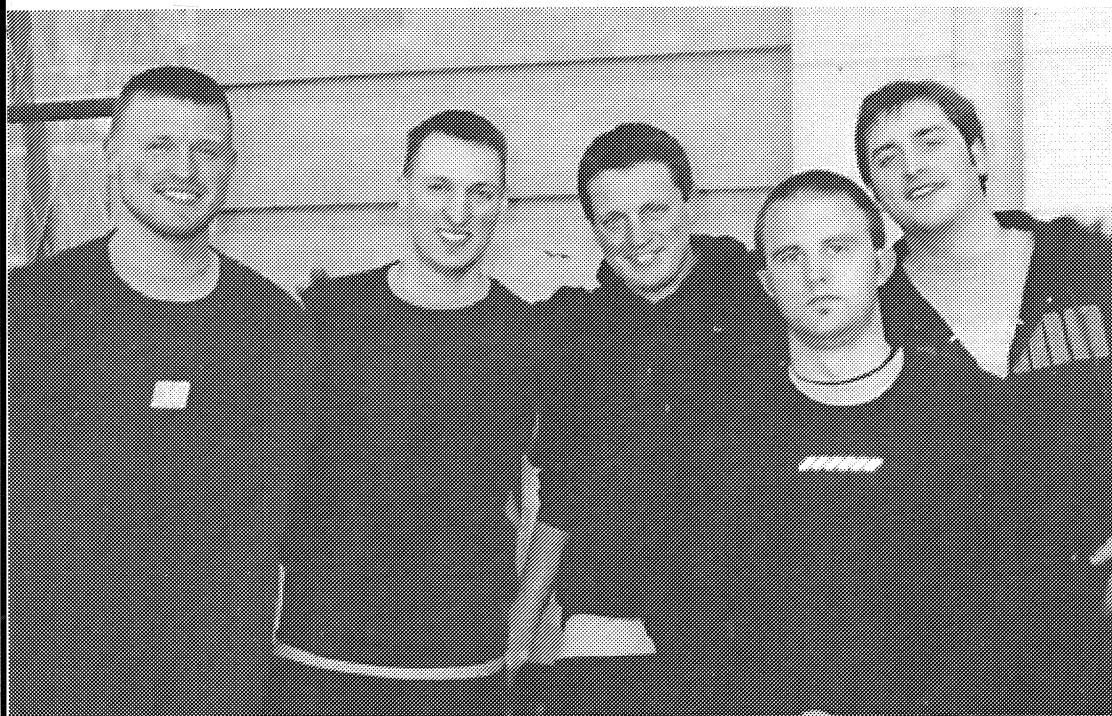
Lunch will be served
following the meeting



King of Velká Morava Svätopluk
871-894 A.D.
"IN UNITY... THERE IS STRENGTH!"

Lodge Secretaries will
receive by US Mail from
District Secretary
Sister Louis Botsko
all the necessary
information so as to be
able to send
representatives to the
meeting.
Please send your
representatives.

Bump, Set, Spike!



This past spring, Sokol New York hosted their annual ASO Volleyball Invitational. This was the largest tournament to date, and the teams played at two locations to complete the tournament in one day. Teams came from as far as Cleveland, Washington, DC, and our own Sokol USA team from Monessen. We are proud to report that the Monessen team captured the first place trophy, despite being down one player. Congratulations and we'll see you next year! Celebrating their win are members of the Monessen team (from left) Dennis Hibbs, Todd Yatchyshyn, Scott Hibbs, Brent Whitehead and Brett Melnik.

BETHLEHEM LODGE 93

The Bethlehem Sokol Hall returned
to their regular hours
beginning Monday, August 20.

The hours are as follows:
Monday to Saturday, 6 PM to Midnight
Sunday, 12 Noon to Midnight

In addition, the lodge has new telephone
numbers, which are as follows:
610-419-9425 (Bar) 610-419-9426
(Office)

Bethlehem Sokol Hall Lodge 93
613 Hillside Ave.
Bethlehem, PA 18015

BINGHAMTON, NY SOKOL LADIES LODGE 15W 100th Anniversary Celebration

When: Saturday, September 29th
Where: John Hus Presbyterian Church
Social Hall
Dinner: A seasoned roast pork dinner
will be served at 1 p.m.
Price: \$15 per person
Program: It's not an "eat and run" affair!
A special program is planned.
Invitations have been mailed
to members and friends.

*Have you called in your reservations?
Flo Fertig is waiting for your call
at 607-748-7819. Join our sisters as we
celebrate! Making it a memorable affair.*

Spejme Dal! Dovidenia.
Nazdar
Anne Perham
Secretary

SUSAN ARMINIO

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My grandfather worked at Sokol and my grandmother frequently helped at club functions during her 30-plus years of membership. As a child, I used to go with my grandmother to help serve breakfasts and dinners during special events. My grandparents have also passed away.

I have made many friends at Sokol and consider many of the members as my extended family. They have always been there for me, through the good and sad times I have experienced. I hope to stay in touch with them, and when I return from college become more involved with them all.

I am attending West Virginia University this fall and am majoring in pre-pharmacy. I hope to be involved in finding cures for diseases that there are no cures for. I look forward to the challenge and will work hard to be a success.

Sokolfest 2007: Opening Ceremonies at Kennywood Park

Rather than begin with a traditional Sokol event, the National Directors wanted to begin the XXV Sokol USA Slet in a fun venue that would have widespread appeal, but could still accommodate elements of a traditional opening ceremony. That's why Kennywood, an old-fashioned amusement park with rides, entertainment and food, was chosen as the site for the Opening Ceremonies of Sokolfest 2007.

