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Many thanks to the Sokol USA officers who chose to leave office at the end of their 2006-2009 term. From left are Teena Coleman, Judy Smith, Bea Walko, Karen Ondira and Rich Yatchyshyn.



Banquet guest speaker Dr. Richard Rydze (left) with President Bea Walko and Finance Committee Member David Walko. Rydze shared his interesting life that included winning an Olympic medal in diving, becoming a medical doctor and working with the Pittsburgh Steelers for over 20 years. And yes, he was sporting a Super Bowl ring!

From the President's View

The 33rd Convention of Sokol USA was convened in Pittsburgh at the Wyndham Hotel. It was striking to note at the opening of the Convention that we paid tribute to six former Supreme Lodge officers who have passed on since the last convention: Brothers Andrew Venglarchik, Jr., Stephen T. Tomko, John Bagel and Albert Walko, and Sisters Helen Stolzmann and Ann Halama – their contributions to Sokol too many to number, their absence significant.

As Convention Chairperson, I was pleased to introduce our guests, MaryAnn Johaneck, President of the First Catholic Sokol Ladies Association, and their Secretary, Irene Drotleff; Timothy Kuzma, President of the Polish Falcons; David Blazek, President of the National Slovak Society; Andrew Rajec, President of the First Catholic Slovak Union, and our own Matt Blistan Jr., Vice President of Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, all of whom extended greetings to the officers and delegates of Sokol USA on behalf of their organizations.

Our CPA, Al Eglow, addressed the convention stressing that fraternal organizations are service organizations. He assured us that all our insurance policies are adequately protected. He stressed our need for new members and encouraged us to sell policies in the value of \$10,000. Allen Ferrone, our consulting actuary, discussed our surplus, solvency and assets, and also stressed our need to sell more and higher value policies. We have suffered a decrease in surplus for the first time in ten years due to the global economic downturn.

We sincerely thank all our guests who took time out of their busy schedules to address our delegates and to offer greetings. It is of great importance that fraternal societies work together to maintain a strong fraternal



Bea Walko

base in our country. It is equally important that we publicize the work that we do in our communities and for our own membership. Which leads me to tell you all about the need to support the Scott Pracko family from Lodge 306. Scott and Amy accepted my invitation to speak about their son Matthew's condition called Alpha-1 Anti-Trypsin Deficiency, which could lead to liver disease. Scott and Amy are joining the Liver Life Walk in Montrose Harbor. If you would like to support their effort, you can send a check payable to the American Liver Foundation to Amy and Scott Pracko at 1010 Hemlock Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60656. If your lodge is looking for a worthy project, this certainly meets the criteria for helping a greater cause. Amy and Scott thank you in advance for your help.

There were two major decisions coming before the convention.

After deliberations, the convention voted that effective this convention, Sokol USA will issue insurance certificates in the \$3,000 minimum and \$50,000 maximum coverage, thus eliminating any policy under \$3,000. The second recommendation to reduce the size of the Supreme Lodge did not pass.

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Newly elected officers whose terms will begin in 2010 are (from left) Finance Committee Member Emil Trgala, Treasurer Buddy Burkhart, Chairperson of Fraternal Activities Jennifer Moulton and Finance Committee Member Paul Brinley.



Congratulations to Joe Bielecki who will serve as the next President of Sokol USA.



On the opening day of the convention, officers of several fraternal organizations were present to wish Sokol USA a successful convention. They also participated by sharing some of their organizations' fraternal activities. From left are Matt Blistan, Jr., Vice President, Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Milan S. Kovac, Supreme Secretary, Sokol USA; Beatrice Walko, President, Sokol USA; Mary Ann S. Johaneck, National President, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; Irene J. Drotleff, National Secretary, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; Tim Kuzma, President, Polish Falcons of America; and David Blazek, President, National Slovak Society.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

To the Sokol USA Gymnastic Fund

From Lance and Jennifer Kovac <i>In Honor of the 50th Wedding anniversary of Milan & Honey Trnka</i>	\$50.00
From Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$213.75
From Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$262.50

To the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund

From Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$213.75
From Lodge 74, Plymouth, Pa. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$262.50
Proceeds from Silent Auction held at the XXXIII Convention of Sokol USA	\$790.00

Lodge 276 Welcomes 2009 Convention in Pittsburgh

The XXXIII Sokol USA Convention on August 1 to 5 proved to be a national tribute to the Slovak generations of today. The meetings began daily with breakfasts near the convention room with good attendance and roll calls. The first day was special in that officers paraded into the room with the American flag and sang the national songs in English and one in Slovak until they were seated front and center. A visit and strong reports were given by the actuaries.

