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From the President's View

We often hear the word fraternalism. We read it here in The Sokol Times. It appears in newspaper articles and it is often heard in conjunction with mutual benefit societies and insurance commissions.

It is an important word for societies such as ours. Fraternalism is what brings us together for common purposes, whether it is for sports or to engage in a community service project or to celebrate a lodge anniversary. It is the foundation of societies such as ours.

Without the fraternal societies, our country would be spiritually poorer as the fraternal system stresses people helping each other. One hundred years ago, the fraternal societies sold life insurance to their members. This helped save a family from poverty and destitution in the days long before Social Security came into being. By paying for insurance, the members helped to safeguard each other from tragedy.

As time and society has evolved, so has the common bond linking the members of fraternal benefit societies. However, the key to success of the fraternal system is sharing the benefit of membership with others. Without new members joining, there is no future for a fraternal society.

Our society is financially successful. Our lodges are active and engaged in activities that interest their members. Our Sokolfest in Cleveland is a great example of people coming together to share the experience of working together to create a



Joseph Bielecki

fun and wonderful event.

I encourage all of our members to share the benefits of fraternalism. Ask a friend to join, sign up your children or grandchildren! The key to a successful future lies in continually sharing the benefits of fraternalism and membership.

Do not wait for someone else from your lodge to ask someone to join. Do not hide the positive aspects of Sokol. Ask people to join and to share the Sokol experience!

You will be surprised how many will say "yes."

NAZDAR!

Joe Bielecki
President-Sokol USA

88th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 88th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday July 21, 2011 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. It is a day with colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities, foot-tapping music for dancing and a treasure chest of memories – many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association under the leadership of Dolores Sakal and Reverend Joseph Grosko. It is comprised of Slovak organizations from Western Pennsylvania that come together to recognize all people of Slovak heritage in a day of fun and entertainment. Slovak Day was established in 1923 to celebrate and preserve the Slovak heritage of Western Pennsylvania. Kennywood Park became synonymous with this annual celebration due to easy access via the streetcar line from all regions of Western Pennsylvania. Slovak Day helped give many Slovak families a chance to speak in their own language, socialize with friends and dance and enjoy the rich heritage they brought to this area.

This event supports non-profit Slovak organizations of Western (Continued on Page 2)

National Bowling Tournament



Sokol USA held its 63rd Annual National Bowling Tournament on May 21st and 22nd in Palmerton, Pa. The event was hosted by Lodge 214. Congratulations to all the participants! Results and more pictures begin inside on Page 3.



It's Summertime!

Summertime is a great time to relax and get caught up with friends. What plans has your lodge made to make use of this wonderful time of the year?

It is an easy thing to just throw together at the last minute. Some simple but fun ideas can be a picnic, take a walk together, go swimming or have an ice cream outing.

Let's all try and get active this summer and start new traditions. This will help us to strengthen our lodges. Then we will be able to work together in our communities to build new relationships. This is what we need for our future. Be a part of it!

Nazdar!
Jennifer Moulton

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2011 NEW ENGLAND FRATERNAL CONGRESS

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

- Award:** Three \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded by the New England Fraternal Congress to students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year in college or in graduate school. The first is named in memory of Pearl Plante, a loyal and tireless worker for the New England Fraternal Congress.
- Eligibility:** Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college/university or graduate school.
- Applicant must be a resident of New England and a member (or a son /daughter of a member) of a fraternal benefit society that holds a membership in the New England Fraternal Congress.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 system). Transcript of grades from Spring, 2011, semester must be submitted with application.
- Application for scholarship award must be completed in its entirety and submitted by September 15, 2011. Incomplete and/or late entries will be disqualified.
- Procedures:** The \$500.00 scholarship awards will be paid directly to Recipients.
- The deadline for submission of applications for the Scholarship awards will be September 15, 2011.
- Criteria to be used in judging: overall merits of applicant, Cumulative grade average, college activities/honors, financial need, essay content.
- From among the entries, top ten applications will be selected and referred to a three-member panel for final judging.
- Recipients of NEFC scholarship awards will be notified by October 15, 2011.
- Entries for consideration must be forwarded by September 15, 2011 to Janet King, Scholarship Chairman, 4975 Washington Street Unit 116, West Roxbury, MA 02132. For more information and to obtain a copy of the application, please contact Sokol Headquarters at 973-676-0280, 888-253-0362 or SOKOLUSAHQ@aol.com.