The event began at 6 p.m. in the large pavilion, but tickets were good all day long. Some groups chose to enjoy the park before the ceremonies; others took advantage of the evening hours. The weather was threatening to storm all day and the heaviest downpours came in the afternoon hours, during set up. Luckily, it slowed to a fine drizzle by show time, the park remained open and we were able to proceed as planned.

As the participants and spectators were arriving, our DJ played patriotic songs and each participating group was welcomed via a projection on the front wall that ran continuously. After a flag ceremony and the national anthem, Sister Bea Walcko declared Sokolfest 2007 officially opened and entertainment, provided by Falcon Gymnastics and Fitness of Monessen Sokol, began. The first number was performed by the Falcon Future Stars, their youngest, up-and-coming Sokols. They performed simple tumbling tricks and danced with top hats to a number choreographed by Darla Kash.

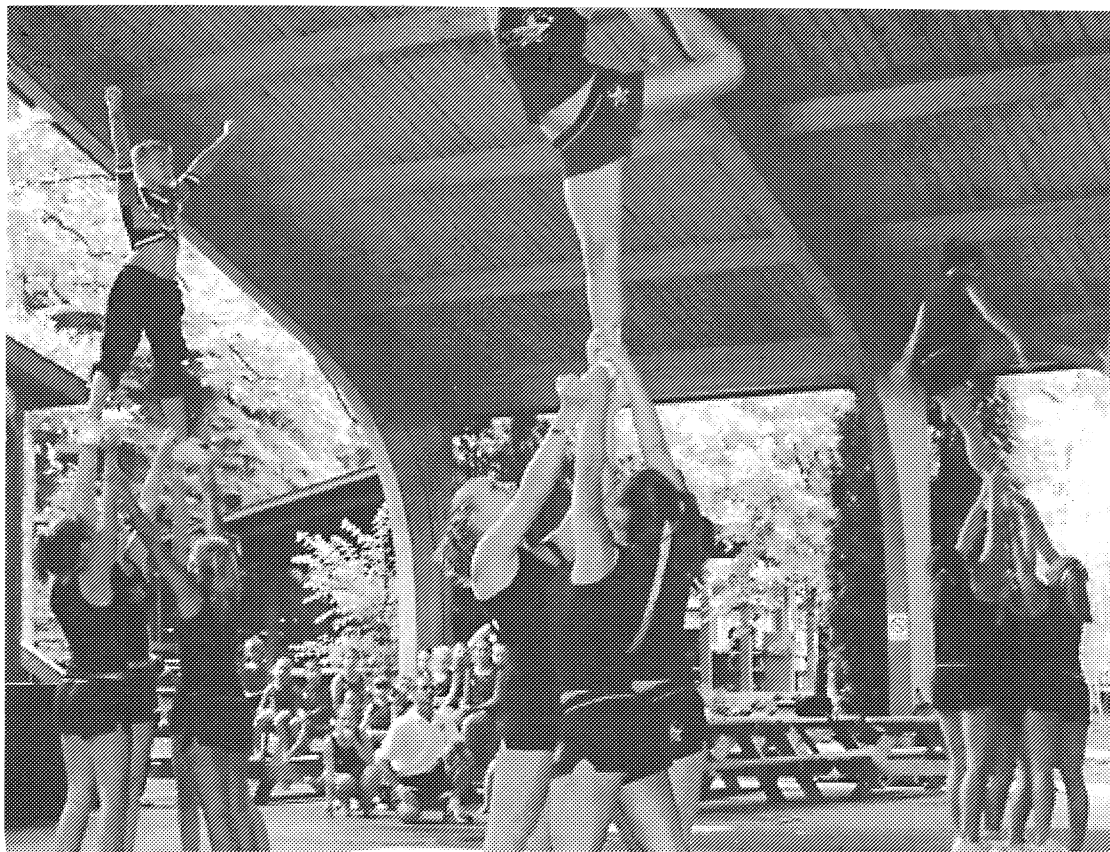
The cheer groups were next on the agenda. There was a duet performance by Asia and Adreanne, representing the junior squad, followed by 14-year-old Karly Steel, the 2007 Eastern Cheer Association

Junior Cheerleader of the Year, who demonstrated her winning individual performance. She was followed by the All-Star Senior Cheer Squad who performed a mass routine, complete with exciting pyramids and throws.

Gymnasts Paige Allen and Stacy Hoffman next performed an acro routine that combined strength, timing and grace to really impress the audience. Fifteen-year-old gymnast Katie Thieret followed with her exciting Level 7 optional floor routine. The entertainment finale was a spectacular performance of tumbling and dance by the Falcon Gymnastics Team to "Send Me on My Way" by Rusted Root, a favorite local band.

Throughout the evening, soft drinks were available at the pavilion and, following the entertainment, there were ice cream treats for all. As each Sokol entered, they were given a red, white and blue rubber bracelet with an embossed SOKOL. Midway through the event, emcee Chris Yatchyshyn requested that everyone remove their wristbands. At this point, they were instructed to mingle and make as least one new Sokol friend, exchange wristbands, perform a high-five and yell out "Nazdar!" This activity spurred a great deal of interaction, lots of smiles and many hearty "Nazdars!"

