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Recovering from the June Flood

WEATHER DAMAGE IN CEDAR RAPIDS & CRETE

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of American Sokol:

By now, you're aware of the devastation that has struck Sokol Cedar Rapids during the horrendous June flood. However, you may not be aware that Sokol Crete was hit hard as well – not by flooding – but during the times of turbulent weather with high winds and tornadoes. Severe damage was sustained by Sokol Cedar Rapids, the Czech Village and the National Czech & Slovak Museum.

An account has been established at the Village Bank in Cedar Rapids to receive donations toward the **Sokol Cedar Rapids** flood damage. Please make checks payable to "**Sokol Cedar Rapids Flood**."

If you would like to donate toward repairs to the roof at **Sokol Crete**, please make checks payable to "**American Sokol Crete Roof Fund**."

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If you would like to **wire transfer** money, please contact Jean Hruby at the American Sokol Office to obtain routing information. For more information, please call the American Sokol Office at 708-255-5397.

All donations are appreciated

THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM

The National Czech & Slovak Museum is facing what may be the greatest challenge in its entire 34-year history. In the wake of a disaster that has devastated thousands of people in Cedar Rapids, and hundreds of thousands in the Midwest, we are calling on everyone who is able, to please consider helping in one or more ways:

The unprecedented flooding affecting so many others has done overwhelming damage to our museum. We have flood insurance on the collection which is paying for initial treatment, but it won't go far enough. The building was not insured for flood and the loss will be in the millions. Recovering from this setback is a huge task that is overwhelming in its enormity. Our minds and hands are busy with the immediate disaster and it will take time to step back and assess where we are and where we want to go.

Of one thing we are sure, we will rebuild and will be even better than ever. Czechs and Slovaks are strong from having survived many trials in their history and we are counting on their resilience.

Gifts may be made online by visiting the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at www.ncsml.org, visiting any Wells Fargo Bank location in the United State or by mailing a check to: National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 30 Sixteenth Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization as determined by the United States Internal Revenue Service. Thank you considering a gift to this organization whose mission is to be the foremost museum and library in the United States preserving and interpreting Czech and Slovak history and culture. Gifts to the NCSML are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and/or IRS code, as no goods or services are provided in consideration of a gift.

Rusyn Song Festival to feature Jerry Jumba

The New England Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will present a "Rusyn Song Festival" by the world renowned musician, cantor, teacher, singer, choral director, choreographer and theatrical producer Jerry Jumba on Saturday, September 20th at St. John's Auditorium 364 Mill Hill Ave. Bridgeport, Conn., at 1:30 p.m. Orestes J. Mihaly is chairperson of the New England Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society and a member of Sokol Lodge 2 in Bridgeport, Conn.

Put your cares away and come and sing and dance along with Jerry and his nostalgic songs of the "Old Country" in Slovakia, Poland and Ukraine. This fun-filled event will provide an exciting introspective into Rusyn music! Jumba is a graduate of Duquesne University and studied Rusyn culture and music in Eastern Europe. He has translated folk songs into "singable" English, produced many medieval Rusyn Bethlehem plays, had his own Rusyn Radio Program on Pittsburgh Radio and served as cantor and choir director for churches in that area. His last performance in New

England brought the house down!

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society is a not for profit organization headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., devoted to the study and dissemination of information about Rusyn ethnicity, history and culture and has chapters in other areas of the United States. The New England Chapter is one of the largest and most active chapters. The homelands of the Rusyn people are now found in eastern Slovakia, northern Hungary, Romania, southern Poland and western Ukraine. They are often also referred to as Rusins, Rusnaks, Carpatho-Russians, Ruthenians or Little Russians. The Rusyns never had their own country. The Society also maintains close ties with Rusyns in Europe and provides encouragement, humanitarian aid and relief to Rusyns living in the homelands.

Admission to this outstanding event will be free, but donations are welcome. Food and refreshments will also be available. For further information, e-mail nepresident@c-rs.org.



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From the President's View

Do you remember when summer seemed to last forever? Once all the competitions and Slets were finished, we still had two entire months to play. The days seemed long as did the months – Labor Day was far away. When and how did all that change? By the time you read this, Labor Day will be looming around the corner. Here in the East, students will be preparing to go to school the last week in August, and it seems like I was just writing about the beginning of summer.

We had no Slets to attend, but summer came anyway. This year I had the pleasure of spending one week as Camp Board "Manager" at Sokol Woodlands. It was a wonderful experience. (I was there the first week, Honey and Milan Trnka followed for the next week and a half, and Belka and Charles Bednar served the last week and



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a half.) Yes, I had managed a Sokol camp before, so that's not what made it so special.