During the days of deliberation and voting by the delegates, our President Bea Walko sadly announced that her closing position as President arrived. The necessary new election was announced as Brother Joseph Bielecki was highly approved.

The Cathedral of Learning's Nationality Rooms were visited later in the day. Brother Bielecki was honored and congratulated by all as the tour brought learning, light and love of cultural phases of life.

The first of interest by our tour guide was the Greater Pittsburgh Agreement Plate on the wall signed by then President Woodrow Wilson and President Mazarik, which also beams in a downtown Pittsburgh building. Other highlights were: 1. Slovak classroom. 2. Italian classroom. 3. German classroom. 4. Hungarian classroom. 5. Irish classroom. 6. Romanian classroom. 7. Lithuanian classroom. 8. Swedish classroom. 9. Chinese classroom. 10. Greek classroom.

The Slovak classroom has featured meeting times for members with now President Joseph Bielecki in the past and will continue for him in the future. Congratulations!

Our Lodge meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13th with good intentions for the future at 2 p.m.

Nazdar!
Amelia Blistan
Reporter

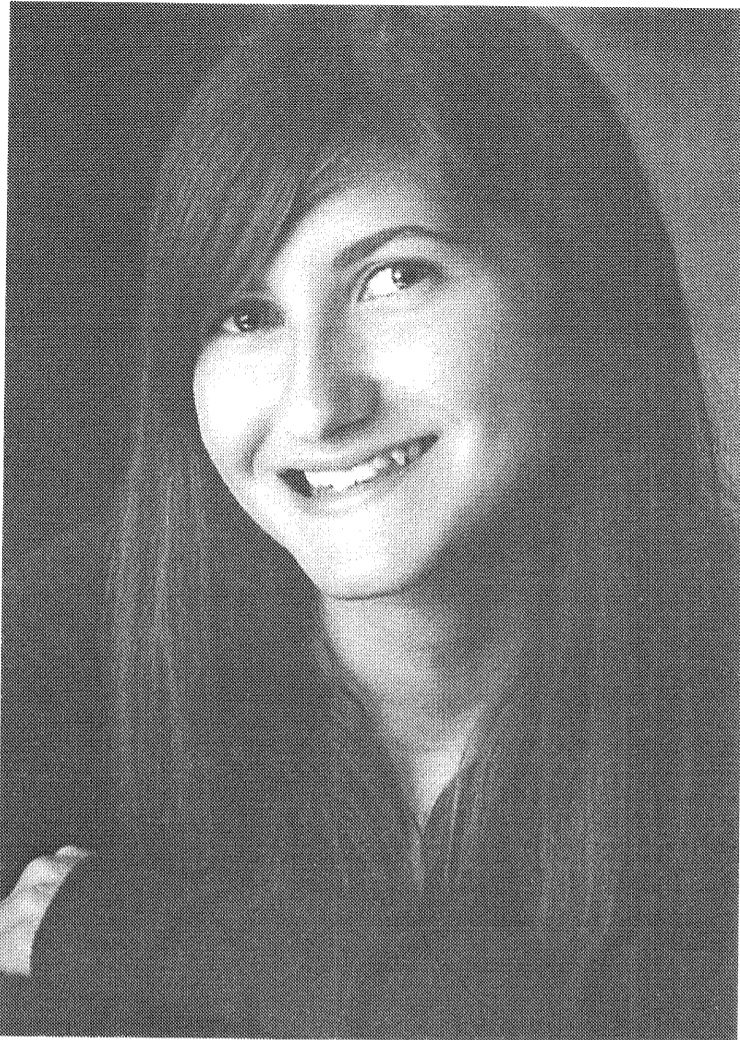
Milan Getting Scholarship Recipients

Emily Brinley

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, Ill., this past May. During my high school career, I was involved in cross country and track. I enjoyed being part of a team and working to be the best possible runner I could be. I was also involved in my high school youth group, and especially enjoyed being a part of a mission's trip group serving on the Hopi Reservation in northern Arizona. There we did work projects and built relations with the Hopi youth.