Celebrating Flag Day



The New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance displays the American flag during their commemoration of Flag Day on June 14th.

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

*A treasure chest of memories, many to be remembered
and still more waiting to be created*

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Pennsylvania, including the Western Pennsylvania Cultural Association, The Vincentian Home, The Slovak Franciscan Priests, the School Sisters of St. Francis, the Slovak Radio Hour, The Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble. Last year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association contributed approximately \$4,000 to these organizations.

The highlight of this year's festivities will be the visiting representatives from the Slovak Embassy in Washington D.C. The introduction of the Slovak Embassy delegation will occur at the Main Pavilion directly behind the Garfield's Revenge ride following the 4 p.m. Slovak Liturgy. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be the Reverend Thomas Burke, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Braddock, Pa., along with several Slovak Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses. The Liturgical Music will be provided by Reverend Greg Madja. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble.

Entertainment at 2 p.m. will be provided by the Pittsburgh Junior Slovaks and the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Junior and Maly Ensembles. Also, strolling musicians will perform throughout the picnic area, playing and singing favorite songs. Slovak Day activities at Kennywood Park will begin with music, food, dancing, displays and children's activities at 12:30 pm.

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), haluski (sweet cabbage and noodles), and kolbasy. Your sweet tooth can be

satisfied with a homemade favorite - ceregi. Enjoy this delicious dinner or al a carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as strolling musicians play all of the Slovak favorites. Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride Garfield's Revenge from 1 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3, you will be able to see an exhibit about the Spis Castle prepared by the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Junior and Maly Ensembles. The exhibit is a Slovak heirloom of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry of the Slovak villagers.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities

will receive a free treat of a hot dog and drink. All youth 12 and under are encouraged to attend.

To conclude the 88th Annual Slovak Day activities, one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble in front the Main Stage directly after the main program.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday July 21, 2011, Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$22 for general admission, \$12 for those 55 years of age and over and a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for \$8.50 plus tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Dolores Sakal at 412-243-0438 or Rev. Joseph Grosko at 412-466-6545.

Angela M. Lipchick

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

To the Sokol USA Gymnastic Fund

From Sokol Lodge 15, Yonkers, N.Y. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$75.00
From Sokol Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$50.00
From Sokol Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$50.00

To the Milan Getting Scholarship Fund

From Sokol Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$50.00
From Sokol Lodge 3W, Bridgeport, Conn. <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	\$50.00