As we all know, Sokol gymnastic activities are growing small in number of participants

and in the number of events. It is a struggle to find volunteers and people's lives have become increasingly busy. The Camp Board at Woodlands struggles with the decision of whether or not to conduct children's camping programs. Once again this year, Brandi Kovac answered our questions by stepping up to the plate and organizing the season. She does an outstanding job!!! She has been able to locate staff who love working with the campers, who enjoy Woodlands and who are very good at what they do. James Hurlihy runs a well-balanced program for the STAR campers and we have many returnees. Eileen Mondello is on call as the camp nurse from flag raising to lights out. Teddy the Chef has the kitchen under control and feeds the campers and staff with meat and potato- (See PRESIDENT, Page 4)

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Performances:
Saturday, September 13th at 7 PM
Sunday, September 14th at 3 PM

***Dinner will be available on Sunday
and will be served from 1 to 2:30 PM.***
*Menu includes Chicken Paprikash with Sokol Dumplings, red cabbage,
dessert and coffee. Donation is \$12 and reservations are required.*

**Play Admission: \$6 advance sale
 \$8 at the door**

*For tickets, dinner reservations or more information,
please call Donna Bachna at 216-642-9012*

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4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

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To the Sokol USA Gymnastic Fund

Sokol USA Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio In memory of deceased members	\$100.00
Sokol USA Lodge 15, Yonkers, N.Y. In memory of deceased members	\$200.00
Sokol USA Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. In memory of deceased members	\$288.00
Sokol USA Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. In memory of deceased members	\$262.00

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Sokol USA Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio In memory of deceased members	\$100.00
Sokol USA Lodge 15, Yonkers, N.Y. In memory of deceased members	\$200.00
Sokol USA Lodge 39/40W, Chicago, Ill. In memory of Sister Ann Fajnor, Sister Lillian Nosko, Sister Betty Kavicky and Sister Elsie Boor	\$100.00
Sokol USA Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. In memory of deceased members	\$288.00
Sokol USA Lodge 12, Newark, N.J. In memory of Ludmilla Zachar	\$100.00
Sokol USA Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. In memory of deceased members	\$262.00

LODGE 276 PLANS SUMMERTIME PICNIC

August 24th: Welcome to Evergreen Park and Sokol 276 picnic with church at 11 a.m. Church service and happy times at 2 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or casserole, play Bingo and enjoy refreshments with a Nazdar!

September 7th: Attend the next meeting. Welcome back from the summer at 2:15 p.m.

Nazdar!
Amelia Blistan, Reporter
Lodge 276, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LODGE 2 BRIDGEPORT ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Lodge 2, Bridgeport, Conn., Sokol USA has initiated a scholarship program for high school graduates, it was announced by Lodge President Miguel Alicea. "Up to two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors accepted for admission to an accredited four-year college/university who are Slovak or Carpatho-Russian descent and residents of Bridgeport, Stratford, Trumbull or Shelton, Connecticut," said Alicea.

Applications were sent to all high schools and churches in the area and are available from the Lodge at jkamenitsky@snet.net.

June 3, 2008

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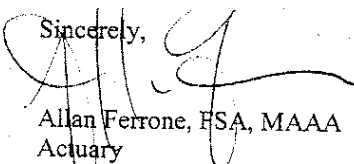
Gentlemen:

This will certify that we have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Society as of December 31, 2007, according to the schedules of insurance submitted to us, and have found the reserves to be as follows:

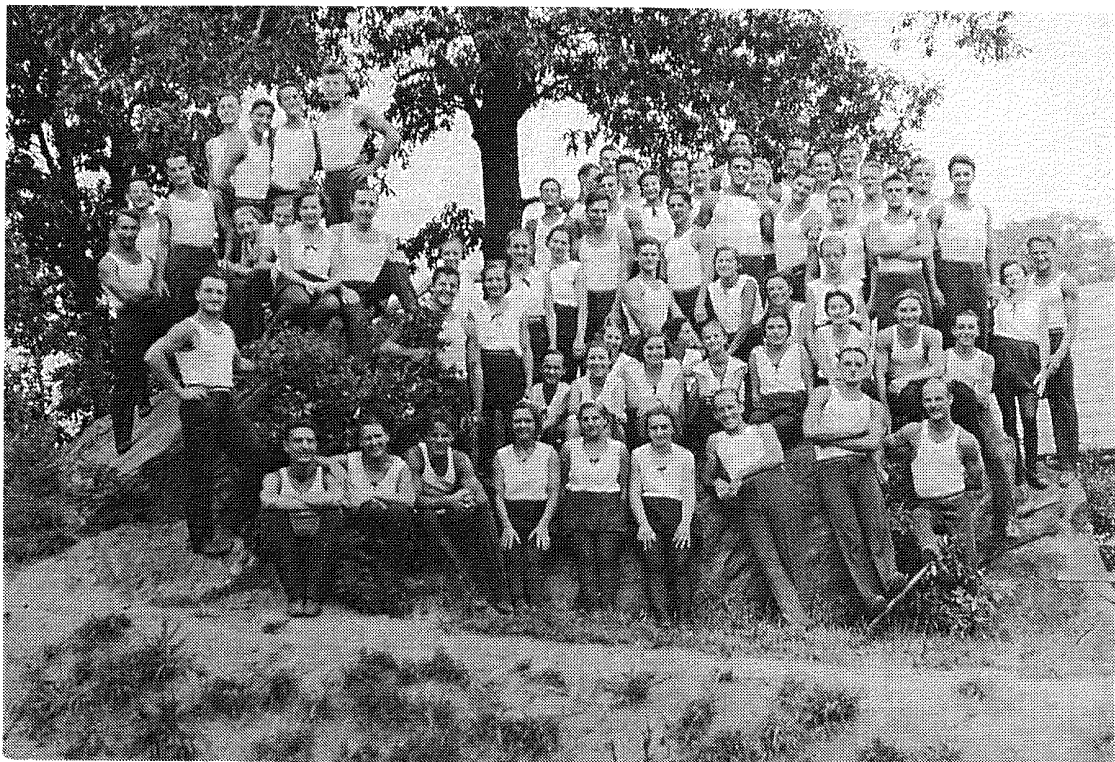
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41 SI 3 %		221,131
58 CET 2.5 %		13,656
58 CET 4 %		2,382
58 CET 4.5 %		717
58 CSO 2.5 %		198,885
58 CSO 4 %		47,646
58 CSO 4.5 %		168,380
80 CET 4 %		5,797
80 CSO 4 %		121,884
80 CSO 4.5 %		339,199
80 CSO 5 %		173,449
AE 3 %		1,123,075
AM 3 %		811,509
Annuities		716,207
Non-Deduction of Deferred Premiums		2,489
Unearned Premium Reserve		2,939
Immediate Payment of Claims		54,784
For AIDS Risk		4,600
Reinsurance Credit		-
Total Life Reserve	\$	4,130,926
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates		1,634
Total Reserve	\$	4,132,560

