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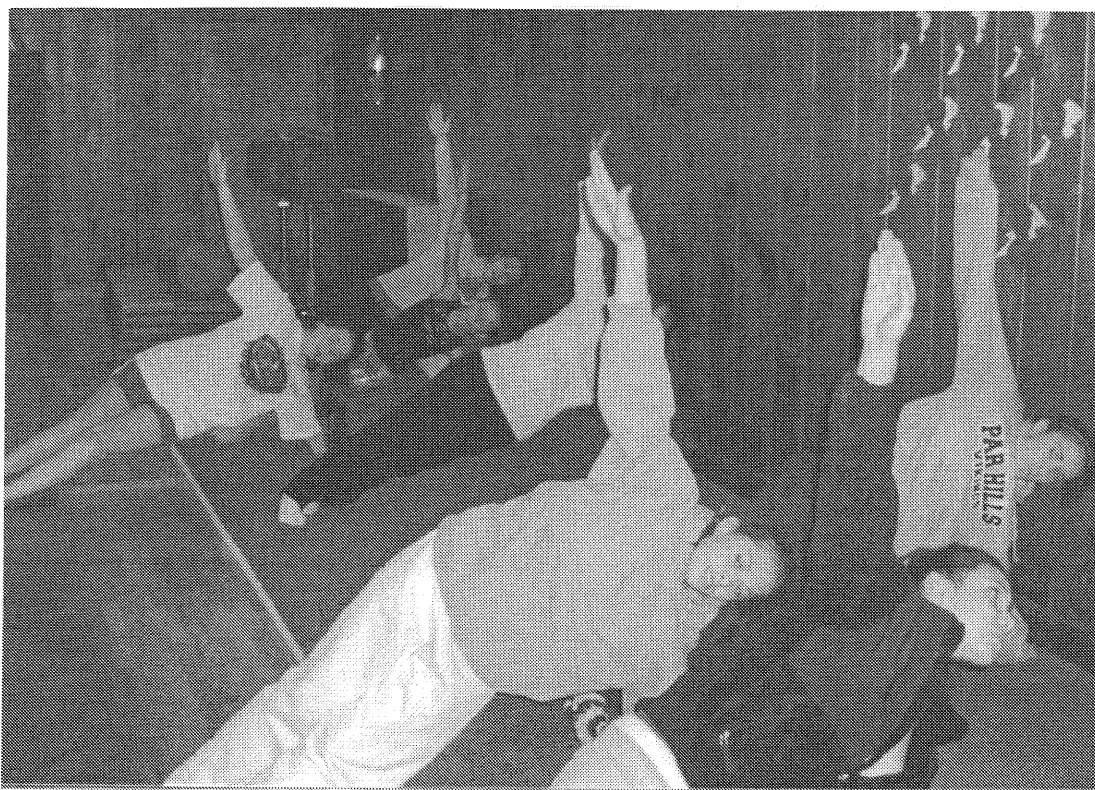
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Hozda Training



Participants in the Third Annual District M.M. Hodza Holiday Training Session pose for the camera. Apparatus skills and routines were practiced, as well as the Junior-Senior calisthenics for the Cleveland Sokolfest to be held in June 2011. More photos on Pages 4 and 5.



Attention All Lodges: Let's Get Active

I am encouraging all Lodges together and become more active this year. We all need to become more active with ourselves and within our community to continue our legacy.

A good example of a Lodge making a difference is the Braddock Lodge. Over the past 10 months, they have been celebrating their 110th anniversary by doing 110 acts of charity. By working together, they have built relationships with each other and within the community. Why is this important? By doing so, they have been able to get new members, which in return will help to ensure the lodge will continue and perhaps celebrate their 150th anniversary in 40 years.

It is easy to get started. Just pick a date, an event and do it!

Here are some ideas for an event:

-Volunteer for the Slet in Cleveland this June.

-Get together and play cards.

-Have a Lodge meeting and have everyone bring a can of food to be donated to the local food bank.

If you need help, please e-mail me at bielecki.moulton@gmail.com. It is 2011 and it's time to make a difference and create our future!

Nazdar!

Jennifer Moulton

From the President's View

As I sit near the heater on this cold January day watching the snow fall outside my window, I am struck by how quickly time passes. One year ago on January 1st, I began my term as President. The Supreme Lodge saw several new members take office. During this year, we began to address several important issues, namely succession planning and the future direction committees were formed and in one year considerable progress has been made.

The succession planning committee has had monthly meetings to create plans and procedures in the event that our present Supreme Secretary should become disabled or retire. It began its work by analyzing Brother Kovac's job and his duties. In the course of the past year, the committee has set contingency plans for the continued operation of the headquarters office, the administration of the investment portfolio and the society's real estate, as well as the continued operation of the insurance aspect of our society. To that extent, Brother Burkhardt, from the Finance Committee, is in the process of obtaining an insurance producer's license from the State of New Jersey so that our society will have a back-up to Brother Kovac, who is presently our only licensed insurance producer. This committee has made great strides with its task and deserves to be commended.

In the past year, the Future Committee has also made a great deal of progress. It has started by analyzing what measures our society should undertake to secure the future for our members. Our financial position is secure. However, our membership is aging and shrinking in members. One third of our membership is over age 65. There has been considerable discussion regarding how to enlarge membership.

To that extent, there have been proposals to explore new sports offerings. Our Fraternal Activities Director has enthusiastically encouraged our lodges to meet and to do activities. By coming together regularly, our lodges can appreciate and enjoy the benefits of fraternalism. By being active and visible, the lodges will encourage membership.

The Future Committee encouraged our Supreme Lodge members to attend lodge and district meetings in their respective regions and engage our membership in discussion. It



Joseph Bielecki

is important to know what interests our membership and to get our lodges thinking about what they would like to see Sokol USA do in the future. It is also important to stress the importance of enlarging our membership.

I attended the MCT district meeting at the end of October 2010 and was impressed at the discussion that ensued at their meeting regarding this topic. At the Supreme Lodge December conference call, I encouraged the Supreme Lodge members to move forward with this discussion in their regions and, where districts are dormant, to bring our lodges together and reawaken dormant districts.

The June Sokol Fest in Cleveland is fast approaching. Within a few months, many people will come together to engage in Sokol sports, to socialize, to renew old friendships. Officers from Sokol organizations in Europe have already written to tell me that their groups will attend. We have also extended invitations to our American Sister Sokol organizations, such as The American Sokol Organization, The Polish Falcons and The Slovak Catholic Sokol. It is our hope to celebrate Sokol, sports and fraternalism together.

I encourage our members to attend the Cleveland Sokol Fest, to engage in fun activities in their local lodges and to bring in new members so they too can share the Sokol Spirit and help build our Sokol future!

NAZDAR!
Joe Bielecki
President

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From Sokol Lodge 15, Yonkers, N.Y. \$100.00
In Memory of Deceased Members

From Anthony Puglisi, Sokol Times Editor \$50.00
Best Wishes for the Holidays and the Coming Year!