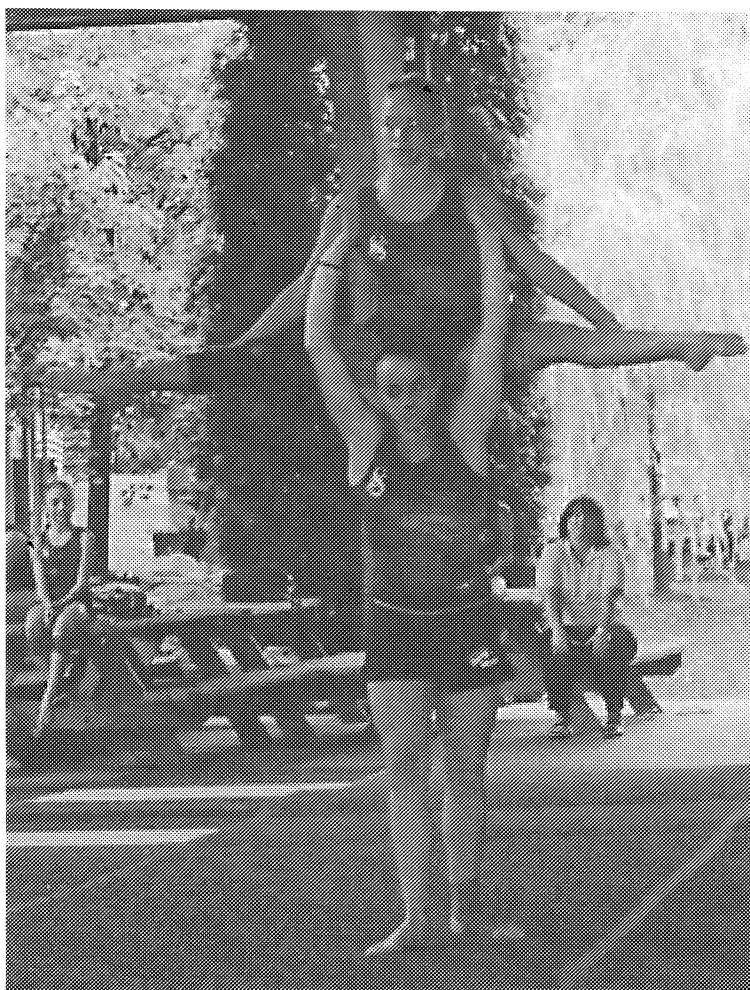
Following the scheduled activities, it was time to enjoy the park or listen to the DJ who continued to play throughout the evening. Many thanks to the Monessen Sokols for decorating the pavilion, supplying all the mats and equipment for the performances, and for their 40 gymnasts and cheerleaders who provided the special entertainment that really added to the unique opening of Sokolfest 2007.



The Falcon All-Star Cheer Squad performed exciting lifts and throws.



The children wait for their cue from instructor Darla Kash as they performed to "Can't Help Falling in Love with You."



Gymnasts Stacy Hoffman (on bottom) and Paige Allen performed an acro routine that combined strength and grace.



Don Kotlan and friends from Ceska Sin at Kennywood Park



The Sokolads were all smiles after receiving their medals following the competition.



Following the competitions, Sokol USA Lodge 306 competitors and coaches posed for a group photo. The lodge was awarded the Bednar-Klimow Award for the greatest participation at the XXV Sokol USA Slet.



A fine group of Senior Women participated in the Fitness Challenge. Sokol USA's Ellen Kovac, left, won first place in her division. Also pictured, from left, are Mary Cushing, Supreme Lodge Finance Committee Member Debbie Golden, Maryann Fiordelis and Cathryn Kavan.

SPONSORS PLAY A BIG ROLE IN SOKOLFEST 2007

As you can imagine, it is very costly to run a national slet in a major city where there are first-class venues and accommodations. In order to help fund the cost associated with Sokolfest 2007, Treasurer Stephen V. Tomko suggested we solicit larger sponsorships and acknowledge them with special signage at slet events and on T-shirts that would be distributed to all Sokolfest participants.

We are especially grateful for the major donations from Lodge 130-New Kensington, Pa., Lodge 276-Pittsburgh, Pa., and District Matus Cak Trenciansky (MCT) in Western Pennsylvania consisting of the following lodges: Lodge 16-Braddock, Lodge 20-Ford City, Lodge 45-Tarentum, Lodge 46-McKeesport, Lodge 62-Ambridge, Lodge 63-Homestead, Lodge 68-Blairsville, Lodge 89-Carnegie, Lodge 121-New Brighton, Lodge 130-New Kensington, Lodge 240-Aliquippa, Lodge 255-Leechburg and Lodge 276-Pittsburgh.