The Society's valuation indicates that on the bases specified above, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 2007 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a surplus of \$5,673,640 (or 107.24%) above the statutory standards.

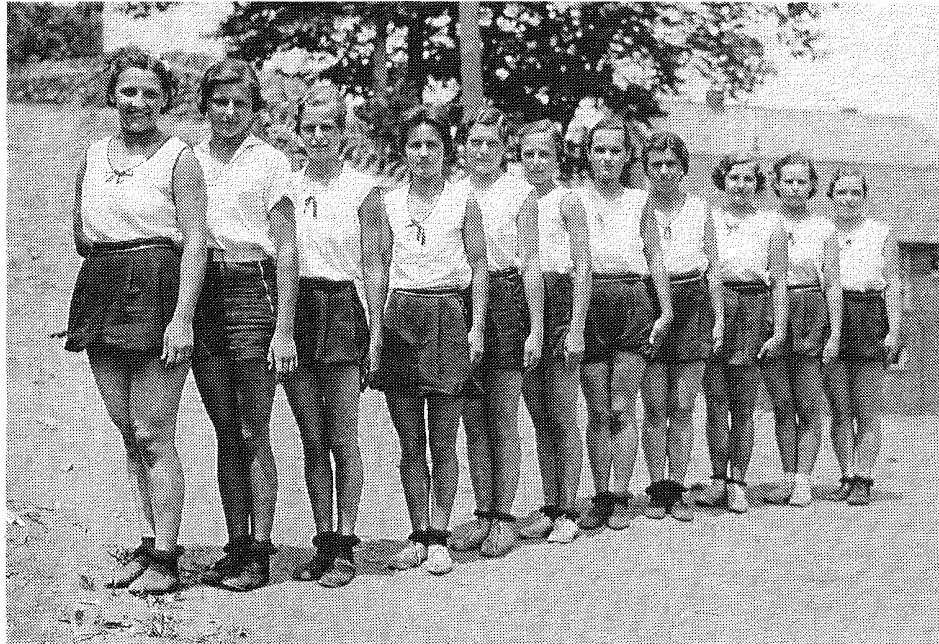
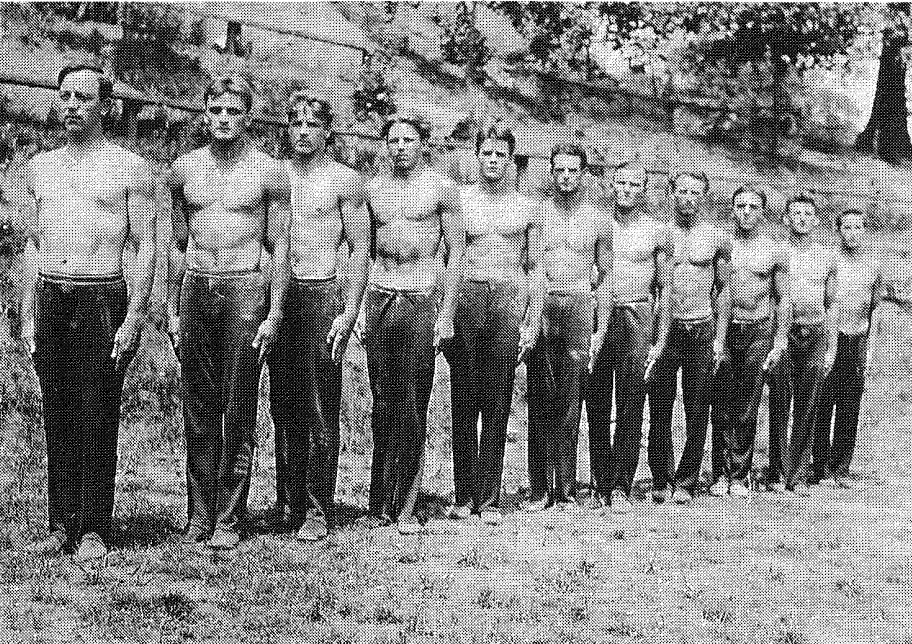
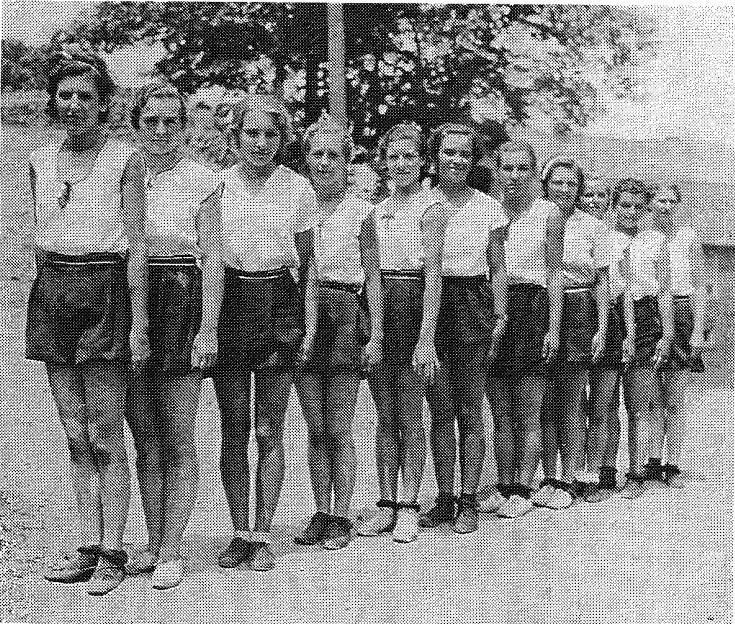
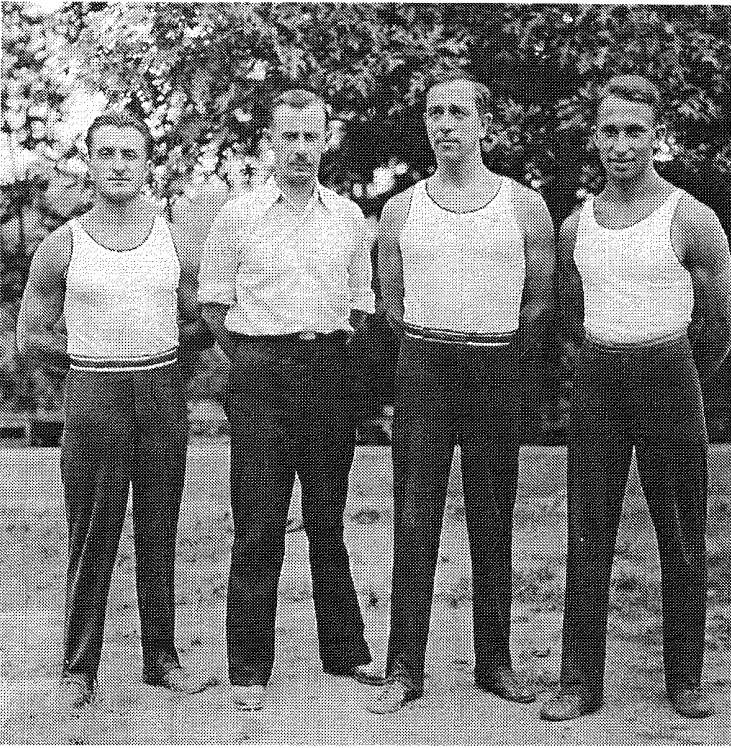
Ratios of assets to liabilities: 2007-207.24%; 2006-207.48%; 2005-208.11%; 2004-199.38%; 2003-197%.