63rd Annual USA National Sokol Bowling Tournament

Men's Team Events						
Lodge	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Palmerton #2	2,087			2,699	1 st	\$130
Boonton #2	1,835			2,489	2 nd	\$90
Boonton #1	1,848			2,463	3 rd	\$78
Palmerton #2	2,037	2 nd	\$70	2,445		
Bethlehem	2,053	1 st	\$100	2,356		
Men's Doubles Events						
Team	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Mike Binder/Dale Green	1,051			1,447	1 st	\$90
Paul Papay/Jamie Frantz	1,066			1,423	2 nd	\$70
Jody Sterling/Ed Shigo	1,091	1 st		1,406		
Jerry Pereira/Dave Berger	1,083	2 nd	\$50	1,380		
Jim Chada/Don Forslund	909			1,251	3 rd	\$50
Milan Kovac/Marty Trgala	839			1,241	4 th	\$30
Ron Crowley/Dannis Aruidson	961			1,234		
Leon George/Jeff Schaeffer	1,046	3 rd	\$40	1,181		
Cary Smith/Aaron Smith	1,004	4 th	\$30	1,166		
Al Penas/Sonny Fertal	972			1,113		
John Backus/John Kamanetsky	849			1,101		
Men's Singles Events						
	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Leon George	629			728	1 st	\$80
Mike Binder	484			724	2 nd	\$50
Paul Papay	501			717	3 rd	\$30
Jamie Frantz	539			680	4 th	\$20
Ed Shigo	518			677		
Al Penas	578	1 st	\$70	659		
Jim Chada	465			657		
Jody Sterling	500			656		
Jerry Pereira	456			651		
Dennis Aruidson	488			638		
Dave Berger	532	4 th	\$20	634		
Cary Smith	498			609		
Milan Kovac	328			601		
Aaron Smith	540	3 rd	\$30	591		
Jeff Schaeffer	550	2 nd	\$40	586		
Dale Green	427			583		
Don Forslund	458			578		
Ron Crowley	455			578		
Sonny Fertal	519			574		
John Backus	421			568		
Marty Trgala	395			524		
John Kamanetsky	417			512		
Men's High Game						
Leon George	269		\$40			
Men's High Series						
Jody Sterling	586		\$40			
Men's All Events						
Jeff Schaeffer – Actual	1,659		\$10			
Jody Sterling – Handicap	2,105		\$10			
Women's Team Events						
Lodge	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Boonton #2	1,855			2,134	1 st	\$30
Boonton #1	1,538	1 st	\$50	2,045		
Women's Doubles Events						
Team	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Joan Ustrupski/Amy Ustrupski	806			986	1 st	\$30
Mary Backus/Helen Korbyn	751	1 st	\$20	967		
Alison Chada/Valerie Kominiak	650			929		
Women's Singles Events						
	Actual	Place	Prize	Handicap	Place	Prize
Mary Backus	439			556	1 st	\$30
Amy Ustrupski	504	1 st	\$25	543		
Alison Chada	357			528	2 nd	\$20
Helen Korbyn	415	2 nd	\$15	514		
Valerie Kominiak	406			514		
Joan Ustrupski	372			513		
Women's High Game						
Amy Ustrupski	213		\$30			
Women's High Series						
Helen Korbyn	464		\$30			
Women's All Events						
Amy Ustrupski – Actual	1,552		\$3			
Helen Korbyn – Handicap	1,592		\$3			



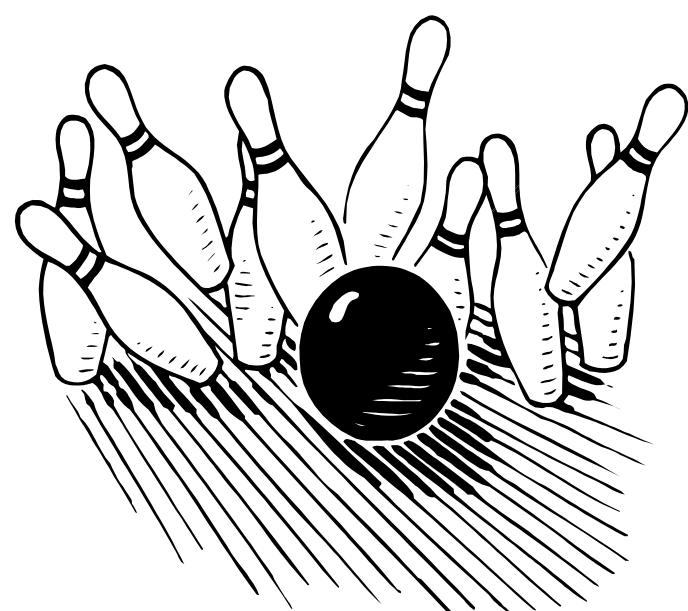
To All Sokol Bowlers:

Another National Bowling Tournament has come and gone. Though we were small in numbers, fellowship and friendship was certainly present. It was our pleasure to be your host this year and although there were a few snafus on Sunday, I hope everyone had a good time. We missed those who were not here and hope all is well.

Next year's destination has yet to be determined, but wherever we meet, it is sure to be a good time.

From all of us at Palmerton Lodge 214, until next year, may you all enjoy a safe and healthy year.

Nazdar.
Debbie Hoffman



63rd Annual USA National Sokol Bowling Tournament



MESSAGE TO MEMBERSHIP

The Supreme Lodge is working diligently through its Supreme Lodge Committees in investigating and examining our options regarding the future of Sokol USA.

As I have reported in The Sokol Times on many occasions, there are two Supreme Lodge committees designated with the task of determining our "Society Future" and "Succession Planning." The committee members have been discussing many issues including, but not limited to, acquisition, merger, separating insurance from fraternal activities, or spinning off our gymnastic department as a separate entity, defining the duties of the chief operating officer, reviewing office operating and disaster planning, establishing a separate entity to better administer our fraternal activities, and the hiring of professional management.