To the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund

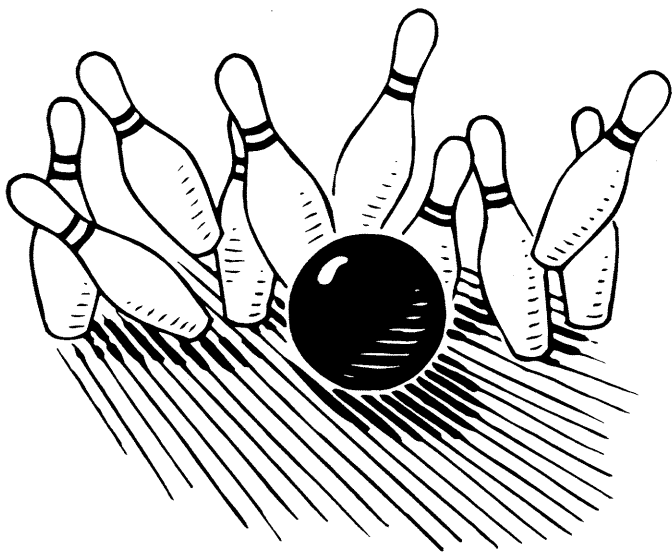
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A Happy & Healthy New Year!

From Sokol Lodge 30, Danbury, Conn. \$100.00
Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year!

Sokol Lodge 39/40W \$50.00
In memory of Leo Tibensky

ATTENTION BOWLERS & GOLFERS



The National Directors would like to better communicate with our Sokol Bowlers and Golfers. We would like a contact person from each lodge with whom we can communicate. Individuals who would like to share ideas and brainstorm about how to increase participation in our national tournaments are also encouraged to forward their contact information. We hope to communicate by e-mail and schedule a conference call discussion in the future.

Please send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Todd Yatchyshyn
341 Old Allentown Road
Wind Gap, PA 18091
yatch18@aol.com

In the kitchen



Making perogies at Lodge 32 are (from left) Amy Ustupski, Alison Chada, Mary Backus, Helen Kobryn and May Wiswald.

WPSCA Offers Summer Scholarship

For the sixth consecutive year, WPSCA is offering a scholarship to attend the three-week Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. This year's award is \$3,000.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full-time student in the United States
- Must be of Slovak heritage
- Must not have previously attended the program
- Must apply to Comenius University for acceptance
- Must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss the program

The SAS Summer School is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia and is designed to enable students to improve and extend their Slovak language competency as well as increase their level of expertise in Slovak literature and culture. Every year, more than 150 participants from more than 25 countries study at this academic institution, taking advantage of its Slovak Studies courses. Those leading the seminars and lectures at SAS are professional teachers and lecturers, experts in teaching Slovak as a foreign language and experienced in teaching both in Slovakia and abroad.

For more information or an application, contact Joe Senko at 412-531-2990. All completed applications must be received by WPSCA on or before May 1, 2011 at its office at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Make Plans to Celebrate with Us! The 105th Anniversary Banquet Of Sokol USA Farrell, PA

**Saturday May 14, 2011
5:00 PM**

**Oak Tree Country Club
West Middlesex, PA 16159**

Honoring:

Brother Joseph Plawky on the Centennial of his birth
Brother Mel Slezak on his Years of Service to Sokol
Sister Louise Botsko on her Years of Service to Sokol

*Featuring a Performance of the
Pittsburgh Area Slovaks Folk Ensemble*

Look for your personal invitation in the mail!

63RD ANNUAL SOKOL U.S.A. NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 21 TO 22, 2011
USBC Moral Support Sanctioned
Entry Fee Per Event:
Bowling \$ 8.00
Prize Fee \$ 8.00
Tournament Expense \$ 2.00
TOTAL \$18.00

The _____ Bowling Team

From Lodge _____
Of Sokol USA.

COMBINATION ENTRY BLANK
Team Entry Fee: \$72.00
Doubles Entry Fee: \$36.00
Singles Entry Fee: \$18.00
All Events Fee: \$ 1.00



ENTRIES CLOSE: May 1, 2011
Checks Payable to: Sokol 63rd Bowling Tournamen
Send Entries to: Debbie Hoffman
190 Little Gap Road
Palmerton, PA 18071
610-826-8065

The undersigned captain hereby makes entry into the 63rd Annual National Bowling Tournament of Sokol USA, May 21st and 22nd, and agrees to comply with the rules which govern the Sokol USA Tournament.

Bowling Lanes
Palmerton Sokol 214
452 Lehigh Avenue
Palmerton, PA 18071
610-900-4323

| | Sanction # | Name | Avg | Event | Time | |
|---|------------|------|-----|---------|------|-------------------|
| 1 | | | | TEAM | | CAPTAIN: LODGE: |
| 2 | | | | | | ADDRESS: |
| 3 | | | | SINGLES | | CITY: STATE: ZIP: |
| 4 | | | | | | TELEPHONE: |
| 5 | | | | DOUBLES | | |

| SINGLES | AVG | ENTRY FEE | DOUBLES | AVG | ENTRY FEE | ALL EVENTS | AVG | ENTRY FEE | TEAM | \$ |
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| | | | 2 | | | | | | TOTAL | \$ |

Team Captain: _____

Lodge Secretary: _____

Tournament Rules and additional information coming soon

SOKOLFEST XXVI EVENTS

Wednesday, June 29
Basketball Tournament - Indy Fieldhouse - afternoon
Opening Ceremonies - Independence H. S. Gymnasium - evening

Thursday, June 30
Gymnastics Competitions - Independence H. S. Gymnasium - all day
Fitness Challenge - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Golf Tournament - Sleepy Hollow Golf Course - afternoon
Dinner, Youth Social, Dancing - Sokol Greater Cleveland - evening

Friday, July 1
Men's & Women's Volleyball Tournament - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Fitness Challenge - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Bowling Tournament - Cloverleaf Bowling Center - morning
Banquet - Holiday Inn - evening
Bowling & Billiards Social - Cloverleaf Bowling Center - evening
Fireworks - Independence Civic Center Complex - evening

Saturday, July 2
Slet Rehearsals - Independence High School Field - morning
Slet Performance - Independence High School Field - 4:00 PM
Celebration Dance & Finale Cocktail Party - Holiday Inn - evening