Sincerely,

Allan Ferrone, FSA, MAAA
Actuary

A look into our Sokol past



The past comes to life with these photographs that were possibly taken in 1933 in Yonkers, N.Y. The camp instructors are shown in the picture with the four gymnasts. They were provided by Eleanor Brown of Hamburg, N.J.





Visiting the General Milan R. Stefanik Monument in Cleveland on April 25th were (from left) John Keleciny, Milos Matej, Dudince Mayor Stefan Pokl'uda, Lubomir Brosman, Joseph Bachna, Gabriela Bielikova, Dr. Milan Kamensky and Rudy Bachna.

Kent-Dudince welcomes visitors at 5th anniversary celebration

From the members and friends of the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association, the conclusion of our 2007-2008 year has been rewarding and eventful for our five-year history. Not only have we continued with our monthly meetings with interesting speakers and infusion of Slovak culture, we have supported many worthy causes.

The highlight of our year was the visit of five guests from Dudince, Slovakia. We have sent delegations there for the signing of the Sister City Association charter and two other cultural visits, and our local high school choir performed in Dudince. It was our turn to host visitors and emissaries from Slovakia. Visiting were Stefan Pokl'uda, Mayor of Dudince; Gabriela Bielikova, Principal and Teacher of Dudince School; Dr. Milos Matej, former Director of Diamant Spa and now Advisor of Slovakia's health spas; Dr. Milan Kamensky, General Director of Diamant Spa; and Lubomir Brozman, Director of Donavaly Hotels and Recreation Centers. We kept our visitors busy with tours of the Greater Cleveland area and trips to Niagara Falls, New York, and sites around the City of Kent.

A reception was held in their honor at the Rusty Nail Banquet Center that brought together officials from the City of Kent and

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our special guests from Dudince, where proclamations and gifts were exchanged. Members of area service clubs and the where proclamations and gifts were exchanged. Members of area service clubs and the officers and members of Kent-Dudince Sister City Association had the opportunity to meet and share fellowship with our guests. The reception also provided the chance for members of previous Heritage Tours from 1996, 2000, 2003 and 2006 to gather and share memories of their trips.