My involvement with Sokol began very early in my life, as my parents and grandparents were always involved in the organization. My grandparents are Jan and Anna Sopoci, longtime members of Lodge 39 and 40W, Berwyn, Ill. My grandfather was formerly the Supreme Secretary of Sokol USA and my grandmother was for many years the Editor of The Sokol Times. My parents Paul and Anne Marie Brinley have also been active in Sokol. My mother was a gymnast, an instructor and at one point Director of District M.M. Hodza. She is now President of Lodge 39-40 and would bring my sister and me to the lodge meetings when we were children. Our family attended several Sokol Slets where we would watch my mom be part of the calisthenics group, and I was proud to actually take part in the Pittsburgh Slet in 2007. We went to Lodge 306 to learn the calisthenics and my mom, sister Janelle and I marched together in the Grand March and performed the Senior Calisthenics. My parents just returned from the Convention in Pittsburgh, at which time my dad was elected to the Supreme Lodge Finance Committee.

In less than two weeks, I will be moving into my dorm at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. At this time, I am thinking about majoring in either psychology or social work, in the hopes of one day going into counseling. I am very appreciative of the scholarship I am receiving, as it will help me with college expenses. Thank you again for your generosity.



Emily Brinley

Andrea Kobryn

My name is Andrea Kobryn and I am a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University, majoring in criminal justice. The Milan Getting Scholarship really helped me start my college career off right.

During the 2008-2009 school year, I was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for freshmen. I was honored on the President's List during the fall semester and both the President's and Dean's lists in the spring semester. I wrote several articles for the university yearbook, *The Milestone*.

I also became a member of Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), a co-ed professional fraternity for those involved in the field of criminal justice. I participated in almost all of our social and fundraising events. Because of how much the scholarship reduced my school expenses, I was able to attend LAE's national conference in Jacksonville, Fla. At the conference, I helped our chapter proctor the crime scene investigation competition.

Currently, I am serving as our chapter's sergeant at arms and alumni relations representative. I am on the planning board for the regional conference that our LAE chapter is hosting this fall. Additionally, I belong to a committee that is raising funds to construct a 9-11 memorial on campus to honor the 343 firefighters and 64 police officers who gave their lives at the World Trade Center.

Thank you, Sokol USA, for easing my financial burden. I have not had to take out a student loan and one of my goals is to get through college without one. And if not for the scholarship your organization provided, I probably would not be able to be as active on campus as I am. I'm looking forward to another fulfilling, successful year at Eastern Kentucky University. Thank you again for the support.

Rachel Blistan

My name is Rachel Blistan and I am proud to say that I am a Milan Getting Scholarship recipient. I am currently going into my junior year at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. My major is mathematics with a business certificate and I plan on becoming an actuarial scientist once I graduate.

In the spring semester of 2009, I became a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority at Duquesne. In GSS, all sisters complete a total of 25 hours of community service each semester, totaling 50 hours for the whole academic year. Becoming a part of GSS has introduced me to a plethora of wonderful people, and giving back to the community is also a great feeling of achievement. During school, I work close to 20 hours during the week at a law firm located in downtown Pittsburgh, Marcus & Shapira.

Life is getting busier every day and I am one day closer to making all my plans reality. I cannot thank Sokol USA enough for being a part of it.

Claire Forszt

Claire Forszt of Valparaiso, Ind., has received a renewal of her Milan Getting Scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year. Claire recently completed her freshman year at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. She took a rigorous schedule this past year and will continue to do so with the goal of majoring in Biology and Society, a study combining biological training with multiple social, political and ethical aspects.

During her freshman year, Claire's interest in music carried on from high school. She auditioned and was awarded a role in one of Cornell's most prestigious all-female a cappella groups, Hearsay. She was also involved in the Cornell Concert Commission, bringing musical entertainment to Cornell's campus. Claire will start off her sophomore year as an Orientation Leader. As an Orientation Leader, she will help incoming freshman acclimate to all aspects of life on Cornell's campus.

Claire thanks Sokol USA and its membership for this scholarship and their continued support of higher education.

From the President's View

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The following slate of Supreme Lodge officers was elected by acclamation:

President	Joseph Bielecki
Vice President	Scott Pracko
Secretary	Milan Kovac
Treasurer	Arthur Burkhardt
Finance Committee	John Kamenitsky (Chairman)
	Joanne Check
	Debra Golden
	Paul Brinley
	Emil Trgala
	Gerald von Schwedler
	David Walko
	Jennifer Moulton
Cultural Activities Chair	Joseph Dubovi
President Supreme Court	Christine Yatchyshyn
Director of Women	Todd Yatchyshyn
Director of Men	

The convention bestowed the titles of Honorary President on Bea Walko, Honorary Treasurer on Judy Smith and Honorary Director of Women on Karen Ondira. Brother John Sopoci is Honorary Financial Secretary.