Sokol USA invites you to participate in Sokolfest XXVI

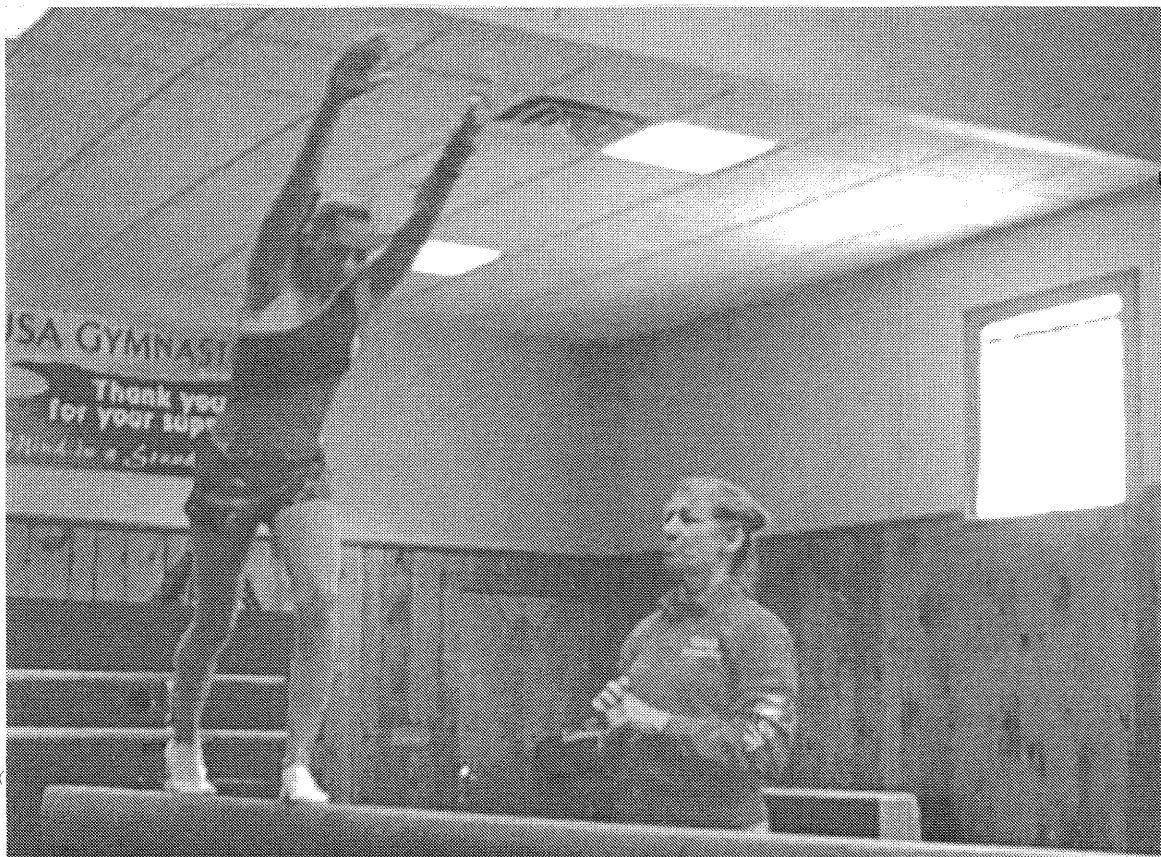
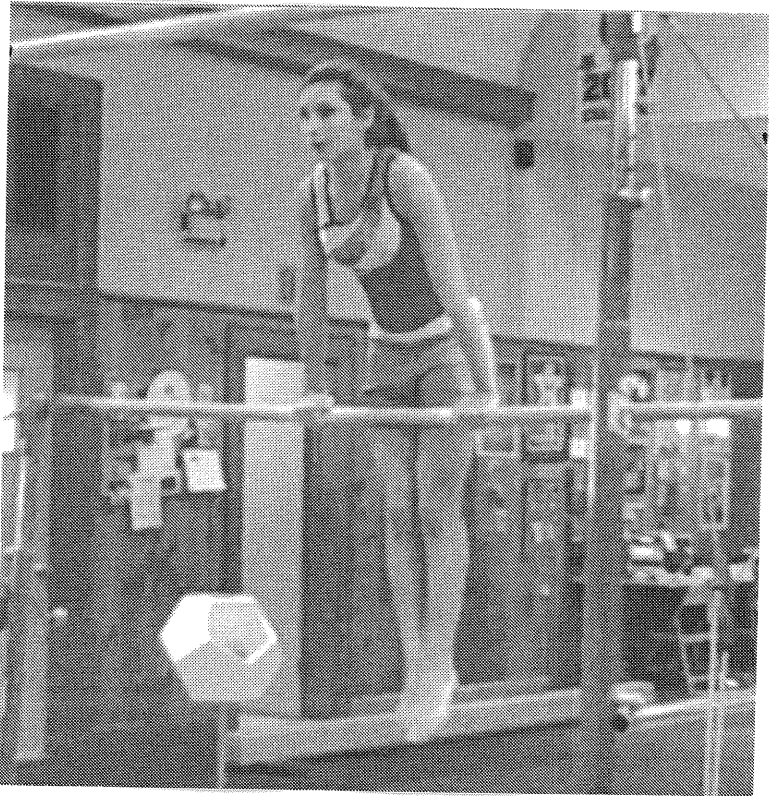
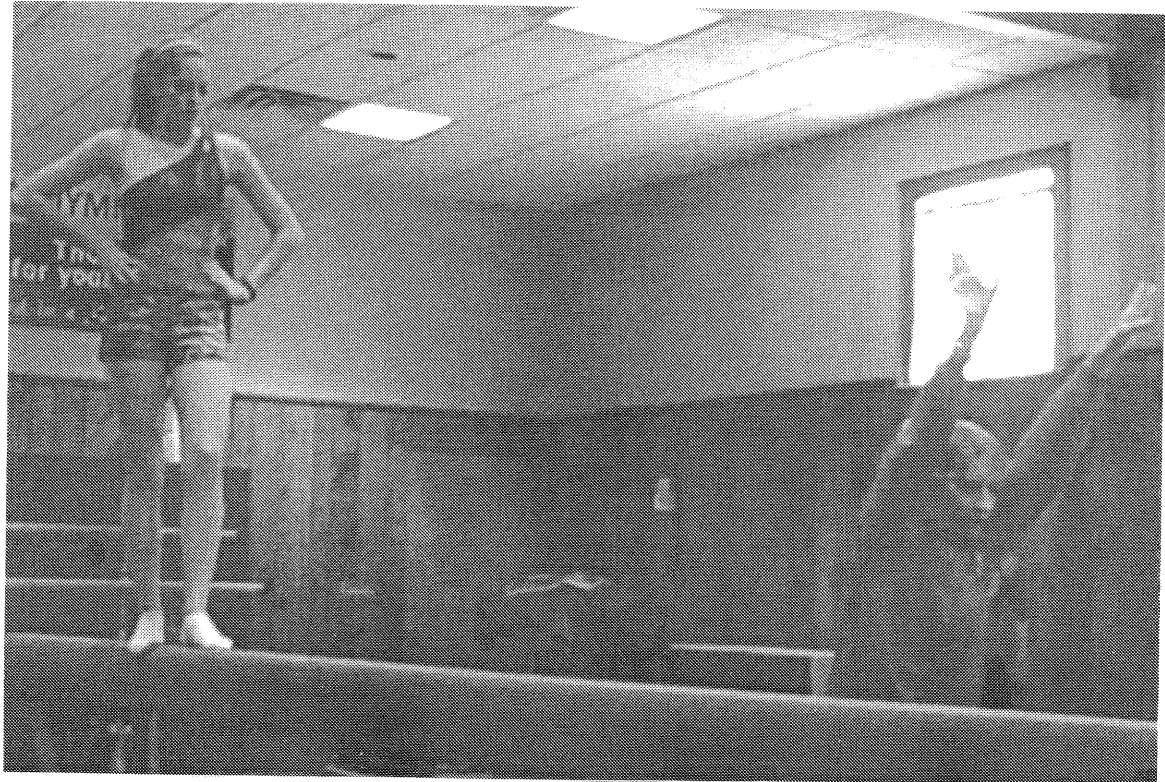
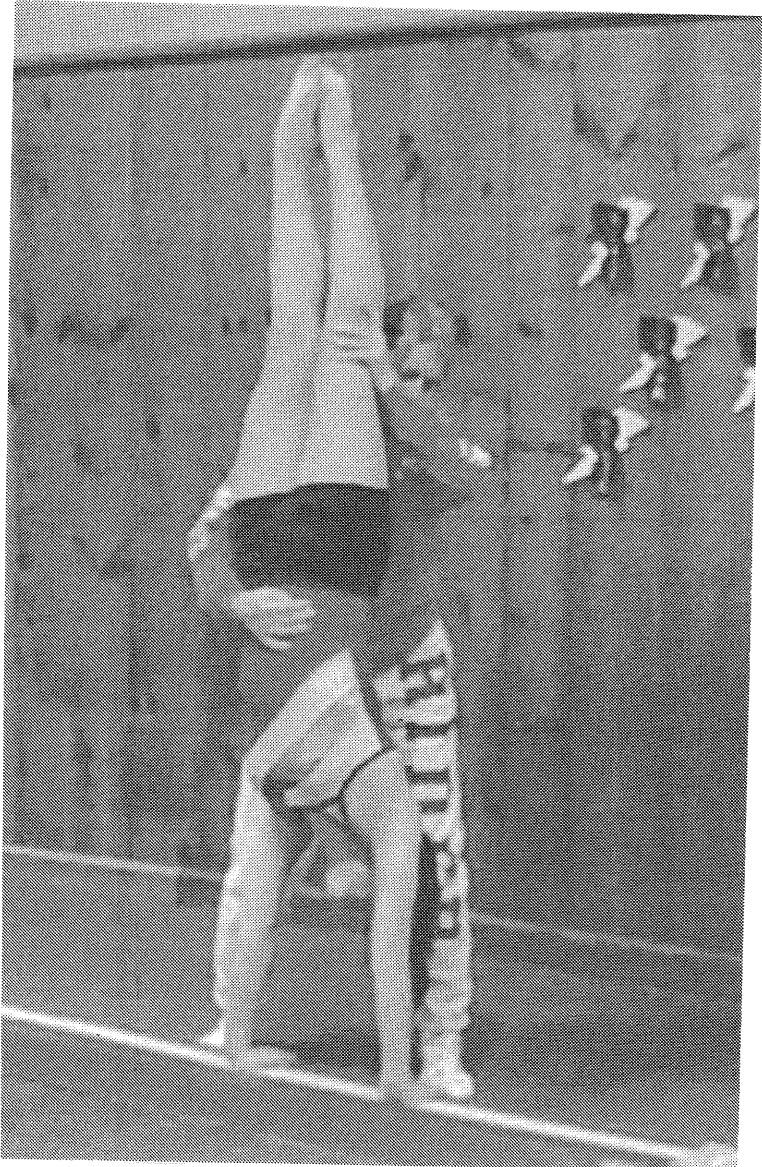
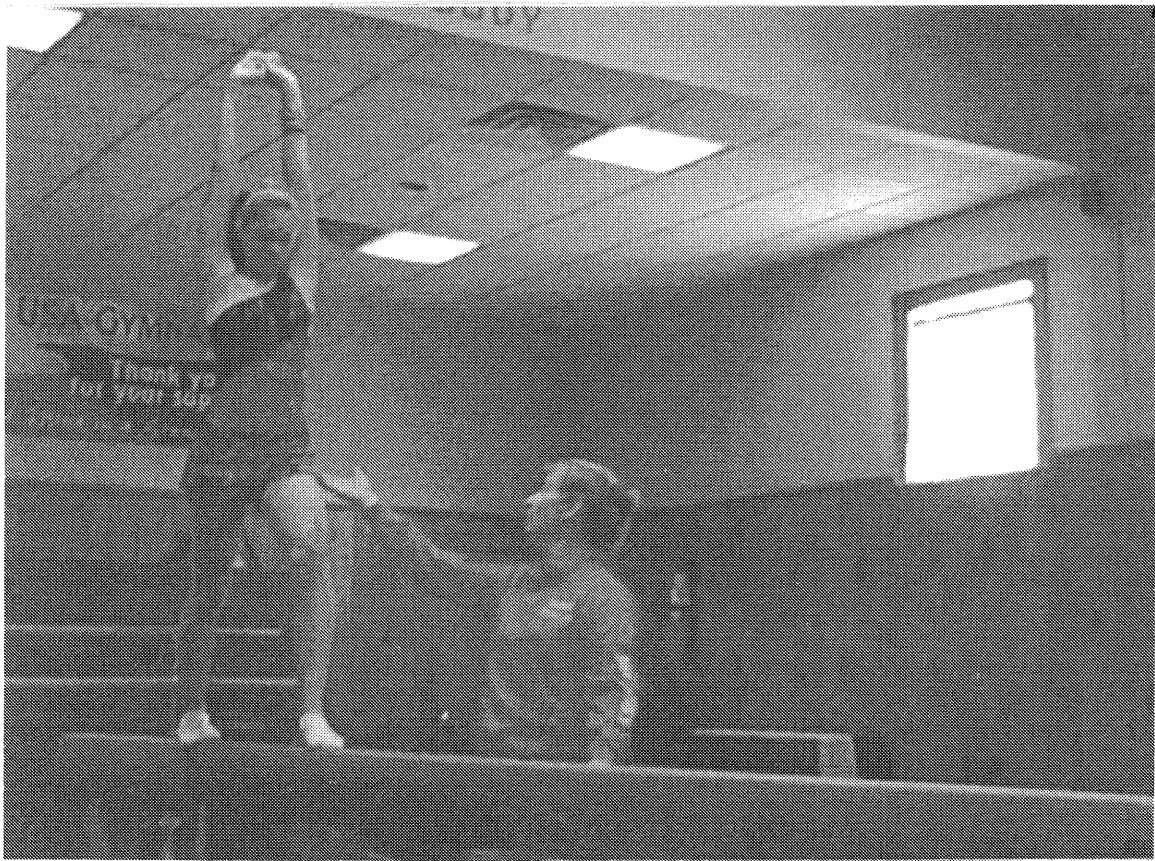
You are cordially invited to "Follow the Falcon," to Sokolfest XXVI in Independence, OH (South Cleveland), Wednesday, June 29 - Saturday, July 2, 2011, sponsored by Sokol USA. Competitions and social events are scheduled for Wednesday through Friday and the outdoor Slet is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 2 at the Independence High School Football Field. The Holiday Inn-Independence, with easy access to the airport and highways, will serve as the Sokolfest XXVI Headquarters. Also featured will be a Sokol history room, a silent auction benefiting the Milan Getting Scholarship and special recognition of Sokol Canada's 100th Anniversary. A Sokolfest Tour Package will be available for non-competitors. Take advantage of this all-inclusive package offering a room, entrance to all Sokolfest social events and a day trip to some famous Cleveland attractions. Reconnect with Sokol friends. Make this Sokolfest "reunion" the biggest and best as we "Follow the Falcon" to Independence!