On Sunday, April 27th, the Fifth Annual Anniversary Banquet of the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association was held at the Kent Elks Club. Proclamations from Ohio Senator George Voinovich by George Brown plus greetings from Ohio State Auditor Mary Taylor were received. The meal, as delicious as always, was provided by Tom's Country Place. Entertainment was provided by the Pittsburgh Slovaks, Cleveland's Slovenske Mamicky and the Kent Roosevelt High School Chorale Ensemble under the direction of Donna Crews. It was truly an afternoon of beautiful music.

SOKOL WOODLANDS CALENDAR – 2008

FROM	TO	ACTIVITY
August 21	August 24	Fernandez Get-Together
August 29	September 1	Slovak Children's Language School
August 28	September 1	I Labor Day Weekend

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

(Continued from Page 1)

type meals. Ellen Kovac spends as much time as she is able to work wherever the need – she teaches in the gym, paints a wall, weeds a garden. Milan Kovac comes up weekly to fix any "leaks," hear the problems and offer his solutions. Daily, we are paid a visit from Walter Adamek to make minor repairs or offer the name of someone who can fix the problem. There are others on the staff who worked very hard and I hope someone will write an article about the season.

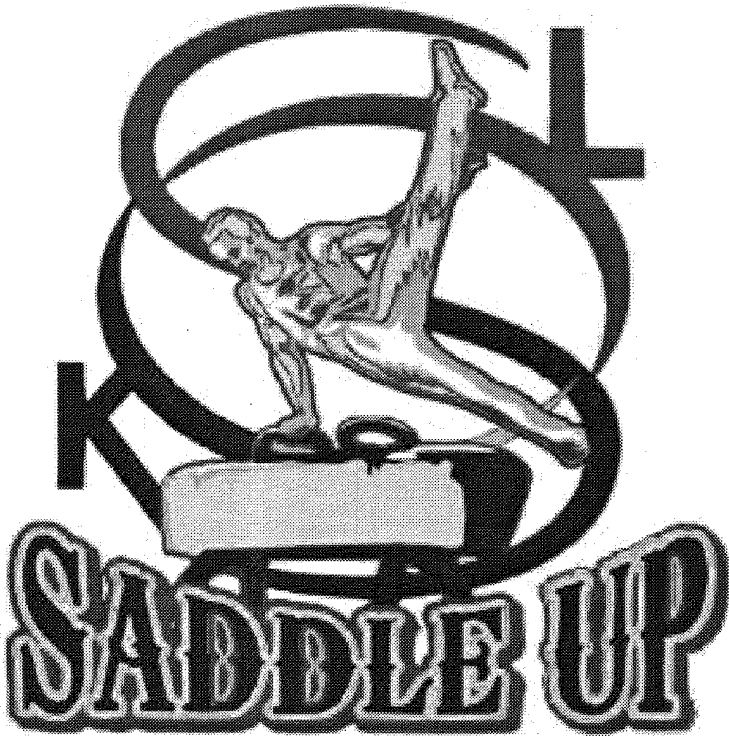
And then there is Brandi. She teaches, she lifeguards, she tests the water, she meets and greets the parents, she does the payroll, she plans the socials, she hears all the complaints, and she tries to fix the problems and all this with a smile. This Sokol "Energizer Bunny" seems tireless. She does it all and rarely complains. She certainly deserves our thanks. Without her, there would not have been a camping season at Woodlands. A special NaZdar to you, Brandi!

This season was made special for me since two of my granddaughters attended camp – Katie at STAR camp and Emily in Day Camp. They loved every activity, the staff, the food, and the other campers. It was wonderful to experience Sokol Woodlands through their eyes. The Tmka's also shared this experience through their granddaughter Holly and grandson John who also attended STAR camp with them.

While we were enjoying the summer, our American Sokol brothers and sisters in Sokol Cedar Rapids were struggling through the floods in Iowa. They suffered significant damage to their building. In the words of one of their members, "The building looks so sad and forlorn with the padlock on the make-shift front door." They continue to receive an outpouring of love and donations from the Sokol family. We will be happy to pass along any donations to Sokol Cedar Rapids. They still are in need of much help. Also damaged in the flood was the Czech and Slovak Museum. However, they recently held their first event, a concert, to let the world know they will survive.

In closing, I wish you all a fun-filled rest of the summer and a glorious Labor Day. We wish all our athletes representing the United States of America God speed and much success in the competitive endeavors in Beijing.

NaZdar!
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Sokol Times Online

In you haven't visited the Sokol USA website lately, you might not be aware that you can read the Sokol Times online.

To access the Sokol Times, go to www.sokolusa.org and click on the Today icon on the left-hand side of the homepage. On the pull down menu, select Sokol Times. From there, you have the option of reading the most current issue or one of the archived issues that go back to November 2006.

It's a great way to keep up with Sokol news and it's posted earlier than most of us receive our Sokol Times. So if you're anxious to see what's happening in Sokol USA, the news is just a few clicks away.

Preventing identity theft

Credit information is used in virtually every aspect of American financial life.

Consumer credit is considered when applying for loans to buy homes and automobiles. Credit checks are required to get utility, telephone and other services. Few landlords will rent apartments or houses without ordering a credit report and credit may also affect an employer's hiring and promoting decisions.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. This crime can take many forms and victims often must spend money and time repairing the damage done to their good name and credit record.

The Problem:

- Identity theft involves acquiring key pieces of someone's identifying information, such as name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, etc., in order to impersonate them. This information enables the identity thief to commit numerous forms of fraud, which may include:
- Taking over the victim's financial accounts or obtaining fraudulent financial accounts;
- Making purchases in the victim's name;
- Applying for loans, credit cards, social security benefits, etc.;
- Establishing services with utility and phone companies.