The convention ran smoothly. The Pittsburgh committee chaired by Brother Bielecki tended to every detail. Sister Justine West and her committee did an outstanding job in planning the banquet and Brother Bielecki planned a fantastic cocktail party at the Cathedral of Learning. I sincerely thank them for all their work. All went so very smoothly.

To our new officers I wish much success as they work to keep our organization viable in these times. They are an extremely capable group of officers. To those with whom I have served I can only say thank you. Thank you for your diligence, your love of Sokol, your dedication and your ability to keep your sense of humor when the going was difficult. You are special Sokols.

In our Sokol world, we celebrate with Pauline "Honey" and Milan Trnka as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They are a special couple who have been blessed with a wonderful family and many friends. Both Honey and Milan have had a huge impact on many young people both Sokol and otherwise. I salute you with our Sokol NaZdar!

Bea Walko

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9TH ANNUAL SLOVAK FILM FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR THE FALL

For the past eight years, WPSCA has presented several popular Slovak films with English subtitles. Admission is free to all of the films. The dates for the 9th annual Slovak Film Festival are as follows:

Copper Tower – A story of adventure and romance set against the background of the High Tatras. The tragic story is lightened by funny comments. Saturday, October 17, 2 p.m., Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd.

If I Had a Gun – This is a tragicomic story about boys who face the grim events of war and everyday village life. Saturday, November 14, 1 p.m., South Side Library, 2205 East Carson Street.

XXII Slet in Fort Worth, Texas



Sokol USA had over 60 participants at the XXII American Sokol Slet held in Fort Worth, Texas, from June 23 to 28.



On Friday, June 26th, Sokol USA participated in a downtown parade. Members marched from the courthouse to the convention center. Though the temperatures were in the high 90s, the tall city buildings provided shade along the parade route.



Supreme Lodge offices at the parade included (from left) Rich Yatchyshyn, Joe Bielecki, Debbie Golden, Milan Kovac, Chris Yatchyshyn, Gerald Von Schwedler and Scott Pracko.



The members of Lodges 306 and 39W of Chicago came prepared with cowboy hats to add to the festive occasion.



Norah Valentine and her daughter Bonnie represented Central Jersey at the ASO event that was more than the usual Sokol Slet. The event was referred to as the International Sport & Cultural Festival.

XXII Slet in Fort Worth, Texas



Monessen Level 7 gymnasts Stacy Hoffman and Katie Thieret, who attended the 2007 Kurz in Cleveland, were anxious to come to Texas and see their Sokol friends. Stacy edged out Katie as the Level 7 Champion.