Watch for Sokolfest XXVI updates each month in the Sokol Times. Information will also be highlighted on our website at: www.sokolusa.org

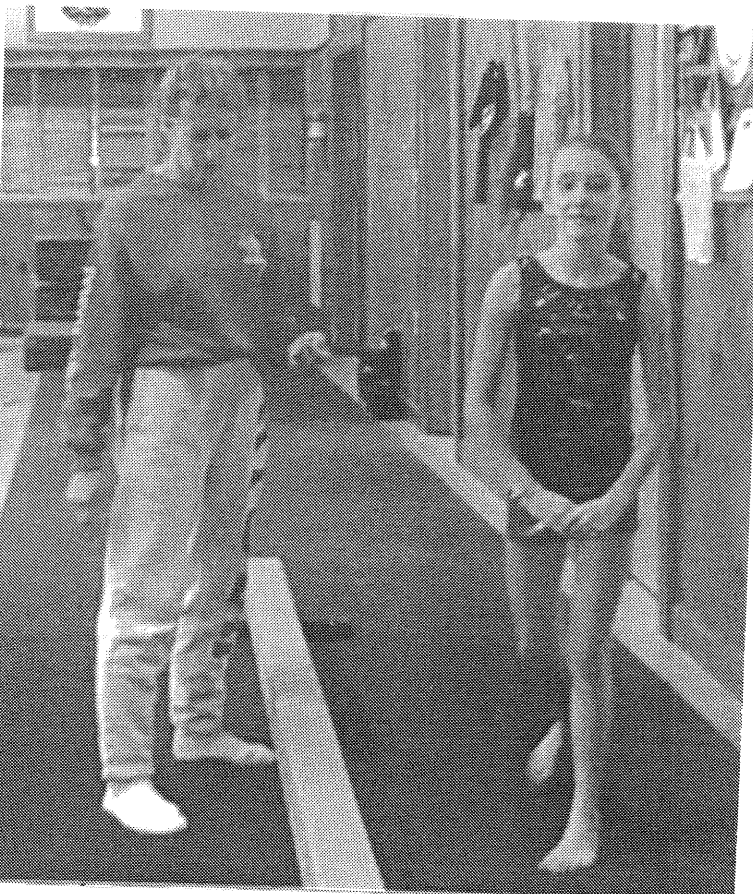
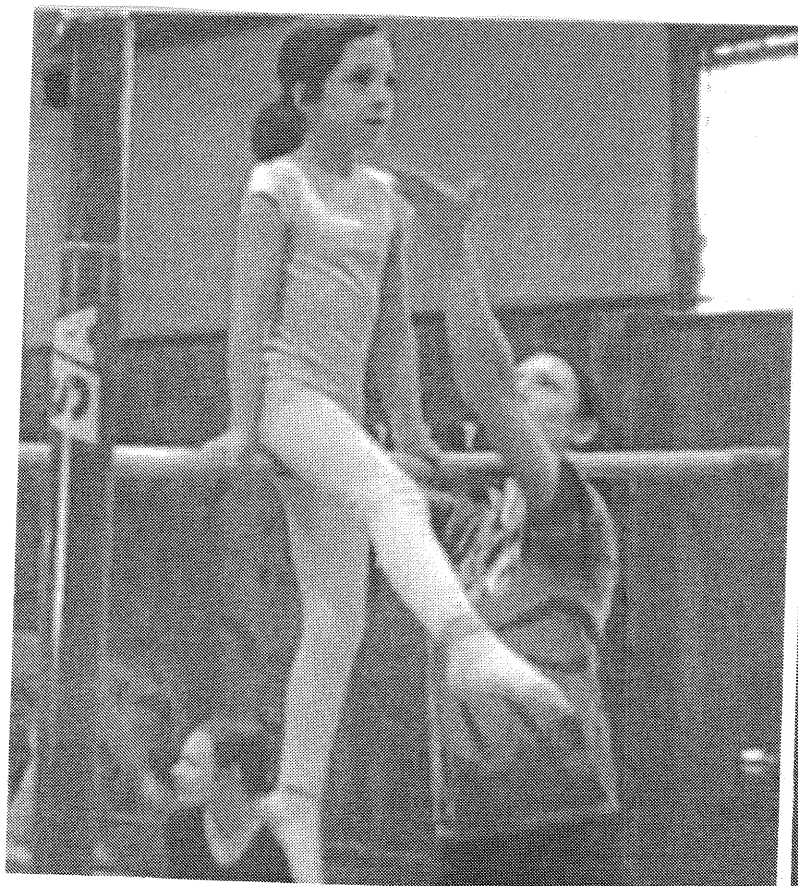
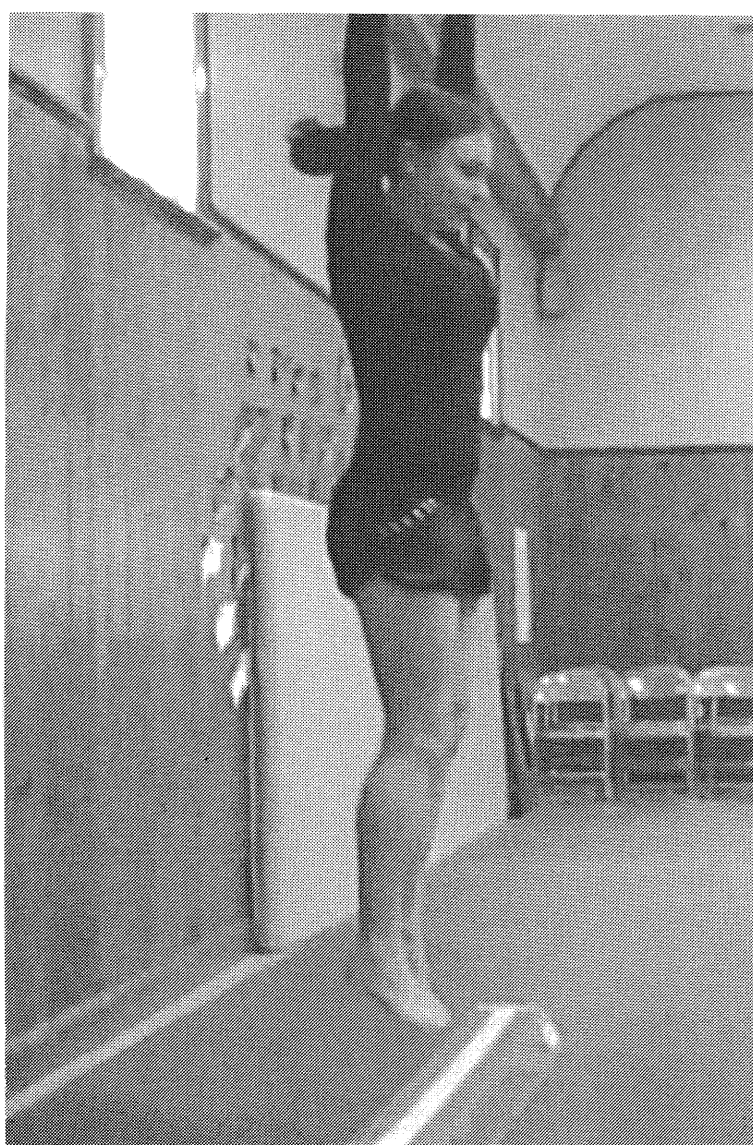
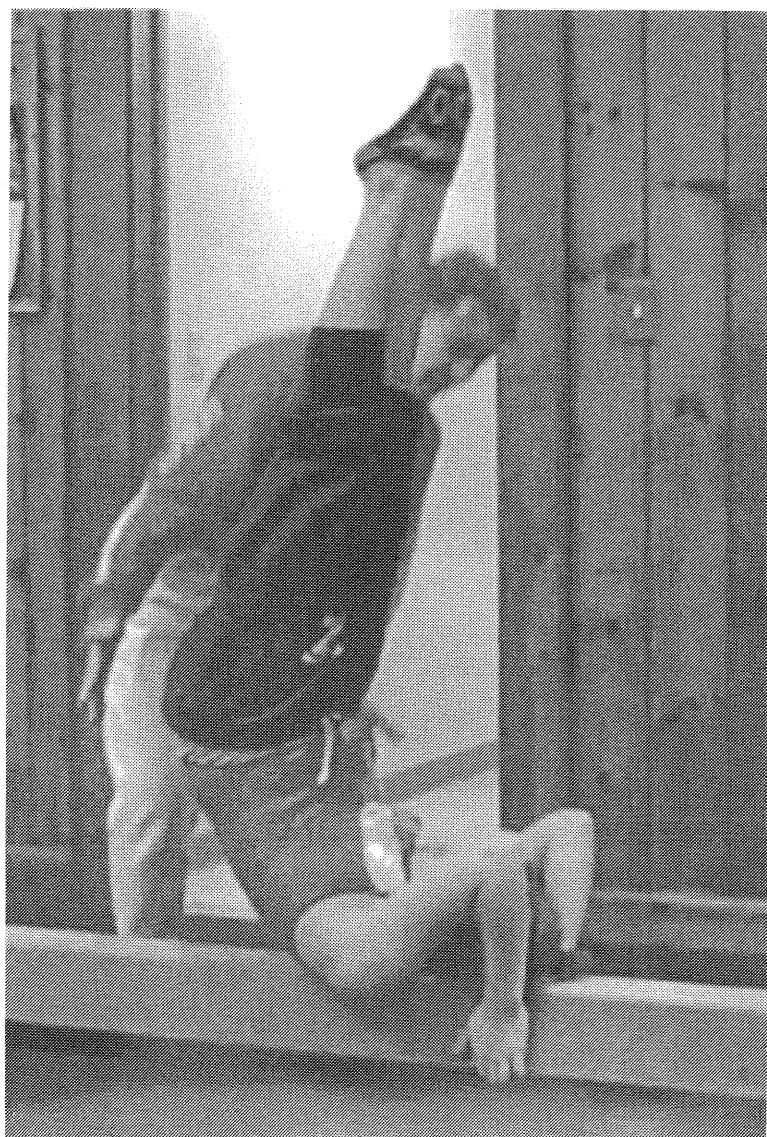
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Third Annual District M.M. Hodza Holiday Training Session