The Consequences:

- **YOUR** credit could be destroyed.
- **YOU** may have to spend many hours on the phone and writing letters attempting to resolve the situation.
- **YOU** may experience difficulty in writing checks, obtaining loans, renting an apartment or buying a home.
- **YOU** receive bills and demands for payment for purchases that you never made.

Some Ways to Avoid Identity Theft or Lessen Its Consequences:

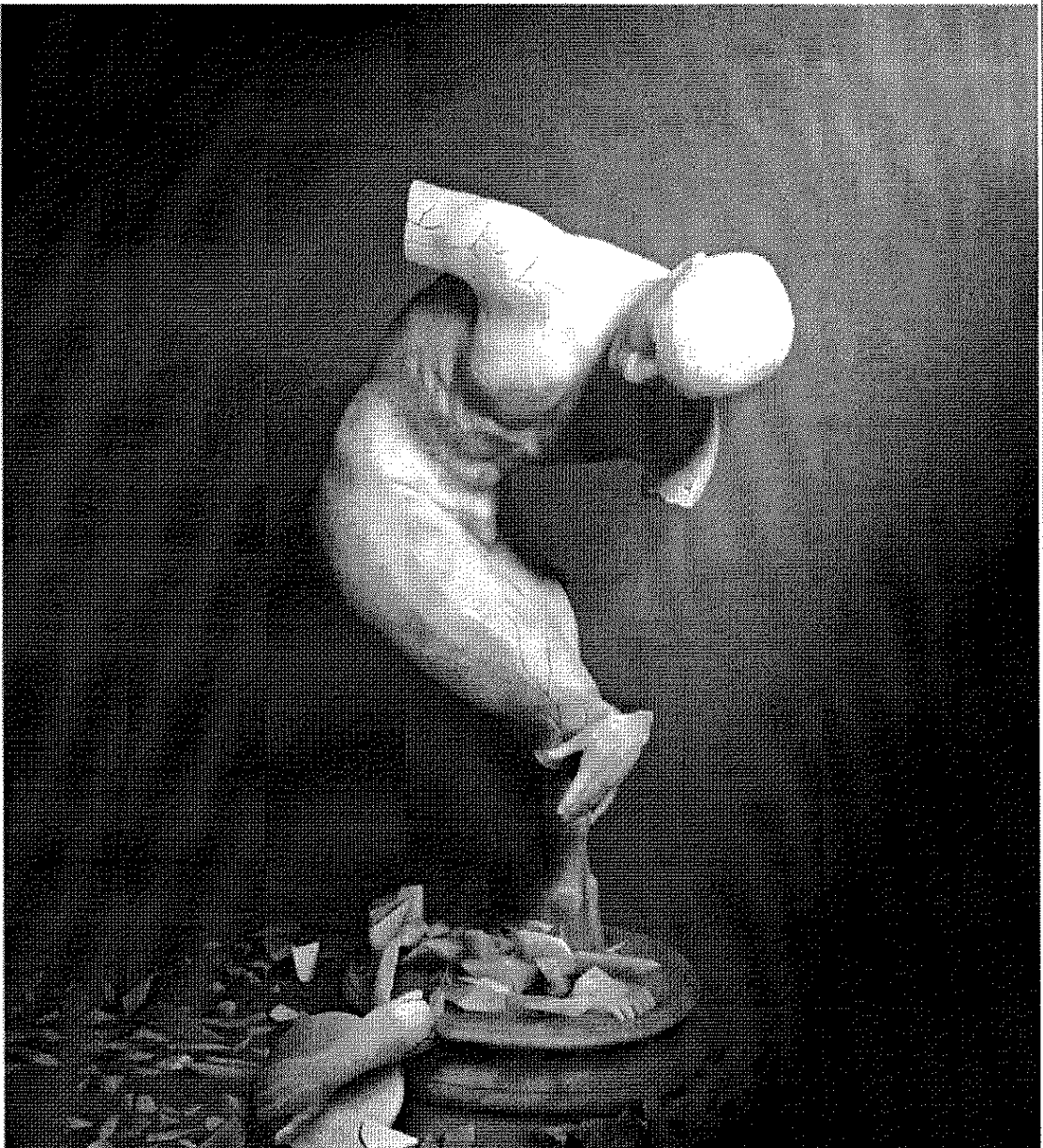
- Empty your wallet or purse of extra credit cards or IDs (Social Security card, birth certificate, passport, etc.) and cancel cards you do not use.
- Memorize your Social Security number and any passwords/codes. Do not record them on any cards or anything in your wallet or purse.
- Shred pre-approved credit applications, receipts, bills and other financial information before discarding.
- "Opt out" of receiving pre-screened credit card offers by contacting the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 1-888-5-OPT-OUT or online at www.optoutprescreen.com.
- Order a copy of your free credit report each year at AnnualCreditReport.com - the only authorized source for consumers to access their annual credit report online for free.
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- Consider "freezing" access to your personal credit reports

Be smart with your credit cards

- Reduce the number of credit cards you actively use and carry no more than two credit cards in your wallet or purse at a time.
- Cancel all unused accounts and cut up old credit cards before discarding.
- Report all lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- Keep a list or photocopy of all of your credit cards, all account numbers, expiration dates and telephone numbers of customer service or fraud departments of your credit card companies and keep the list in a safe place not in your wallet or purse. (Do the same with all of your bank accounts.)
- Save all credit card receipts and match them to your monthly bills.
- Never give out your credit card numbers, bank account information or other personal information over the telephone, unless you have a trusted business relationship with the company and YOU have initiated the call.