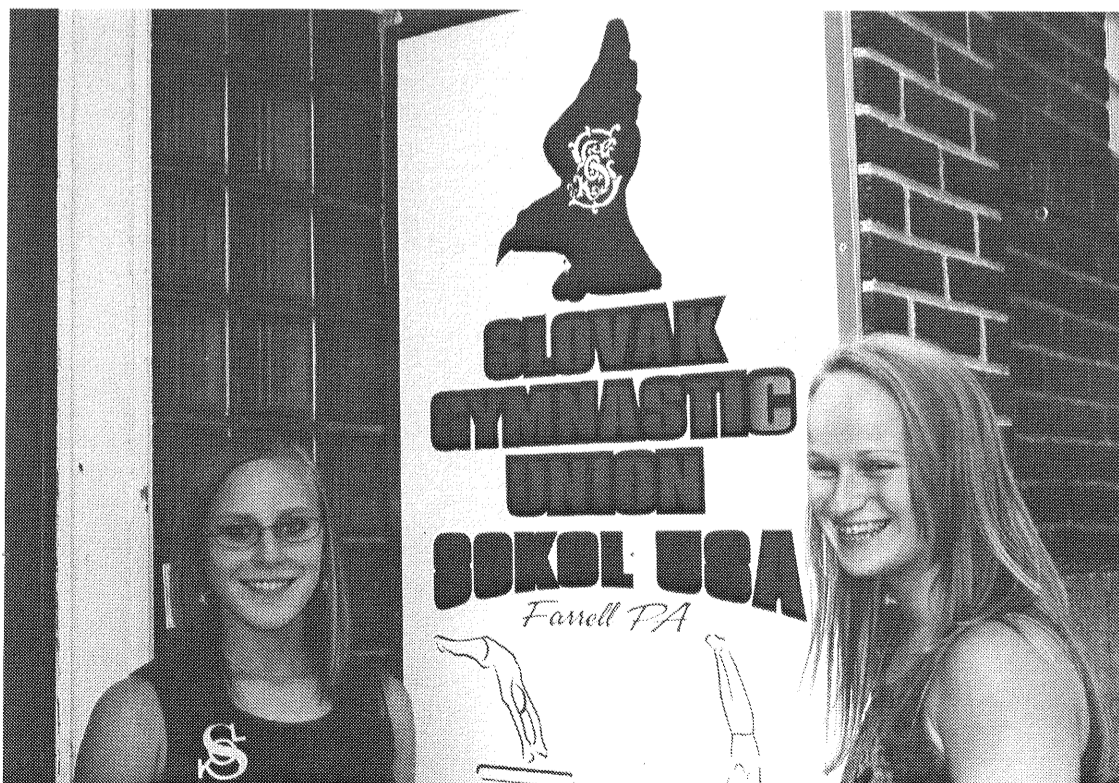
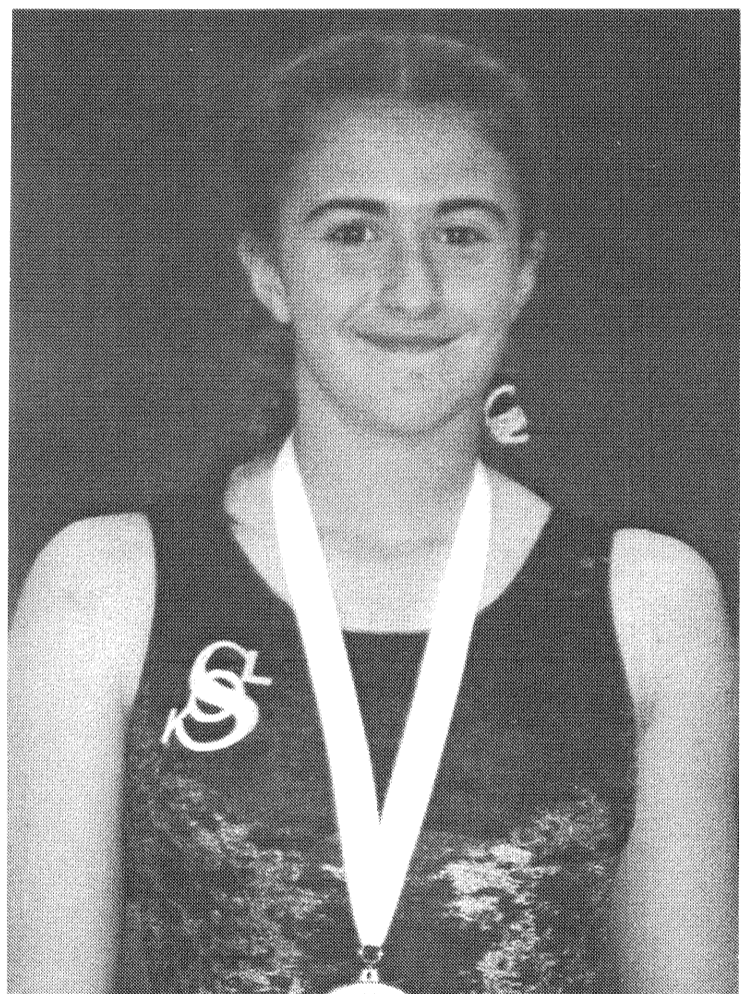


New to the list of events at the America Sokol Slet was Co-ed Volleyball. Sokol USA was proudly represented by the Chicago Lodge 306 team.