District MM Hodza had a training session during the Christmas break at Boonton Sokol Hall. Ellen Kovak and Nicole Zaremba were the lead instructors and were assisted by Karen Sikes and Andrea Harris. Pat Ritz and Judy Bindas were on hand, too. Sokolettes and Junior girls attended. They were practicing skills on the apparatus and learning the cal in preparation for the Slet in Cleveland.



Hozda Holiday Training Session



FELL OFF THE TRAIL?

I did! I was walking 6 to 9 miles a week. I had just past my first level of The Healthy Heart Walking Club and then life happened. Between my children's activities, work and Christmas, I had no time to walk. I have lost just over 2 months worth of walking.

It is now February and I need to get back to walking the trail. I need to reach my second level before the Slet in Cleveland this June. I want to be recognized for my hard work.

Here is my plan:

- Buy new walking shoes
- Schedule time to walk.
- Start walking.

With spring around the corner, it should be easy to get motivated. If you haven't joined The Healthy Heart Walking Club, you can do so by contacting Brandi Kovac at bkkovac@aol.com. She will get you started to a healthier lifestyle.

Nazdar!

Jennifer Moulton

SOKOLFEST SURVEY

In order to better prepare for Sokolfest XXVI we are asking all lodges to fill out and return a Sokolfest survey. The survey is available on the Sokol USA web site at www.sokolusa.org

Individuals not affiliated with an active lodge, but who plan to attend Sokolfest XXVI are also encouraged to complete a survey.

All surveys are due by Saturday, January 15th. They can be mailed or sent via e-mail to

Eric Skovronek
P.O. Box 11
Mt. Tabor, NJ 07878
eskov@optonline.net

We look forward to your participation in Sokolfest XXVI. Nazdar!

SOS – SOKOL FESTIVAL

It is a REUNION! So take the time now to look at your calendar to see if you can help with the Sokol Festival and/or come and enjoy the Reunion Event. The Festival is being held during the Slet in Cleveland from June 28 to July 3, 2011.

All the committees are set up, but they need extra help/hands to get all the tasks done. It could be as easy as donating an item or donating a couple hours of your time.

For example:

-I am donating a basket for auction. The proceeds to the auction will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

-Donate your time to the History room and tell about your experiences.

-Donate your time to a sporting event.

E-mail Bea Walko at SOKOLPREZ@aol.com She will be able to get you started.

Nazdar!

Jennifer Moulton

NEW UNIFORMS!!!
NEW UNIFORMS!!!

The American Sokol has introduced new uniforms. These will be the uniforms we will perform in at Sokolfest XXVI. Below are the descriptions and prices.

Uniforms can only be ordered in groups; individuals cannot place an order. Each lodge must register a uniform administrator with Juanita LoGiudice, Secretary for the American Sokol Board of Instructors, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For inactive lodges, National Assistant Amy Pracko has agreed be the uniform administrator. Individuals who need to place an order will have an opportunity to do so after the New Year. Amy will place the first order in mid-February for the March 1 deadline. Uniforms will be received approximately three weeks later. There will be an additional shipping fee since the order must be sent to a central location (Amy's home) and then re-shipped to the individuals who ordered them.

We encourage everyone to order in February. There will only be two opportunities to order before Sokolfest XXVI.



Descriptions

Tots: Blue Shirt, Red Shorts
Children: Red Shirt, Blue Shorts
Juniors: White Shirt, Blue Shorts
Adults: White Polo Shirt, option of Blue Shorts or Blue Pants

SHIRTS: The Tots, Children and Junior Shirts will feature the word "Sokol" across the chest. The Adult Polo Shirt (men's cut and women's cut available) will feature the word "Sokol" embroidered on the upper left chest and the Sokol emblem embroidered on the right sleeve.

SHORTS/PANTS: The shorts will feature the word "Sokol" at the hemline on the front right leg. The pants will feature the word "Sokol" below the pocket on the front right leg.

FOOTWEAR: White socks and white gym shoes. Not available for purchase. Each participant needs to purchase on their own. Note: Competition white slippers are available from the National Office until stock runs out.

