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## XV International Sokol Slet

By Joe Bachna

The 2012 International Sokol Slet was held in Praha from July 1 to 6. As you know, Sokol was founded in 1862 in Praha and it is the capital city of the Czech Republic. To some people, it was a chance to go to a beautiful, old city and participate in a really big slet. To many, many others, it was more like a pilgrimage. Many people find that Sokol is more than a gym, more than a club, maybe even more than a family. This year was special because it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sokol.

**Sunday, July 1: At 10 a.m.,** 14,000 to 15,000 Sokols from 17 countries paraded through the streets of Praha in uniform. Most wore the uniform that they would wear during the Slet. Others wore dress uniforms, special uniforms or even original ones. Sokols from foreign countries came first. Each country or Sokol organization was led with the country name, country flag and Sokol flags. Some groups were small while others were very large. Slovakia had a very large

group. The Czech Republic was last with thousands of participants. The parade started at Wenceslas Square, passed the National Theatre and continued along the river to the Old Town Square. A marching band from Kolin helped to keep us in step. Thousands of people lined the parade route. Many tourists didn't know what to think.

**Monday, July 2 – Rehearsals:** There were 11 different numbers in the two performances. Five numbers were in both programs, but six were only in one. Most numbers had three or four rehearsals. It is not easy to assemble, enter and exit 2,000 people. Some of the bigger numbers had people from many countries. Gymnasts learned their routines in their own Sokol. Coordinating all of these people and smoothing out the rough edges is not easy. The finished product was spectacular.

**Monday evening:** "Prodana Nevesta" is the name of an opera. We know it as the "Bartered Bride." It is a love story  
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Joseph Bachna, member of Lodge 260, Cleveland, Ohio, holds a placard leading the Sokol USA contingent during the opening parade at the XV International Sokol Slet in Praha. (Photos courtesy of Joseph Bachna)

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## Scholarship Program 2012 New England Fraternal Alliance

### Guidelines & Procedures

**Award:** Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the New England Fraternal Alliance 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 Alliance.

**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 son/daughter of a member) of a fraternal benefit society that holds a membership in the New England Fraternal Alliance.

Applicant must have a cumulative grade average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Transcript of grades from spring 2012 semester must be submitted with application.

Application for scholarship award must be completed in its entirety and submitted by September 15, 2012. Incomplete and/or late entries will be disqualified.

**Procedures:** The \$500 scholarship awards will be paid directly to recipients.

The deadline for submission of applications for the scholarship awards is September 15, 2012.

Criteria to be used in judging: overall merits of applicant, cumulative grade average, college activities/honors, community activities, financial need and essay content.

From among the entries, top 10 applications will be selected and referred to a three-member panel for final judging.

Recipients of NEFA scholarship awards will be notified by October 15, 2012.

Entries for consideration must be forwarded by September 15, 2012 to Janet King, Scholarship Chair, 4975 Washington Street, Unit 116, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

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In the past, all you needed to participate in Sokol gymnastics classes was to be a member of a Sokol lodge. With the rising costs of gymnastics equipment, liability insurance, facility maintenance or rental, our gym programs have to charge an additional yearly gymnastics fee, on average about \$85.00 per gymnast.

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For more information about this program, please contact the National Directors or Sokol USA Headquarters. While \$85 is the recommended sponsorship level, sponsorships in any amount are welcome. Checks are payable to Sokol USA; include "Sponsor a Gymnast" in the memo line.

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East Orange, New Jersey 07019-0189

### *Sponsor a Gymnast today – Nazdar!*

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Sokol USA Secretary: Milan Kovac, [SOKOLUSAHQ@aol.com](mailto:SOKOLUSAHQ@aol.com)

## Web Sites about Slovakia

Slovak Embassy, Washington, D.C.  
[www.slovakembassy-us.org](http://www.slovakembassy-us.org)

U.S. Embassy, Bratislava, Slovakia  
[www.usembassy.sk](http://www.usembassy.sk)

General Information on Slovakia  
[www.slovensko.com](http://www.slovensko.com)

Office of Government in Slovakia  
[www.government.gov.sk](http://www.government.gov.sk)

Slovak Trade and Development Agency  
[www.sario.sk](http://www.sario.sk)

Slovaks and Slovakia  
[www.slovak.com](http://www.slovak.com)

Slovak Tourist Board  
[www.sacr.sk](http://www.sacr.sk)

Slovak Chamber of Commerce  
[www.spok.sk](http://www.spok.sk)