The committees are deliberating and discussing all of the above in order to provide direction for the next

Convention. With Brother Kovac's anticipated retirement, we also need to determine candidates for the position of Supreme Secretary from within our membership. As Sokol USA is a benefit society with more than \$11 million of assets, insurance in force of more than \$8 million and a real estate and mortgage portfolio, any candidate for this position should be an individual with proven managerial skills.

This is a call to the membership in that if there is anyone who has a sincere interest in becoming the Supreme Secretary, to make his or her intentions known.

Members who have an interest in seeking the position of Supreme Secretary are asked to send a letter of intent and a resume to Brother John Kamenitsky, 485B Comanche Lane, Stratford, CT 06614.

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Joseph S. Bielecki
President

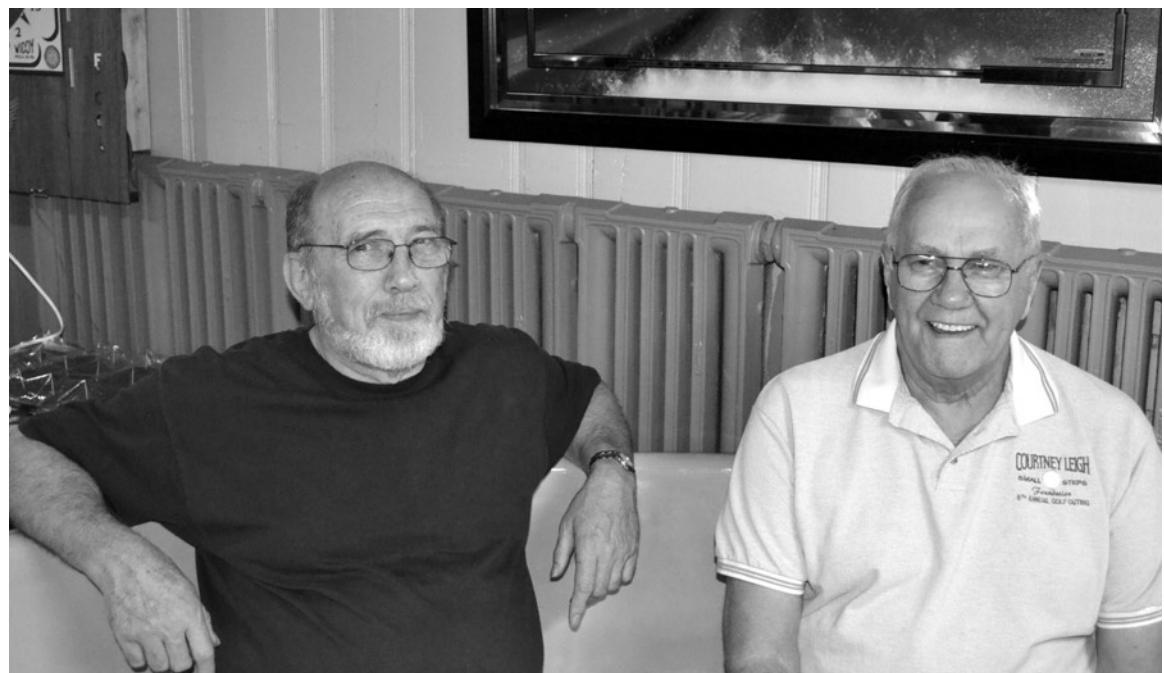
Walk Smart!

It is summer, so let's get outside and enjoy the outdoors. Take a 20-minute walk outside and you will feel refreshed. A couple of things to keep in mind for summer time walking are:

1. Wear light and loose clothing.
2. Wear proper walking shoes.
3. Bring a water bottle.
4. Walk in the morning or early evening.

Remember to track your mileage for the Healthy Heart Walking Club. If you are not a member contact Brandi Kovac at bkkovac@aol.com and she will tell you how to get started.

Nazdar!
Jennifer Moulton



Looking for a fun way to burn off calories?

Join 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!