Prices

Prices are excluding Tax and Shipping*

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| TOTS T-SHIRT (Blue crew neck, large white Sokol swish) | |
| Youth Sizes: XS(2/4), S(6/8), M (10), L (12)..... | \$7.00 |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$9.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$10.50 |
| TOTS SHORT (Red shorts) | |
| Toddler Sizes: (rabbit skins) 2T, 4T, 6T, | \$8.00 |
| Youth Sizes: (badger) S(6/8), M (10), L (12), XL (14/16).... | \$11.00 |
| BOYS & GIRLS T-SHIRT (Red crew neck, large white Sokol swish) | |
| Youth Sizes: S, M, L | \$12.00 |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, | \$12.00 |
| BOYS & GIRLS SHORT (Blue shorts) | |
| Youth Sizes, YS, YM, YL, AXS, AS, AM, AL..... | \$13.00 |
| JUNIORS T-SHIRT (White Crew, large white Sokol swish) | |
| Youth Sizes: L | \$12.00 |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$12.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$13.50 |
| JUNIORS SHORT (Blue Shorts) | |
| Youth Sizes: L | \$13.00 |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL. | \$13.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$14.50 |
| WOMEN'S SHIRT (White Golf Shirt) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$31.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$32.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$33.00 |
| WOMEN'S SHORT (Blue) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$14.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$15.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$16.00 |
| WOMEN'S LONG PANTS (Blue) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$28.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$29.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$30.00 |
| MEN'S SHIRT (White Golf Shirt) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$31.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$32.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$33.00 |
| MEN'S SHORT (Blue) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$14.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$15.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$16.00 |
| MEN'S LONG PANTS (Blue) | |
| Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL..... | \$28.00 |
| Adult Sizes: 2XL..... | \$29.50 |
| Adult Sizes: 3XL..... | \$30.00 |



Looking for a fun way to burn off calories?

Announcing Sokol USA's

Healthy Heart Walking Club

Benefits include:

- Reducing your stress level
- Controlling your weight
- Lowering your risk of heart disease
- Controlling your blood pressure

Sign up for Sokol's Healthy Heart Walking Club by sending your name, mailing address and home lodge to:



Brandi Kovac
280 East 2nd Street, Apt. 9A
New York, NY 10009
OR email: BKKovac@aol.com



You will receive a free Sokol pedometer and a Healthy Heart mileage chart. You are responsible for recording your mileage. Walk with fellow Sokol members, or on your own. Contact Brandi when you reach a milestone and get a reward!

Introducing Sokol USA's NEW
Single Premium Insurance Coverage

Affordable Rates Excellent Coverage
Different Rates for Men and Women
Simplified Application Process
You will not be turned down because of age
Pay Once, Have Coverage for Life

Minimum Policy is \$3,000

| <u>\$3,000 Policy</u> | | <u>\$5,000 Policy</u> | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Newborns: | \$213 for males | Newborns: | \$355 for males |
| | \$180 for females | | \$300 for females |
| Age 5: | \$252 for males | Age 5: | \$420 for males |
| | \$213 for females | | \$355 for females |
| Age 18: | \$399 for males | Age 18: | \$665 for males |
| | \$342 for females | | \$570 for females |
| Age 21: | \$432 for males | Age 21: | \$720 for males |
| | \$372 for females | | \$620 for females |
| Age 30: | \$567 for males | Age 30: | \$945 for males |
| | \$504 for females | | \$840 for females |
| Age 40: | \$792 for males | Age 40: | \$1,320 for males |
| | \$705 for females | | \$1,175 for females |
| Age 65: | \$1,695 for males | Age 65: | \$2,825 for males |
| | \$1,512 for females | | \$2,520 for females |

| <u>\$10,000 Policy</u> | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Newborns: | \$710 for males |
| | \$600 for females |
| Age 5: | \$840 for males |
| | \$710 for females |
| Age 18: | \$1,330 for males |
| | \$1,140 for females |
| Age 21: | \$1,440 for males |
| | \$1,240for females |
| Age 30: | \$1,890 for males |
| | \$1,680 for females |
| Age 40: | \$2,640 for males |
| | \$2,350 for females |
| Age 65: | \$5,650 for males |
| | \$5,040 for females |

For a complete list of rates by age, please contact your local Lodge or Sokol USA Headquarters at 888-253-0362 or SOKOLUSAHQs@aol.com

DISTRICTS, LET’S GET GOING!

Spring is coming and now is the time to get the Districts together to have or participate in an event. This event could be held at a District meeting or within the local community.

A good example of coming together was back in October at the MCT District meeting. They had each Lodge bring canned food to be donated to the local food bank. They all were amazed on how easy it was and how much food they had to be donated. Plus, it was very easy to coordinate and didn't take up a lot of time.

It is vital that we get our Lodges active. By getting them active, the Districts will become more active and then we will attract new members that will continue our legacy.

Nazdar!
Jennifer Moulton

WPSCA OFFERS SLOVAK CLASSES

Once again, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is sponsoring Slovak language classes for the Spring 2011 semester. The nine-week course will be for beginners and intermediate students.

The classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. beginning on March 1st and continuing through April 26th. The classes will be held at the Mount Lebanon Public Library at 16 Castle Shannon Blvd. in Mount Lebanon. For directions, call 412-531-1910. Bozena Hilko will be the instructor.

Tuition is free, but class size is limited because of space. For reservations, call Pam at 412-531-2990 during office hours.

10TH CONSULAR TOUR TO SLOVAKIA

Joe Senko, the Slovak Honorary Consul, and his wife Albina have arranged their 10th tour to Slovakia including a visit to Vienna. The 14-day trip will begin on July 31st and return to the United States on August 13th. It will include visits to Bratislava, Piestany, Martin, Tatras, Presov, Kosice and other historical sites. The activities will include two wine tours, a wedding performance, rafting, visit to a cave, sightseeing, castles and shopping.

The tour, which originates in Pittsburgh, includes top hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, all admission fees, air-conditioned bus and English speaking guide. It does not include tips and insurance. For a copy of the daily itinerary and fees, contact Joe Senko at 412-531-2990, jtsenko@aol.com or Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Plans are being made to have several events to benefit the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund during the 2011 Sokol Fest.

The cultural room will feature an on-going silent auction of prize baskets similar to the one held during our 2009 Convention. Lodges and individuals are encouraged to donate prizes for the event. Also prize baskets are being considered for the cocktail party and possibly the banquet during the Sokol Fest.

Please contact Joe Bielecki at 412-390-0900 or by e-mail at bielecki1@earthlink.net if you are interested in helping with or donating to this project.

Notice

ANNUAL MEETING
SUPREME LODGE
SLOVAK GYMNASTIC
UNION SOKOL USA

March 31, April 1, & 2, 2011

Finance Committee will meet
Thursday, March 31 at Headquarters
at 9:30 AM
Friday, April 1 at a site to be determined
at 9 AM

The Supreme Lodge will meet
Saturday, April 2 at 9 AM
At The Embassy Suites Hotel
909 Parsippany Blvd, Parsippany, NJ

*All requests, recommendation and grievances
from Members, Lodges and Districts
Must be received at Headquarters no later than
March 15, 2011.*

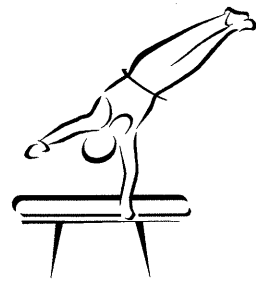
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Giving Tree

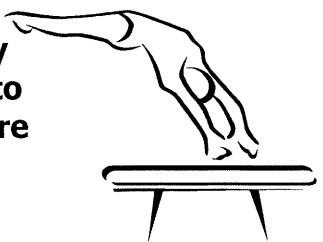


Gymnasts from Lodge 32 in Boonton, N.J., surround the Christmas Tree with the gifts collected for three needy families from Boonton.