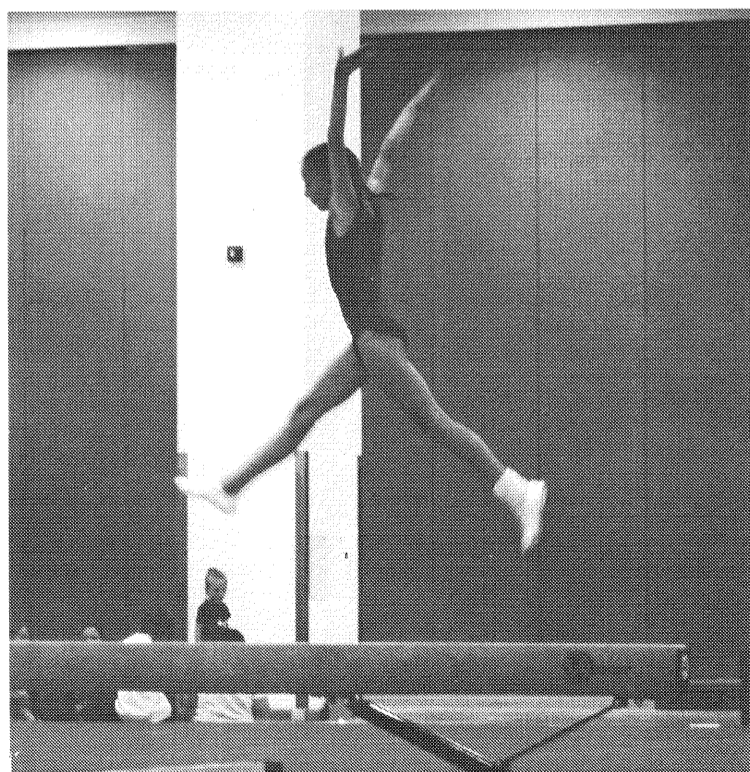


At left, Monessen's Charity Ruhl was having a great meet until her last event. She even displayed a controlled landing on her beam dismount, before she dropped to the floor. Unfortunately, she broke a bone and tore several ligaments, but she's still smiling because she earned a blue ribbon for her first-place beam performance!

At right, congratulations to Boonton gymnast Maddie Skovronek who placed 5th in Level 3 Junior Girls ages 12-14.



Sokol friends Amanda Goda (left) and Bibiana Murcko of Farrell each earned first-place medals in Fort Worth. Amanda is the Level 6 Champion and Bibi is the Level 4 Champion. Fantastic job girls!



Performing on balance beam is Farrell gymnast Roberta Pegg. Her strong performance earned her 2nd place in Level 3 Girls. Nice work Roberta!

XXII Slet in Fort Worth, Texas



The "Let Loose" All Participant Finale was a fun, upbeat number performed by over 700 participants. The number evoked great enthusiasm and was a fitting way to end the week-long International Sport and Cultural Festival. Following the final "Nazdar," participants remained on the floor celebrating and dancing to country western music.



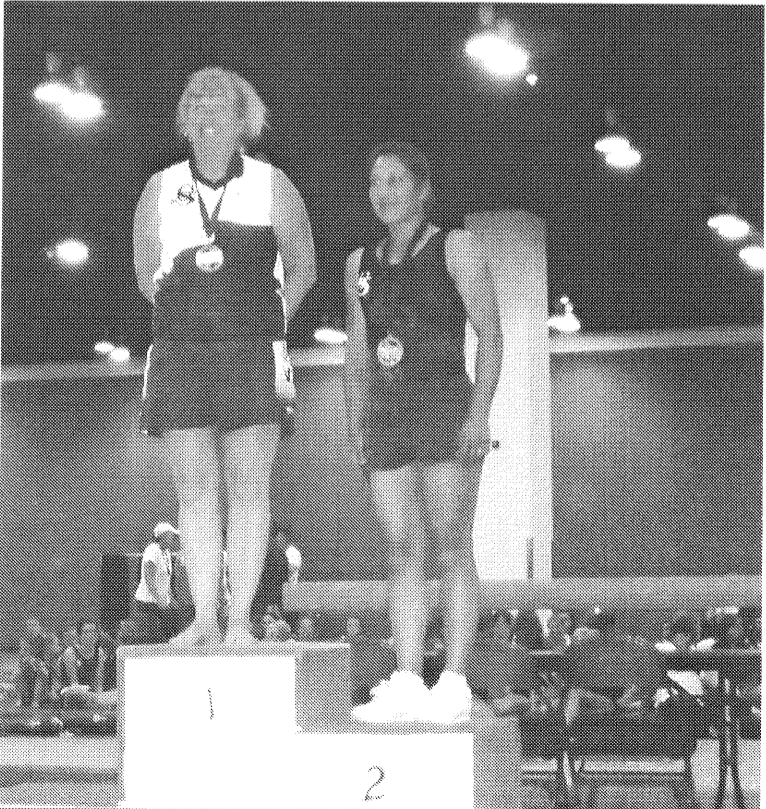
Members of Lodge 306 and 39W did a great job of performing the Senior II Co-ed Calisthenics. The group made up the first three rows in this column of performers.