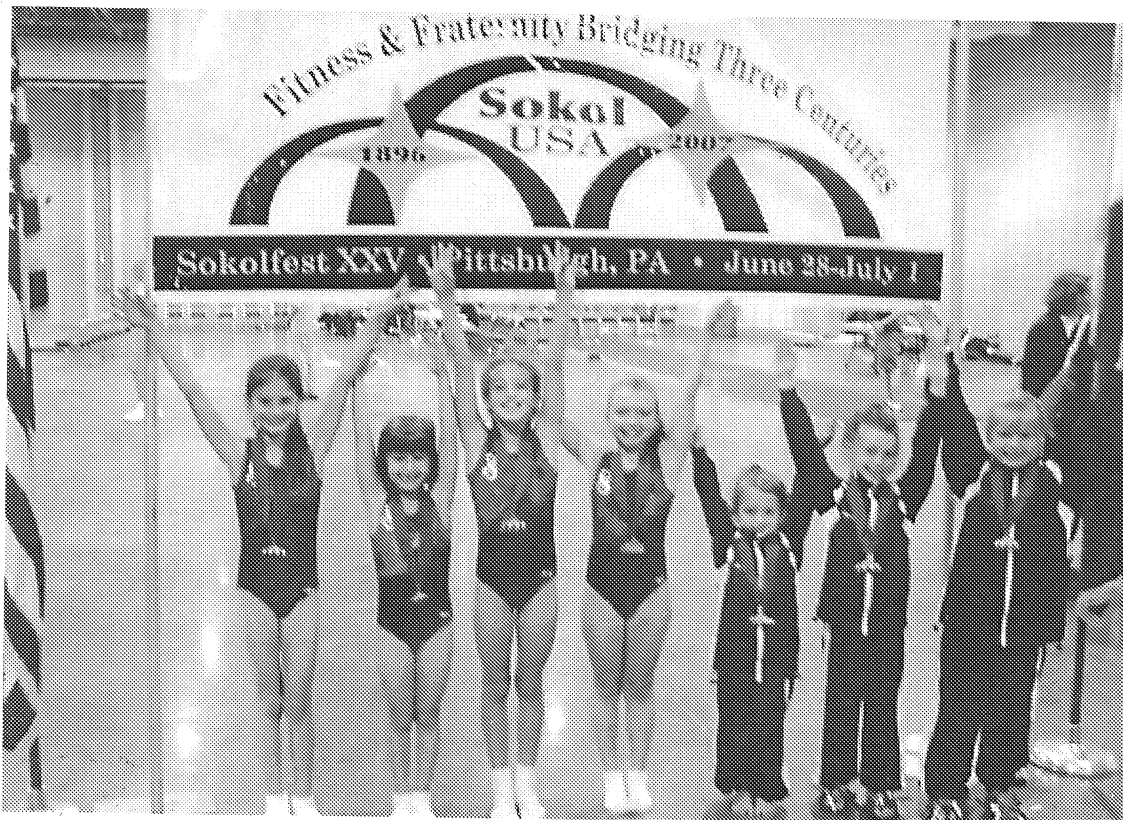
Thanks also to Lodge 248-Rossford, Ohio, who provided the initial seed money for the Sokolfest fund and many other lodges who also sent sponsorship funding.

As promised, major sponsors were acknowledged at events, in the program book and on 500 navy blue T-shirts. The front of the shirts displayed a white imprinted slet logo on the left chest and the back acknowledged our large donors. Participants could be seen wearing their shirts throughout the four-day event.

While the larger donations helped to offset the high rental costs of the convention center, gymnastics equipment and the History Center, without all the other donations we still would not have been able to financially pull off the slet. Thanks to everyone who purchased an ad in the program book, sent a trophy donation, purchased chances on the gift baskets, bought a souvenir or attended Sokolfest 2007. You all played an important role in enabling Sokol USA to run the XXV Slet. Nazdar!



The "moms" from Monessen Sokol were exuberant after completing their competitions. The lodge has a dedicated group of seniors who work out on Friday evenings. Several competed for the first time in Pittsburgh.



A group of Sokolettes proudly "present" after receiving their medals for their fine performances.



Sokol Friends Forever – Former Monessen Sokol gymnasts (from left) Doreen Kowall and Ruth Kurdilla Sepesky enjoy catching up with Chicago Lodge 306 member Bob Katz during the Saturday evening Celebration Dance.



On Saturday evening, the teens enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the DJ while others enjoyed fellowship and memorabilia at the Sokol Alumni Social.



Both men and women enjoyed the Sokolfest Golf Tournament held at the Grandview Golf Course on Friday, June 29. Congratulations to Wendy Rejna, second from left, who won the Women's Division with a score of 78.



All grown up – Stephanie Banjak with Todd Yatchyshyn, who she used to babysit at Sokol Woodlands over 20 years ago during Sokol Instructor Schools when their parents were on the teaching staff.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

In last month's issue, we tried to thank as many people as we could remember who helped make Sokolfest 2007 a success. At the time, we admitted we were sure to forget some people and as soon as it was too late to make an addition, we remembered a very important member of the National Gymnastic Department team.

While she no longer serves a national assistant, Karen Stroczyński played a major role in this year's Slet preparations. Behind the scenes, Karen received all of the competitive entries and registration fees. She prepared a huge spreadsheet by divisions, reconciled the funds and made last minute changes and additions. Karen had performed this job so well for the last few slets, that she was asked if she would help us out again this year. She graciously accepted, even though she couldn't be at the slet this year.

Thank you Karen, you are a special Sokol and a valuable asset to the Sokol US A Gymnastics Department.

Nazdar,

Chris & Rich Yatchyshyn



Jan and ASO Director of Men Chuck Kalat proudly show off the Heinz Basket that they won on Saturday evening. Special thanks to Monessen's Marty Thieret for obtaining the super gift basket that everyone wanted to win.

DISTRICT MEETING OF MCT CORPS OF SOKOL USA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 28, 2007 ~ 1 PM

Clarion Hotel

300 Tarentum Bridge Road (Route 28, Exit 14)
New Kensington, PA

Please be sure that your lodge is represented!
Hot Luncheon Buffet served upon completion of meeting.
Please send reservation for the luncheon by October 21 to:
Pat Blistan, 1254 Ingham St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Thank you! Nazdar!