GYMNASTICS COMPETITIONS!



Whether you’re getting ready to compete, or getting ready to cheer on our athletes – here are some upcoming gymnastics competitions to put on your calendar:



April 2, 2011 – District MM Hodza competition at the Boonton Sokol Hall:

Sokolads, Jr. Boys and Sr. Men: warm-up at 10am, competition at 10:30am.
Sokolettes, Jr. Girls and Sr. Women: warm-up at 12:30pm, competition at 1pm.

April 30, 2010 – United Sokols of the East competition at the American Sokol Hall in New York City:

Sokolettes, Jr. Girls and Sr. Women in Novice and Level 1: registration and group stretch at 8:30am, competition at 9am.
Sokolettes, Jr. Girls and Sr. Women in Level 2-6: registration and group stretch at 12:30pm, competition at 1pm.
Sokolads, Jr. Boys and Sr. Men: registration and group stretch at 12:30pm, competition at 1pm.



Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

In June 2011, the global Sokol community will gather to participate in Sokolfest XXVI. This event sponsored by Sokol USA will be held in Independence, OH, a well-maintained suburban city, just south of downtown Cleveland.

It will be an exciting time for all Sokol members as we engage in various activities, visit with our Sokol friends and perform our Slet program. As in the past, the top achievers in various competitions will be presented with awards, specifically designed for Sokolfest 2011. I'm sure many of those reading this have sought after and even received these treasured rewards in the past.

Your assistance is requested to help make the Sokolfest 2011 awards as special as the efforts they represent. Awards may be financially sponsored for individual places & team competitions in gymnastics and for the tournaments - volleyball, golf, bowling and basketball. We gratefully accept contributions of any amount, but for contributions of \$100 or more, your name or organization's name will appear on the award as the sponsor. Please let us know if you have a particular award that you would like to sponsor. We will honor requests on a "first come first served" basis.

Checks should be made payable to: Sokol U.S.A. Slet 2011. Please send contributions to:

Awards Fund
Judy Smith
68 Orchard Place
Maywood, NJ 07607

Get Well Wishes

Go out to a few folks that have been "a little under the weather" lately.

Millie & Matt Blistan,
of Lodge 276, Pittsburgh, PA

Gerald von Schwedler,
of Lodge 39/40W, Berwyn, IL

John Walek
Of Lodge 32, Boonton, NJ

Sokolfest XXVI Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 29

Basketball Tournament - Indy Fieldhouse - 2:00 PM
Opening Ceremonies - Independence H. S. Gymnasium - 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 30

Gymnastics Competitions - Independence H. S. Gymnasium - all day
Fitness Challenge - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Golf Tournament - Sleepy Hollow Golf Course - 1:00 PM
Dinner, Youth Social, Dancing - Sokol Greater Cleveland - evening

Friday, July 1

Men's & Women's Volleyball Tournament - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Fitness Challenge - Indy Fieldhouse - all day
Bowling Tournament - Cloverleaf Bowling Center - morning
Banquet - Holiday Inn - evening
Bowling & Billiards Social - Cloverleaf Bowling Center - evening
Fireworks - Independence Civic Center Complex - 9:00 PM

Saturday, July 2

Slet Rehearsals - Independence High School Field - morning
Field Challenges - Independence High School Field - morning, early afternoon
Slet Performance - Independence High School Field - 4:00 PM
Celebration Dance - Holiday Inn - 8:00 PM
Finale Cocktail Party - Holiday Inn - 8:00 PM

Attention Districts, Lodges and Members

Here's your opportunity to help make
Sokolfest XXVI a huge success!

Follow the Falcon and support Sokolfest XXVI by sponsoring one or more of the events planned for June 29-July 2 in Independence, (South Cleveland) Ohio.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum - \$5,000

Sponsor the Slet Performance
Sponsor the Program Book
Sponsor the Gymnastics Competitions
Sponsor the Gymnastics Equipment

Gold - \$3,000

Sponsor the Banquet
Sponsor the Volleyball Tournament

Silver - \$1,500

Sponsor the Opening Ceremonies
Sponsor the Fitness Challenge
Sponsor the Friday Evening Bowling & Billiards Social
Sponsor the Saturday Afternoon Barbeque
Sponsor the Saturday Celebration Dance
Sponsor the Saturday Finale Cocktail Party

Bronze - \$750

Sponsor the Golf Tournament
Sponsor the Bowling Tournament
Sponsor the Basketball Tournament
Sponsor the Thursday Evening Social

Red, White & Blue - \$500

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

Awards Sponsors

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

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

For more information contact Chris Yatchyshyn, Director of Women
Day: 215-949-4073 Evening 215-943-1258 e-mail: cyatch@verizon.net

The Slovak-American Cultural Center

Invites you to attend

The Slovak Ball 19th Annual

Honoring

Nina Holy

Secretary-Treasurer
Slovak League of America

Saturday, February 26, 2011

6 PM Cocktails; 7 PM Dinner

New York Athletic Club

180 Central Park South

New York, New York

Music by Express

Black Tie Preferred

National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library

Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference

*"The 20th Century in Retrospect:
1989 to 2011: Transition to
Democracy"*

Friday, March 11
and Saturday, March 12, 2011
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriott Hotel & Convention Center
1200 Collins Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Reservations number: 800-396-2153

Visit NCSML.org for more
information

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.

HENRIETTA J. KOVALIK - (1918-2010) A member of Lodge 20, Ford City, Pa. She is survived by her son.

ANN C. HAVRELLA - (1929-2010) A member of Lodge 276, Pittsburgh, Pa. She is survived by her husband.

PAUL J. DOBIAS - (1926-2010) A member of Lodge 122, Kenosha, Wis. He is survived by his children.

CECILIA DANISH - (1920-2010) A member of Lodge 130, New Kensington, Pa. She is survived by her son.

ALFRED BUCHTA - (1919-2010) A member of Lodge 203, South Norwalk, Conn. He is survived by his wife.

MARTIN PODOSKOCH, JR. - (1914-2010) A member of Lodge 37, Maltby, Pa. He is survived by his wife.

JOHN LETTRICH - (1926-2010) A member of Lodge 130, New Kensington, Pa. He is survived by his children.

JOHN PETOR - (1922-2010) A member of Lodge 130, New Kensington, Pa. He is survived by his wife.

PATRICIA BUGLIONE - (1938-2010) A member of Lodge 15W, Binghamton, N.Y. She is survived by her daughters.

Upcoming Events at Boonton Sokol

March 11 - Fish & Chips

Dinner: 4:30-7:00 PM

Adults \$10, Children \$7

Featuring batter fried fish or chicken tenders, fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, coffee, tea and dessert. Take-out available.

Snow date: March 12. For reservations or information, call 973-263-9831. Don't forget to bring a dessert. Junior girls - be here at 4 p.m.

April 2 - District Competition

Girls 12 noon to 4 PM at Boonton Sokol Hall

Spring Time Food Drive and Pierogi Sale

Murder Mystery Event

April 30 - United Sokols of the East Competition

Because of space constraints, the minutes of the Sokol USA National Gymnastics Department Conference Call Meeting will be continued in the March 2011 edition of the Sokol Times.