Be smart with banks

- Always take your banking transaction receipts with you.
- Never toss receipts in a public trash can.
- Shred the receipts before disposal when you get home.
- Shred all old bank statements, cancelled checks and other banking records before disposal.
- Never give your PIN number or your ATM card to someone else.
- When ordering checks, keep personal information to a minimum.
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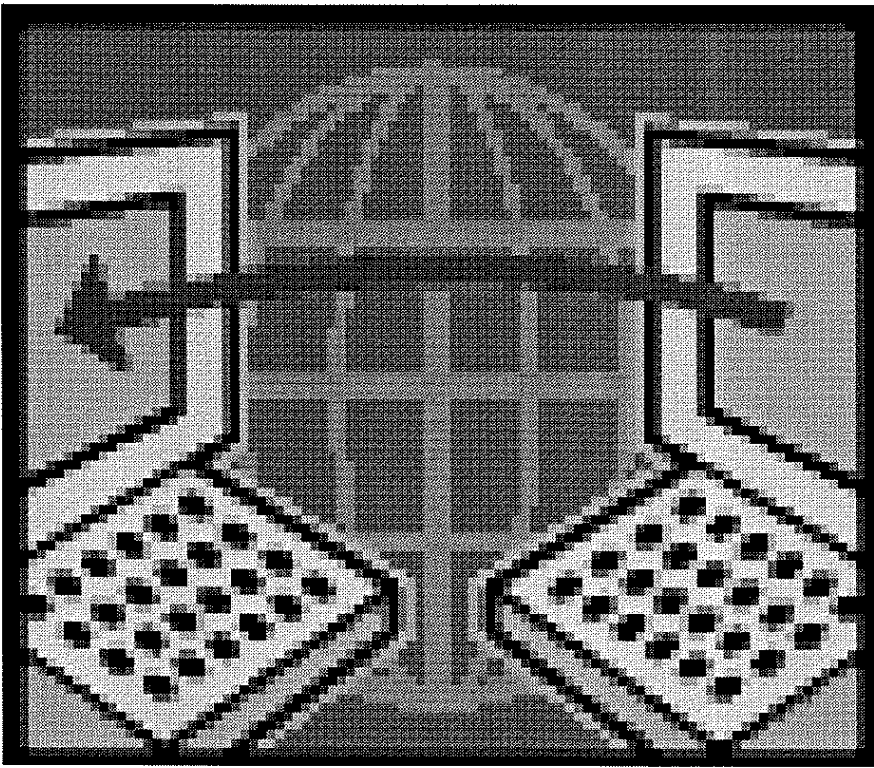
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www.savba.sk

Slovak National Theater
www.snd.sk

Slovak Television
www.stv.sk

Sokol Social News

100th
birthday for
Anna Kubita

Sister Anna Chisarik Kubita reached her 100th birthday on August 6, 2008. Anna was a resident of Astoria, N.Y., where she was a member of Sokol New York, Lodge 1, until she retired to Upstate New York on Keuka Lake in 1965.

Sister Anna was born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1908 and was one of 10 children. She is the only remaining member of that generation and certainly is the matriarch of the family. Anna was raised on a farm that was worked on by the entire Chisarik family. She continued to work on the family farm until she married Vincent Kubita in 1931 and moved to Astoria, where they became involved with Sokol. The couple was married for 63 years when Brother Vincent passed away in 1994.

Sister Anna enjoys her family, which includes her daughter, Barbara Friedrich; son-in-law, Charles Friedrich; grandson, Stephen Friedrich and his wife Melissa; great-grandchildren, Drew, 13, Madison, 12, and Tyler, 9, Friedrich; granddaughter, Catherine Friedrich-O'Sullivan and her husband Michael, and great-grandchildren, Sophia, 5, and Patrick, 3, O'Sullivan.

Sister Anna, also known as Anche', was very active with Sokol and was Past Juvenile Chair, Secretary and President. She also worked for New York Telephone, later called AT&T, for 25 years until she retired in 1965. She certainly reaped the rewards



Anna C. Kubita of South Carolina, a former member of Sokol Lodge 1 in New York, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 6th.

from them by living a regimented healthy life.

Sister Anna lived in Watkins Glen, N.Y., until 2006 when she decided to move to Bluffton, S.C., into an apartment in an active retirement complex that was closer to her daughter in Hilton Head, S.C. She still is very involved with volunteer work, crocheting blankets and bonnets for premature babies born in area hospitals. She is quite competitive playing cards and board games with her friends on a daily basis and takes occasional field trips with the group.

"Let us learn to serve our country. It is the most beautiful, the noblest of our efforts. The love of homeland is that sacred soil upon which athletes of the past and of the present pledged themselves to strive for a finer, better life."

— Miroslav Tyrs

Raykos celebrate 50th
wedding anniversary

Joseph and Barbara (Kloo) Raykos of Bethlehem Township, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st with a mass at SS Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Michael Chabak presided over the mass. They were married June 14, 1958.