AMERICAN SLOVAK ZEMPLIN CLUB PICNIC

The American Slovak Zemplin Club will host its annual picnic at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 West Wallings Road (between Broadview Road and State Road), in Broadview Heights on Sunday, July 17, 2011, from 12 Noon to 8 p.m. Enjoy homemade Slovak food and pastries and music by the John Pastirik Band. Admission is \$4.00 per person at the gate. For more information, call 440-885-5702.

Lodge 39/40W Spring Luncheon



Lodge 39/40W held their annual Spring Luncheon on June 5, 2011 at McCook's Restaurant in McCool, Ill. Members had an enjoyable afternoon of socializing and a delicious meal. Pictured are (seated from left) Lodge Vice President Sister Millie Melka, Sister Emily Brauer, Sister Millie Mihalik and Lodge President Anne Marie Brinley; and (standing) Sister Debbie Golden, Treasurer Brother Gerald von Schwedler, Brother John Sopoci, Emily Brauer's daughter, Brother Paul Brinley, Secretary Arlene von Schwedler and Brother Bob Mihalik.

MINUTES OF M.M. HODZA DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2010 Boonton, NJ

(Continued from January 2011)

Lodge Reports:

#1 New York – While there is no gymming in Lodge #1, certain members are still active in Sokol at ASO NY and when possible, the Lodge financially supports the District via donations.

#12 Central Jersey – They continue to rent gym space on Friday evenings at the American Gymnastics Academy. At the beginning of this year, enrollment is down. Several new families that signed up last year did not return, however they hope to return mid-year. We mostly have several tots and then several adults that like to work out. Both Sis. Valentin, Sis. Ellen Kovac and Sis. Brandi Kovac all attended the ASO Development Conference in Cleveland on October 23, 2010. The Conference was well worth it! We are still looking to create a website still. We have 3 members currently receiving the Milan Getting Scholarship.

#32 Boonton – Enrollment in Sokolettes and Juniors is up from last year! There are about 20 Sokolettes, 6 Sokolads and 9 juniors. This year the Cheerleaders are only practicing in the Sokol gym one night a week. Boonton holds classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and then Friday mornings and evenings. The tots class has moved to Thursdays mornings, and both of the 2 classes are well-attended. No rhythmic classes are being held this year. Boonton continues to consistently fundraise. Sis. Pat Ritz mentioned that it costs about \$100 to send out the postcards to advertise their events via the "Friends of Sokols" mailing list. They had a wildly successful Slovak Dinner, where the Hall had to have two separate seatings, and a Fish & Chips Dinner. Last season, the Boonton Juniors enjoyed working out with Lodge 12 at AGA, and have already come this year. The Juniors plan on coming to work out occasionally on Friday nights with Lodge 12.

Motion made and seconded to accept Lodge reports. Motion carried.

District MM Hodza:

The Children's Cal for the 2011 Cleveland Slet was composed by District MM Hodza's Co-Directors, Sis. Pat Ritz and Sis. Brandi Kovac. The calisthenics will be performed to "I Want Candy" and "Cleveland Rocks". The calisthenics was well-received at the ASO Directors Conference training session.

Congratulations to Bro. Matthew Reynolds on his appointment as Assistant Director to the National Gymnastics Department. District MM Hodza is proud to be represented by both Bro. Eric Skovronek and Bro. Matthew Reynolds.

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

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Recommendations of the Technical Board for 2010-2011

1. The District help finance District students sent to Sokol Instructors' Schools by reimbursing 50% of the most reasonable means of transportation.
2. The District host at least one Eastern Area training session during the 2010-2011 season, with reimbursement provided by the National Gymnastics Department.
3. The District reimburse Director(s) travel, lodging and food expenses arising from District participation in authorized activities.
4. The District retain its membership with the United Sokols of the East.
5. The District sponsor an annual competition for Children, Juniors and Seniors to be held April 2, 2011 in Boonton; and the District financially support this event by paying for awards and participants' meals.
6. The District have representation at the 2011 Sokol USA National Technical Board meeting; paying for expenses not covered by the National Gymnastic Department.
7. The District subsidize expenses for District participants in any 2011 Sokol USA National sports tournament (golf, bowling, volleyball, etc.), excluding Sokolfest activities, by paying \$10.00 per participant, per tournament.
8. The District reimburse member instructors one-half their tuition for completion of the USAG Safety Certification Course.
9. The District pays for the Professional Membership in the USAG for each of the District Officers, if the Membership is not paid by the Supreme Lodge.
10. The District subsidize expenses for District participants in the 2011 Sokolfest to be held in Cleveland, Ohio by paying \$100.00 per participant in a Slet-sanctioned event.