Matthew M. Blistan, Sr., President District MCT

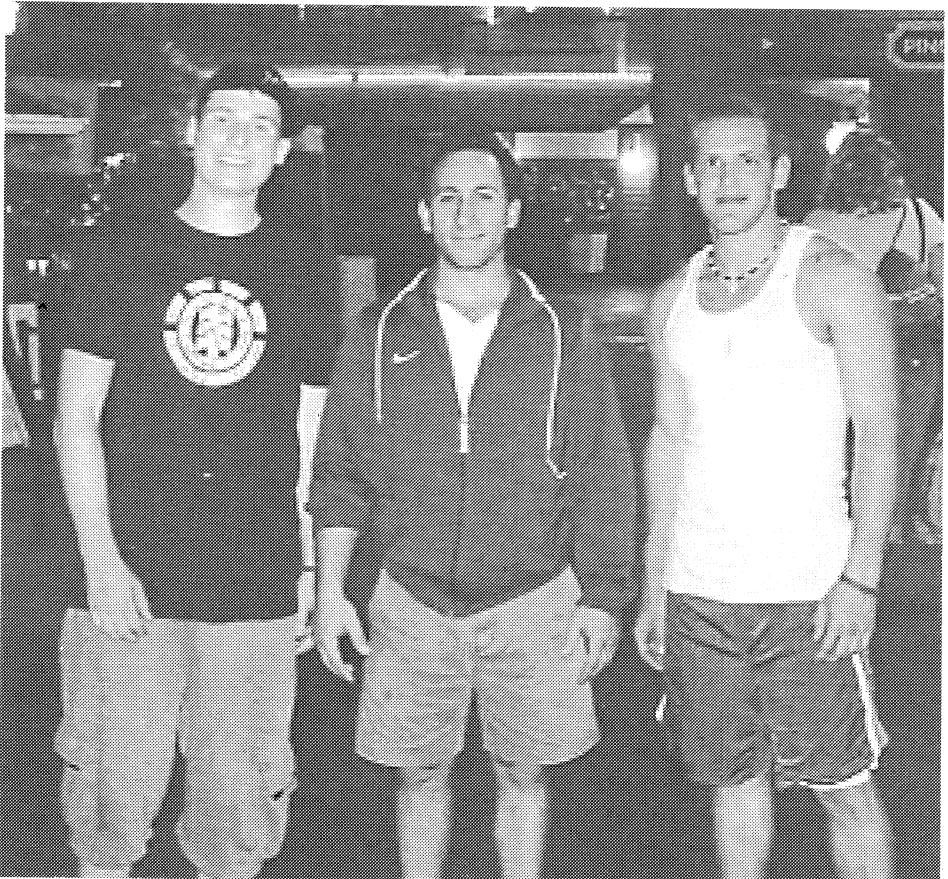
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Ceska Sin's volleyball team placed first in the Sokolfest Women's Tournament held on Friday, June 29 at the Monroeville Sports Center.

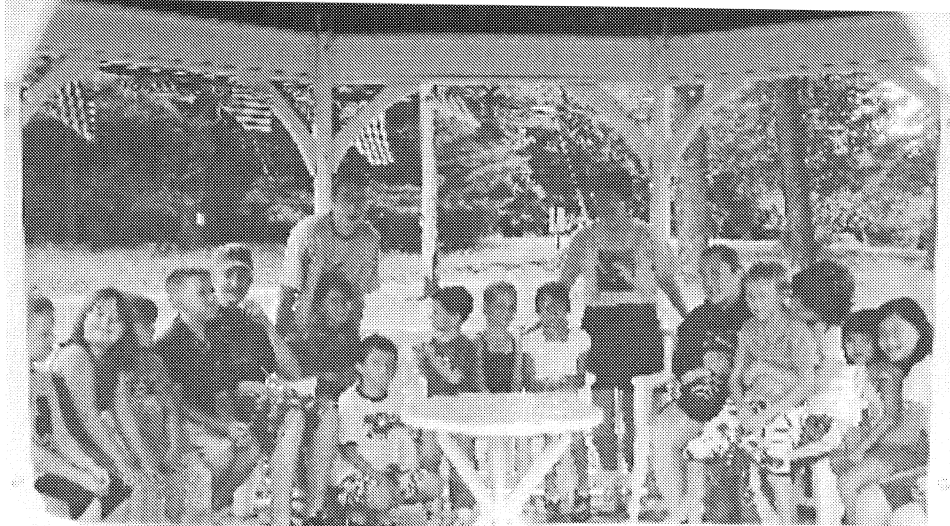


The Monessen Volleyball Team (from left) Dennis Hibbs, Brett Melnick, Todd Yatchyshyn, Brent Whitehead, Scott Hibbs and Mike Collins, finished second in the Sokolfest Men's Tournament, despite an injury that knocked Scott Hibbs out of the tournament in the first round. Substitute Scott Yatchyshyn played the rest of the day. While he filled a vital gap in the team, he jokingly remarked that he "ran around the court ducking and staying out of the way as the other guys did their thing." In March, the team placed first in the annual ASO New York/Washington Volleyball Tournament that was hosted in Manhattan this year.