A dinner was held at the Hotel Bethlehem. It was hosted by their children: their son Michael and his wife Andrea and their daughter Diane and James Kacer. They have six grandchildren, Matthew Raykos; Carol, Scott and Ellen Kacer, and Jessica and Jarad Zocolla.

Joseph and Barbara are both retired from the former Bethlehem Steel Corp. Joseph served four years in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. Joseph is a longtime member of Sokol Lodge 93 in Bethlehem.



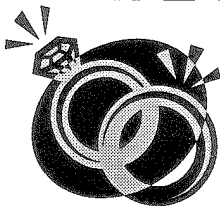
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WEDDINGS &
ANNIVERSARIES



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YEARS MARRIED (IF APPLICABLE): _____

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PROMOTIONS,
HONOR ROLLS &
OTHER EVENTS



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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.

CYRIL KRAJCI JR. – (1943-2008) A member of Lodge 93 in Bethlehem, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Brenda J. Krajci.

FRANCIS B. BARAN – (1920-2007) A member of Lodge 93 in Bethlehem, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Anna Baran.

THERESA SZYMANSKI – (1924-2008) A member of Lodge 20 in Ford City, Pa.. She is survived by her sons, Alan P., Kenneth J. and Richard L. Szymanski, and her daughter, Sandra L. Szymanski.

LOUIS LEESTINSKY – (1920-2008) A member of Lodge 248 in Rossford, Ohio. He is survived by a sister, Margaret Johnson, and a brother, James Nehay.

RICHARD J. HMUROVICH – (1961-2008) A member of Lodge 269 in Whiting, Ind. He is survived by his son, Brian Hmurovich.

JAMES J. KOSTIVAL – (1923-2008) A member of Lodge 227 in Belle Valley, Ohio. He is survived by a son, James J. Kostival Jr.

MILDRED CHIODO – (1919-2008) A member of Lodge 20 in Ford City, Pa. She is survived by a daughter, Diane Hahn, and two grandchildren, Phillip C. and Mary M. Hahn.

ELAINE L. GREEN – (1940-2008) A member of Lodge 62 in Ambridge, Pa. She is survived by her mother, Marie Kozar; her husband, Russell L. Green, and

two sisters, Antoinette Johnson and Emily Renninger.

AGNES PASTOREK – (1917-2008) A member of Lodge 248 in Rossford, Ohio. She is survived by her daughter, Rosemary Godin, and her son, Robert Pastorek.

WILLIAM J. STELLAR SR. – (1923-2008) A member of Lodge 77 in Allentown, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Rose Stellar, and two sons, Thomas Stellar and Robert Stellar.

MARGARET A. VALEK – (1920-2008) A member of Lodge 66W in Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by his daughter, Maryjean Haberl; three sons, Joseph, David and James Valek; a sister, Elizabeth Geldon; seven grandchildren, Krista, Jeff, Brian, Jennifer, Heather, Becky and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Dylan and Jack.

CLARENCE CLAYTON KOHL – (1927-2008) A member of Lodge 96 in Cudahy, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Darinka Kohl; three sons Ron, Randy and Andy Kohl, and a daughter, Sue Miller.

ERIC WAAS – (1984-2008) A member of Lodge 93 in Bethlehem, Pa. He is survived by his parents, Eugene and Mary Ellen Waas.

WILLIAM SLAVIK – (1923-2008) A member of Lodge 256 in St. Louis, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Slavik.

ELIZABETH NOVAK – (1914-2008) A member of Lodge 32 in Boonton, N.J. She is survived by her daughter, Bette. C. Smith.

ANNA SAMUEL – (1922-2008) A member of Lodge 7 in Byram, Conn. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret S. Kelly, Helen A. Czaplja and Susan M. Hahn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ted Bielecki and Jennifer Moulton, both members of Sokol USA Lodge 16 in Braddock, Pa., recently celebrated their birthdays.

Ted had his birthday on June 21st and Jennifer had her birthday on July 28th. Residents of Castle Shannon, Pa. Tthey are the parents of Teddy and Josephine Bielecki, who also are members of Lodge 16.

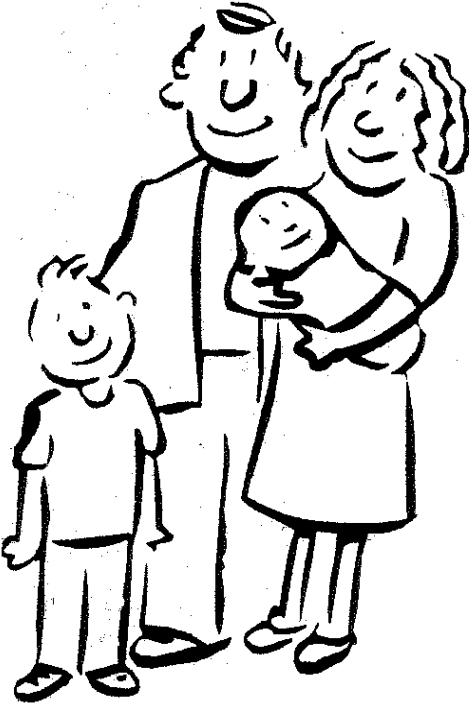
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Issue Age	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
0	55	77	100	136	226	316	406
1	55	79	103	141	236	331	426
2	55	81	106	146	246	346	446
3	55	83	109	151	256	361	466
4	55	85	112	156	266	376	486
5	55	87	115	161	276	391	506
6	55	89	118	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			