Farrell contingent was the largest from Sokol USA, with 22 members participating in the slet activities.



The group from Boonton consisted of senior women and junior girl participants, but husband Lance and son Garrett also joined Nicole Zaremba on the trip to Texas.



Amy Tudisco of Chicago Lodge 306 did a great job by winning 1st place in Senior Women Level 3.

Sokol Social News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mary L. Klimek of Parma Heights, Ohio, celebrates her 90th birthday on September 23rd. She is a member of Sokol USA Lodge 62 in Ambridge, Pa.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Koval of Tarrytown, N.Y., celebrated her 90th birthday on August 31st. She is a member of Sokol USA Lodge 42W.

What's Happening

Lodge 306 in Chicago

The members at Lodge 306 are gearing up for another eventful year. The first order of business was the monthly lodge meeting on Friday, September 4th. Monthly meetings are held the first Friday of every month and all members are welcome.

The gymnastics instructors prepared for the upcoming season by brushing up on their coaching skills at an instructors clinic held in our gym on Saturday, September 5th. Registration for classes was Wednesday, September 9th. If you were unable to make registration, you can register the first night of class as well. Gymnastic classes will resume on Monday, September 14th. Classes are held Monday (Sokolads, Juniors), Tuesday (Sokolettes), Wednesday (Seniors at 7:30 p.m.) and Friday (Tots and Juniors) evenings beginning at 6:30pm.

The Lodge will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 10th. To make reservations for this very yummy event, call Harriet Kelly 773-736-7229 at or e-mail her at catfromhell@aol.com.

Members from our Lodge and surrounding Lodges will be participating in the Liver Life Walk on Saturday, October 17th on behalf of Matthew Pracko. If you would like to join our team of walkers, go to <http://goliverfoundation.org/goto/matthewsliversavers> or if you would like to make a donation on behalf of Matthew to the American Liver Foundation go to <http://goliverfoundation.org/goto/amypracko> or mail a check made payable to The American Liver Foundation to Matthew's Liver Savers, c/o Amy and Scott Pracko, 1010 Hemlock Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

In November we will be hosting our Annual Fall Festival Dinner (Hody) on Saturday, November 14th. This event consists of a homemade meal, a DJ and the annual Fruit Picking Dance. More information will follow in upcoming issues.

Lodge 47 in Monessen, Pa.

The Monessen gym is currently open Sunday evening through Friday evenings and they will be adding Saturday morning classes, which will include rhythmic. If you live in the area and are interested in gymnastics, rhythmic or cheerleading, stop in and check it out.

Their Cheer Squads just finished up camp from August 14th through the 17th and their Competitive team had their camp August 7th through the 9th.

They are currently organizing a Cart-Wheel-A-Thon to benefit the American Liver Foundation on behalf of Matthew Pracko from Lodge 306 in Chicago. More Details to follow.

Lodge 12

Classes will begin on Friday, September 18th at American Gymnastics Academy in Edison, NJ. All ages and levels will work out from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. Please note that we now offer tots classes! For more information, contact Ellen Kovac at ellenkovac@aol.com.

To Members of Lodge 130
New Kensington, PA

Brother Andrew Piecka sends
his best wishes to all
and especially to his dear friend,
Brother Melvin Cernicky.

Brother Piecka will be 95 this coming
November and is living at the Highlands
Rehab Center in Natrona Heights, Pa.

Brother Piecka can be contacted
through his son, Jon,
at the following e-mail
address: pekatrio@comcast.net

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.

ENGAGEMENTS,
WEDDINGS &
ANNIVERSARIES

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PROMOTIONS,
HONOR ROLLS &
OTHER EVENTS

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Symposium Theme:

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with other Czech- and Slovak-Americans, and with Czechs
and Slovaks in Europe and other parts of the world.*

Call for Papers
Submission deadline is November 1, 2009

For registration and more information, visit www.unl.edu/plains

Central Jersey Lodge 12 resumes gymnastics classes

When: Friday, September 18, 2009
Where: American Gymnastic Academy
110 Talmadge Rd, Edison, NJ
Time: 7:00 PM

We are a small, diverse group of Sokols ranging in age from 3 to 53, dedicated to basic physical fitness and fraternalism. We include some very experienced instructors, and we would like to add YOU, your children, or your grandchildren to our group.

If you would like to exercise in a relaxed atmosphere in a gym with lots of equipment, come September 18 ready to work out. Bring a friend or a relative.