The guys from DA stop for a photo after a night of rides and fun at Kennywood Park

Sokol Woodlands



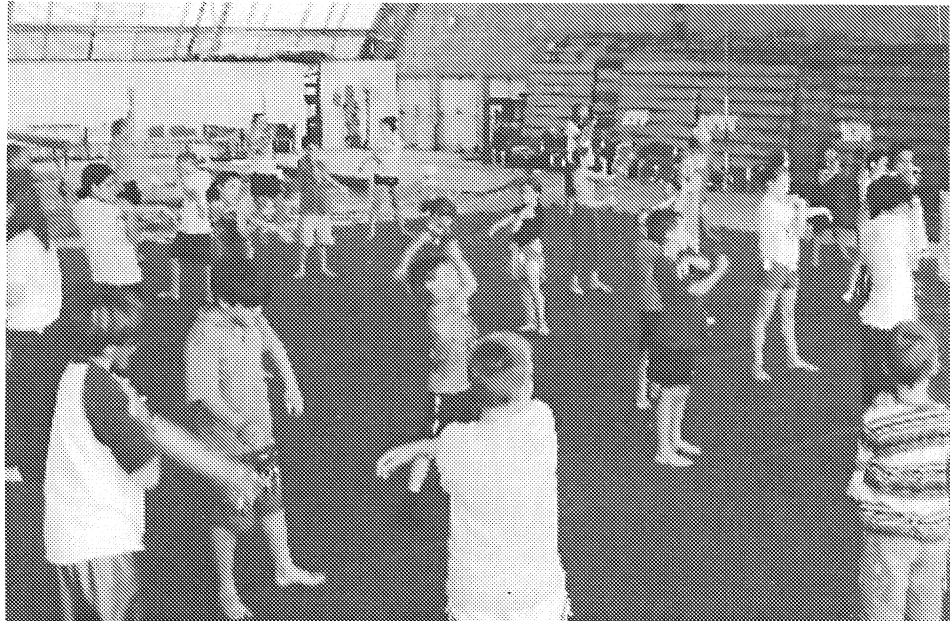
There were about 20 Day Campers in attendance the second week. Thank you Miss Pat, Miss Danielle and Life Guard Ryan for a great week!



Sokol Woodlands Volunteer Landscapers, Milan Trnka, Jurag Bezak of Slovakia and Matthew Pracko put new mulch around playground equipment.

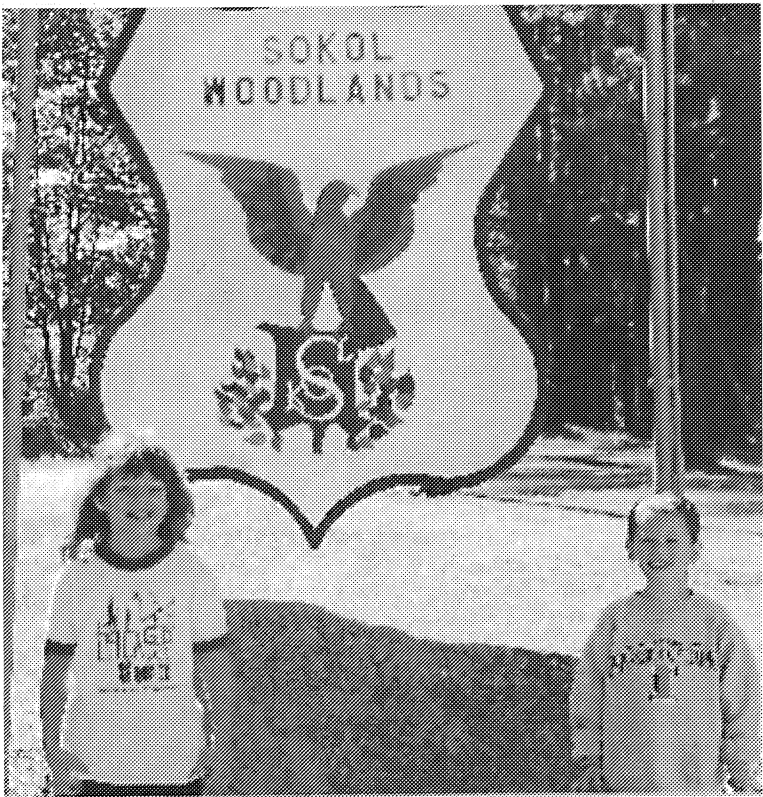


Star Campers having a sing along while waiting to go to the campfire.



The workouts in the gym!

A Summer to Remember at Sokol Woodlands



Samantha and Matthew Pracko win the award for traveling the farthest to get to camp – a plane ride and a two and a half hour car ride. It was all worth it. They had a great time! Thank you to everyone who helped make their first experience at Sokol Woodlands a week they will not soon forget!

Bibi & Zuzi Murcko and Marissa Gibson at National Camp:

The National Camp at Sokol Woodlands, which we attended this summer, was the most full of activity week we've ever had. It went something like this: The first day started out by running and cheering our fellow Sokol campers on. There were heaps of fortitude. Next on the second day, we went canoeing in the Delaware River, paddling for 12 miles with only one break. It was pretty exhausting and we were all as red as tomatoes from the hot sun. By this time we were well acquainted with each person there. We engaged in recreation including soccer, baseball and hiking. Each day at the crack of dawn we elevated the flag and then we took it downward at hours of darkness.

Day four was an extraordinarily attention-grabbing day. We were given a slab of wood and it was up to us to evolve it into a car so it would be geared up for the race we had that night. At the race, two cars raced at a time and every time someone won they went to the next round. Half of cars crashed: it was incredibly amusing. On day five, we had the entire day to make a house out of the mats

from the gym or just material from nature. For my house, I used mats, tape and rocks. It held out astonishingly well. That night we had a block party and every group was responsible for appetizers, treats, games and music. That morning we woke up a little unpleasantly cold and damp from the fog. On the final day, we left for the Sokol Club in New York City where we had a scavenger hunt and went sight seeing and shopping.