Motion was made and seconded that the recommendations be accepted. Motion carried.

Old Business

We have not been billed by the US of E bill from the 2009 or the 2010 competitions. However as voted two years ago, the \$100 membership fee will be paid as follows: \$30 by the District, \$35 by Lodge 12 and \$35 by Lodge 32. The Lodges will be responsible for covering the entry fee of their competitors. The entry fee for the US of E competition is \$10 per individual. There is no longer team entries fees as there will not be team awards given at the competition.

We reviewed the goals that were made for the 2009-2010 year from the National Gym Dept meeting, and our progress towards meeting / achieving our goals. Boonton decided to Go Local for their fundraisers. Boonton adopted a family

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Sokol Social News

Tina Eckart earns degree, has book published

Tina M. Eckart, a member of Ladies Lodge 3W, recently graduated from Housatonic Community College and celebrated the publication of her book, "Dantalion of the Goetia."

Eckart received an Associate's Arts Degree in journalism and communications and was an honors recipient. Her book is about an immortal angel of God, Dantalion, who has fallen from grace and is condemned as one of the 72 demons of The Goetia. He seduces a mortal college girl and practitioner of the occult named Laurel, who summons his true demonic form in the Courtyard of the Undead, creating an unexplainable relationship of love, obsession and redemption. The book is in the Fiction/Fantasy/Young Adult category and can be ordered from www.fantasyromanceoccult.com.

Eckart is the daughter of Martin and Jean Kapisovsky.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Bellantoni, a member of Sokol USA Lodge 114, celebrated his 68th birthday on June 17th. He is a resident of Tarrytown, N.Y.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Neil Martone, a member of Sokol USA Lodge 114, celebrated his 67th birthday on May 26th. He is a resident of Villages, Fla.

SHARE YOUR FAMILY EVENTS WITH YOUR "SOKOL FAMILY"

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

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

ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES



NAMES: _____

PHONE #: _____
HOMETOWN: _____
SOKOL LODGE: _____
YEARS MARRIED (IF APPLICABLE): _____

BIRTHDAYS



NAME: _____
BIRTH DATE: _____
AGE: _____
PHONE #: _____
HOMETOWN: _____
SOKOL LODGE: _____

PROMOTIONS, HONOR ROLLS & OTHER EVENTS



NAME: _____
PHONE #: _____
HOMETOWN: _____
SOKOL LODGE: _____
EVENT: _____

Photographs are not required, but they do add to the presentation.

Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photograph returned.

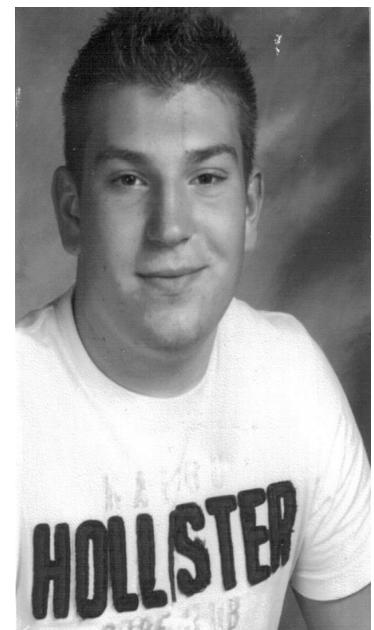
ANNIVERSARY



The Zuffa wedding



Lillian and John Zuffa



Travis J. Eckart

Travis Eckart graduates, earns scholarship

Travis J. Eckart, a member of Sokol USA Lodge 2 in Bridgeport, Conn., graduated from Bunnell High School. In addition, Eckart received a \$1,000 Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol Scholarship from Lodge 2. The scholarship is awarded annually to high school seniors accepted to admission to an accredited college/university who are of Slovak or Carpatho-Russian descent and are residents of Bridgeport, Stratford, Trumbull, Shelton or Milford, Conn.