All participants must be members of Sokol USA and pay an annual gym fee.

For more information, please contact:
Ellen Kovac, 908-659-0121, ellenkovac@aol.com
Norah Valentin, 908-317-8350, Norahjane@verizon.net

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12th Czechoslovak Genealogical/Cultural Conference

October 14 to 17th
Cleveland, Ohio

*Sponsored by First Catholic Slovak Union
and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*

HIGHLIGHTS

Traveling Library: Some of CGSI's most commonly used library reference books, atlases and maps will be available for on-site use. Many of these materials otherwise do not circulate, so this represents a unique opportunity to research and receive assistance from the experienced library staff. There will be books on Czechs, Slovaks and Carpatho-Rusyns. The oldest available records are the 1651 "Register of Subjects According to their Religion" from Bohemia and the 1654 "Berni Rula" Tax Cadaster of Bohemia.

Parade of Korje: The CGSI will have a fashion show of participants wearing the folk dress from the area of their ancestors, whether antique or modern reproduction. Visitors are encouraged to wear a kroj or piece of an outfit.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 14th

Czech, Rusyn and Slovak Neighborhood Tour (This is repeated on Thursday, October 15th); Western Reserve Historical Society Tour

Thursday, October 15th

Workshops include Writing your Family History; Beginning Slovak Genealogy; Cuyahoga County Archives Genealogical Resources; They Settled Here: The Role of Chain Migration in the US, its Importance in Family History Research; and Slovak Decorated Eggs: Their History, Diversity and Significance in a Slovak Folklife Context

Friday, October 16th

Keynote address by John J. Grabowski on "Creating Diversity: The Role of Czech and Slovak Immigration in the Globalization of Northeastern Ohio"

Workshops include Archives Getting Digital – What Can I do Myself? When do I Need Help?; The Most Useful Genealogical Sources in the Slovak Archives; History of the Chod (Bohemian Border Guards); 1914 Memorandum of the Slovak League of America; The Applicability of Feudal Tax Lists to Slovak Family History Research; Czech and Slovak Folk Dress, Costume, Kroje; The Mass Migration from Slovakia to the USA: Causes, Course and Useful Documents; and Musical Travelogue through Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia

Saturday, October 17th

Workshops include Visual Anthropological Perspectives in the Turiec Valley, Slovakia; High Impact Slovak Pioneers to America: Those Known to Have Shaped Communities and Other Frontiers; Rusyns and Slovaks: Similarities and Differences; The Register Books in Slovakia: The Most Important Source for Genealogical Research; Genealogical History of Christians and Jews in the Czech Lands and Slovakia; The Slovak Quest for Equality in Hungary before World War II with Special Emphasis on the Slovaks in the USA; Strategies in Use of Parish Records in Slovak Family History Research; Slovak Immigrant Neighborhoods in the Cleveland Area; Entertainment provided by Karpato-Rus' Ensemble, Sokol Greater Cleveland Folk Dancers and the Lucinka Children's Ensemble

Sunday, October 18th

Roman Catholic Mass

For more information: E-mail Paul Makousky at PaulMCzech@comcast.net or call 651-739-7543 during the evenings or weekends.

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.*

DAMIR JOSEPH SINCICH – (1921-2009) A member of Lodge 103, Farrell, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Dolores Sincich.

JOHN S. KLC – (1916-2009) A member of Lodge 276, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is survived by his daughters, Naomi Pockell and Janet Lallier.

WALTER SUCHMA – (1918- 2009) A member of Lodge 59, Trenton, N.J. He is survived by his daughters, Michelle Haworth and Joanne Armstrong.

FRANCES BUNCE – (1913-2009) A member of Lodge 33W, Johnstown, N.Y. She is survived by her sisters, Helen and Evelyn.

RUDOLPH KLIMO – (1934-2009) A member of Lodge 304/40W/39 Chicago, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Klimo.

VERONICA JANCIK – (1912-2009) A lifelong member of Lodge 32, Boonton, N.J.

PAULINE MOTAY – (1922-2009) A member of Lodge 7, Byram, Conn. She is survived by her husband, John Motay.

MARY FABIAN – (1924-2009) A member of Lodge 47, Monessen, Pa. She is survived by her children, Phyllis and Cheryl.

EMORY FABIAN – (1921-2009) A member of Lodge 47, Monessen, Pa. He is survived by his children, Phyllis and Cheryl.