This boldly was the most enjoyable week I've had in a long time. Thanks to Sokol for everything I did and learned at camp.

Bibi Murcko

Sarah and Amanda Goda at STAR Camp:

My sister and I were two of the many who went to gymnastics camp at Sokol Woodlands in New York. We had an amazing time! We met many new friends and had great spotters. Every day we worked out in the gym twice, swam, played games, did crafts, hiked, sang songs and much more. One night we had a campfire and another we had an ice cream social. All of our food was home-cooked and was very good. We

Everyone at camp was so nice and we still keep in touch with all the friends we made.

- Amanda Goda

only stayed for one week out of the three, but by the end of that week, we didn't want to leave. We had such a great time! We can't wait to go back next year for a longer time.

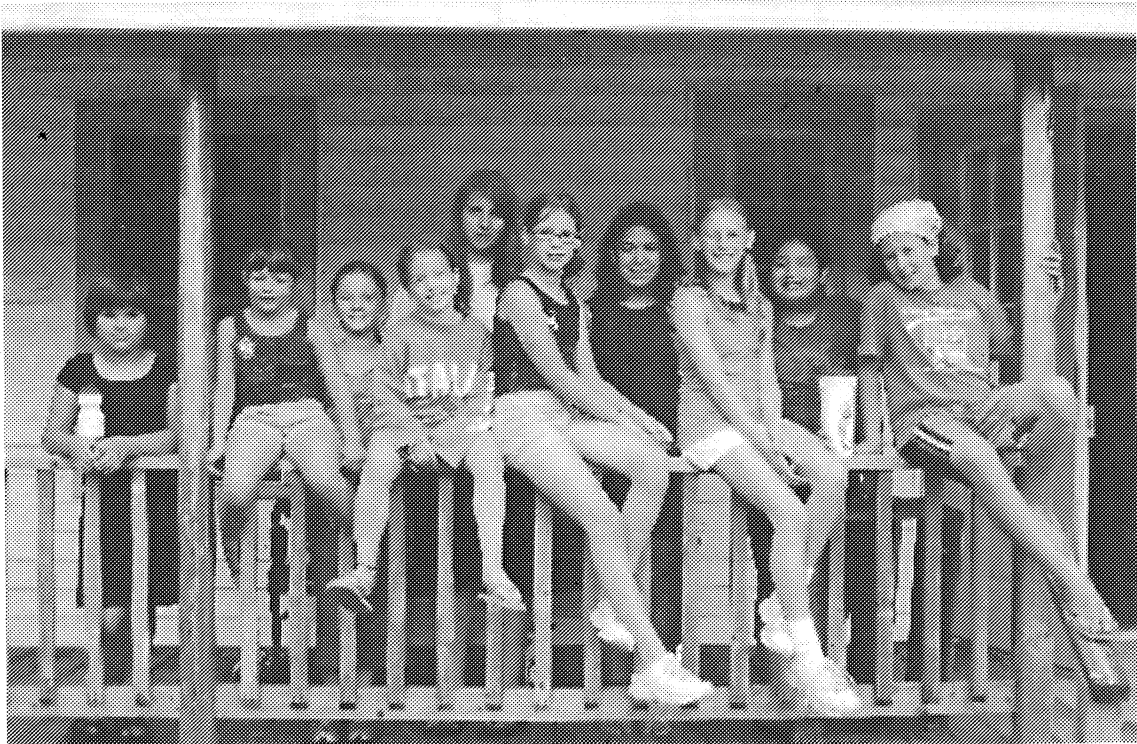
The actual gymnastics was great also. James and Brandi, along with the counselors, worked with us on conditioning, new tricks, along with perfecting old ones. They worked with us in groups and individually. We've learned many new things and perfected old tricks. James and Brandi have helped me a lot! Everyone at camp was so nice and we still keep in touch with all the friends we made. We're so excited about going back next year!

Thanks, Sokol, for a great week.

Amanda Goda



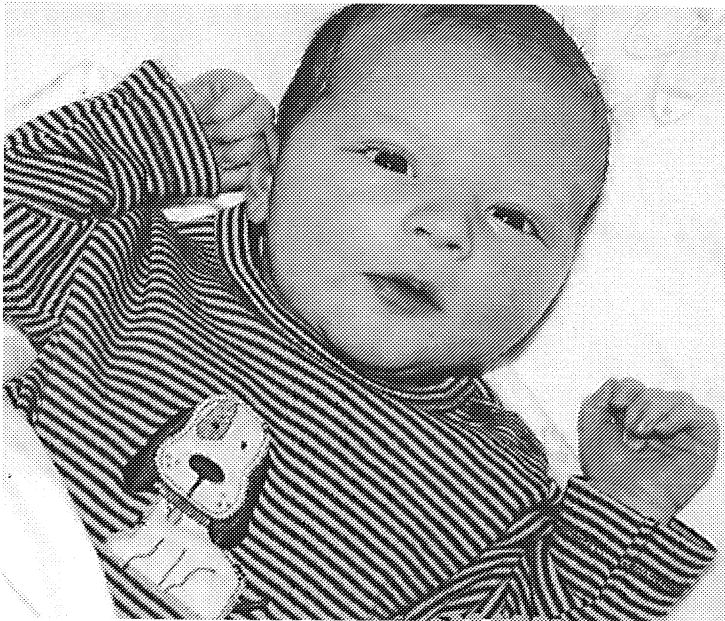
There were about 45 STAR Campers the second week of camp! Thank you to Brandi, James, Ellen and everyone else for a great week!