Eckart is the son of Tina (Kapisovsky) Eckart, a member of Ladies Lodge 3W, and the grandson of Martin and Jean Kapisovsky.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thaddeus Bielecki, a member of Sokol USA Lodge 16 in Braddock, celebrated his 45th birthday on June 21st. He is a resident of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Slovak pottery



At left, Sokol USA President Joseph Bielecki shows Dolores Sakal examples of Slovak folk pottery at the Slovak Easter Festival. At right are some examples of Slovak folk pottery.

MINUTES OF M.M. HODZA DISTRICT MEETING

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through social services (two families that live in Boonton). There was an overwhelmingly positive response from Boonton members. A Giving Tree was displayed in the Hall as a way to know what the families needed, then Boonton members donated by taking tags off the tree and purchasing presents. Boonton also ran a Food Drive for the Boonton Pantry.

As the role of the District is to support the gymnastically active Lodges, our District vows to assist Central Jersey and Boonton fulfill the four goals that the Gymnastics Department made for the 2009-2010 year.

New Business

The District will support and encourage our members to attend the 2011 Slet in Cleveland, OH. One of the socials for the Juniors and children will be a "Camp Sampler", where kids can see what events and activities take place at a Sokol Camp. We support this idea and hope that it encourages more young Sokols to attend National Camp. Discussion of the calisthenics ensued. Boonton will encourage their cheerleaders to get involved in the Young Adult / Junior cal. The Young Adult / Junior cal has four parts, we discussed the possibility of coordinating with Sokol NY to create groups of four. The Senior Cal written by Anna Janous was chosen to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Sokol Canada. ASO has composed an All-Sokol Cal with slow and fast active parts that can be done by anyone!

Sokol USA will adopt ASO's new uniforms as their official uniforms. Note that these are calisthenics uniforms, they are not leotards for competition.

Sis. Brandi Kovac will draft a letter to inactive Lodges in the District for financial assistance. A similar announcement can be published in the Sokol Times; perhaps an individual member, Lodge or another District would sponsor our District competition. Motion was made and seconded.

Following discussion, there was a consensus to correspond to the National Gymnastics Directors and the Supreme Lodge Officers with some of our concerns as a District.

A training session is tentatively scheduled during December 28, 29 or 30, 2010 in Boonton. We'd like to review both the Children's and Junior/Young Adult calisthenics. The tentative schedule includes a warm-up, working out on equipment, spotting, progressions, etc. The District is open to inviting Sokol NY and DA Sokol to the training session.

As in the past, any urgent business and business that arises before the next annual meeting can be discussed and voted on via email.

Salaries:

President	\$75.00
Vice President	\$30.00
Secretary	\$55.00
Treasurer	\$75.00
Directors	\$75.00 each

Motion was made and seconded that salaries remain the same. Motion carried.

Nomination of Officers:

Nominations of officers were opened.

Judy Bindas nominated for President. She accepted the nomination.

Teddy Fernandez nominated for Vice President. He accepted the nomination. Brandi Kovac nominated for Secretary. She accepted the nomination. Norah Valentin nominated for Treasurer. She accepted the nomination. Brandi Kovac nominated for Co-Director. She accepted the nomination. Pat Ritz nominated for Co-Director. She accepted the nomination. There were no more nominations, nominations were closed.

Motion was made and seconded that the secretary cast one vote for the slate.
Motion carried.

President – Judy Bindas
Vice President - Teddy Fernandez
Secretary – Brandi Kovac
Treasurer - Norah Valentin
Co-Directors – Brandi Kovac and Pat Ritz

Our next meeting will be on October 15, 2011 in Boonton; the meeting will be at 10:00AM with a light breakfast and lunch served.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandi Kovac, Secretary

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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.

GRACE DRENCKHAHN – (1921-2011) A member of Lodge 7, Byram, Conn. She is survived by her nephews.

JULIUS VAGANEK – (1919-2011) A member of Lodge 17/500, East Orange, N.J.

MARGARET TRAYCIK – (1943-2011) A member of Lodge 500, East Orange, N.J. She is survived by her cousins.

PAUL TOMAN – (1925-2011) A member of Lodge 255, Leechburg, Pa. He is survived by his wife and his son.

ANNA M. VANIC – (1924-2011) A member of Lodge 66W, Bethlehem, Pa. She is survived by her granddaughter.