The younger girls cabin. What camp is all about – making new friends!

Sokol Social News

STORK UPDATE



Ethan Charles Dianis

Future Sokol member Ethan Charles Dianis was born July 13th to Lisa and Chuck Dianis of Stamford, Conn. Lisa is a member of Lodge 7. Ethan weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 21½ inches.

Grandmothers are Andrea V. Budner and Carol Dianis and great-grandmother is Anne Vojt Budner. All are members of Lodge 7 in Byram, Conn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The year was 1957....

**Dr. Suess wrote "The Cat in the Hat",
John Lennon met Paul McCartney,
the Frisbee was introduced,
AND -----Jean Bagel was born!**

Happy 50th Birthday, Jean!

**Sokol friends are forever friends.
Nazdar!**

Judy, Susie, & Anne Marie

District MM Hodza Update

Congratulations to the Lodge 32, Boonton, and Lodge 12, Central Jersey, gymnasts who participated in the Annual District MM Hodza Competition on April 14, 2007. Many of our athletes continued on to participate in the United Sokols of the East competitions as well as the Pittsburgh Slet festivities. Onward and upward - we'll see you in 2008!



Men's Results									
Name	Lodge	Floor	Pommel Horse	Rings	Vault	Para-Bars	Hi-Bar	Total	Place
Sokolads Level 3									
Roman Tavakkol	Boonton	15.8	15.7	15.8	16.0	14.3	13.3	90.9	5
Richard Bruno	Boonton	16.1	16.4	18.6	15.2	18.2	15.4	99.9	II
Paul Lozaw	Boonton	17.3	16.0	18.7	14.4	17.9	17.0	101.3	I
James Eyler	Boonton	15.5	14.5	17.3	16.3	17.4	14.6	95.6	4
Alfonse Napolitano	Boonton	18.4	14.2	16.0	16.2	16.9	16.0	97.7	III
Sokolads Level 4									
William Tavakkol	Boonton	16.4	15.9	17.2	16.2	16.9	13.5	96.1	I
<i>Roman numerals denote medal winners</i>									



DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

To the Sokol USA Gymnastic Fund

Sokol USA Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. \$262.50
In memory of deceased members

Adrienne H. Filip, New York, N.Y. \$50.00
In memory of Edward Kubanik and Andrew Venglarchik

To the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund

Sokol USA Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. \$262.50
In memory of deceased members

JANELLE K. BRINLEY

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This year I took on the extra responsibility as Key Club Statistical Secretary. As the youth branch of Kiwanis International, our members volunteer in many community activities, and I got to keep track of everyone's hours. I also enjoyed being a cast member in numerous school plays and musicals, the most recent as "Lady H" in a musical version of "The Princess and the Pea." I also excelled academically at Wheaton North, maintaining a high grade point average (5.63). I finished seventh in a class of about 450 students. I will be beginning my freshman year at Wheaton College in Illinois as an undecided major, leaning towards biology. Since I will still be in the area, I hope to be able to participate in my Lodge's events.

Once again, thank you for presenting me with this scholarship, honor and privilege.

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.

SOKOL XXV USA 2007 CELEBRATION IN PITTSBURGH

Our Slovak heritage showed up as a "work of art" in Pennsylvania at the Lawrence Convention Center. The Sokolfest from June 28 to July 1 was remarkable. The Sokolfest banquet at the John Heinz History Center was overwhelmingly attended on June 29. The out-of-town members and families helped make a vacation trip to visit Pittsburgh, as there were many sites to see during their stay. We were proud to have them with us.

What a magnificent festival of Sokol athletic ability we all observed in Pittsburgh this year of 2007. On July 1, the field of gymnasts made an awesome photograph of our people. The skillful performances of the wonderful dancing ability could only be admired by all from the stands. The calisthenics and athletics on the program were showing the long hours of good practice from them all. The bowling competition earlier in the week was well

attended and successful. Pittsburgh bowlers did their capable best. Our Lodge 276 Senior Women fulfilled their need for the performance along with Sokols from other states on the field. They are all to be congratulated! Thanks to our gymnasts and Instructor Mrs. Donna Bauer for a job well done. Nazdar Amelia Blistan Reporter

JOSEPHINE RICHTER – (1923-2007) A member of Lodge 1 in New York, N.Y. She is survived by a son, Clifford Richter, and a daughter, Patricia DeLyca.
ANNA MEKOSH – (1912-2007) A member of Lodge 214 in Palmerton, Pa. She is survived by a son, George Mekosh, and a daughter, Charlotte Thomas.
MARY KUFTA – (1909-2007) A member of Lodge 32 in Boonton, N.J. She is survived by a sister, Sophia Mitchko, and a brother, William Bishop.
PAUL SABO – (1917-2007) A member of Lodge 114 in North Tarrytown, N.Y. He is survived by a daughter, Linda Stevenson.
MARY MOLITORISZ – (1941-2007) A member of Lodge 66W in Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by her husband, Robert Molitoris.
JOHANNA HALAS – (1912-2007) A member of Lodge 20 in Ford City, Pa. She is survived a son, David Halas, and a daughter, Barbara Onofrey.