Phone Directories in Slovakia  
[www.zoznamst.sk](http://www.zoznamst.sk) (Slovak)

Slovak Newspapers  
[www.szm.sk](http://www.szm.sk) (Slovak)

General Guide to the Slovak Republic  
[www.slovakia.org](http://www.slovakia.org)

Web Page for Tourists  
[www.enjoyslovakia.com](http://www.enjoyslovakia.com)



Slovakia On Line (General Information)  
[www.skonline.sk](http://www.skonline.sk)

Slovak Cultural Calendar  
[www.kultura.sk](http://www.kultura.sk)

Slovak National Museum  
[www.snm.sk](http://www.snm.sk)

Slovak Academy of Sciences  
[www.savba.sk](http://www.savba.sk)

Slovak National Theater  
[www.snd.sk](http://www.snd.sk)

Slovak Television  
[www.stv.sk](http://www.stv.sk)

National Bank of Slovakia  
[www.nbs.sk](http://www.nbs.sk)

**PROFIT AND LOSS**  
January through June 2012

**BALANCE SHEET**  
As of June 30, 2012

Ordinary Income/Expenses	
Income	
SCHOLARSHIP-MILAN GETTING	3,418.60
AMORTIZATION-IMR	40,576.00
ANNUITY	78,000.00
ASSESSMENTS-GYMNASTICS	672.80
ASSESSMENTS-INDIGENT	135.56
ASSESSMENTS-LIFE	37,277.81
DIVIDEND ON STOCK	30,395.02
Total GAINS/LOSSES-BONDS	45,804.00
Total GAINS/LOSSES-STOCKS	0.00
GYMNASTIC INCOME	
GYM FUND DONATIONS	2,405.00
Total GYMNASTIC INCOME	2,405.00
INCREASE/DECREASE BONDS	213.00
INTEREST INCOME	
Total BONDS INDUSTRIAL	317,213.01
CERTIFICATE LOANS	58.80
COLLATERAL LOANS	746.03
MORTGAGE LOANS	4,197.44
PNC CHECKING	11.23
Total INTEREST INCOME	322,226.51
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10.00
Total RENTAL REAL ESTATE	21,000.00
Total Income	582,134.30
Expense	
PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS	
ANNUITY PAID	44,393.89
CASH SURRENDER	7,204.25
DEATH CLAIMS	51,254.00
INTEREST-ANNUITY	2,014.58
Total PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS	104,866.72
ACTUARIAL & ACCOUNTING FEE	54,762.93
BANK CHARGES	356.18
BOOKS/PERIODICALS	391.40
BUREAU/ASSOC. FEES	825.00
DECREASE-LIFE RESERVE	61,370.00
DIVIDENDS	290.39
DONATIONS/ADVERTISING	709.30
EXPENSE OF SUP. LODGE MTG.	25,364.55
FRATERNAL EXPENSE	6,884.42
GYMNASTIC EXPENSES	
SOKOL SLET 2012-PRAGUE	1,500.00
SAFETY CERTIFICATION	150.00
USAG PROF. MEMBERSHIP	370.50
GYMNASTIC BOWLING	1,000.00
GYM DIRECTORS EXPENSE	749.20
Total GYMNASTICS EXPENSES	3,769.70
HOSPITALIZATION	13,235.46
INSURANCE (EX. REAL ESTATE)	8,285.00
INVESTMENT EXPENSES	5,908.66
OFFICE EXPENSES	7,727.73
OFFICERS' TRAVEL EXPENSES	7,152.79
OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS	9,690.00
PAYROLL TAX EXPENSES	6,809.37
POSTAGE, EXPRESS, TEL&TEL	1,289.52
PRINTING/STATIONARY	520.46
RENT EXPENSE (rent)	21,000.00
Total RENTAL REAL EST. EXP.	15,770.17
SALARIES	
SUPREME LODGE SALARY	3,075.00
OFFICE OFFICER	37,515.51
OFFICER	42,131.05
Total SALARIES	82,721.56
Total SCHOLARSHIP	2,500.00
STATE LICENSE FEES	2,361.50
TELEPHONE EXP.	1,868.16
Total Expense	446,430.97
Net Ordinary Income	135,703.33
Net Income	135,703.33

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CASH-PNC CHECKING	247,671.71
CASH-CANADIAN BK OF COM	5,016.05
CASH-M/M GYMNASTIC	24,576.86
PETTY CASH	500.00
Total Checking/Savings	277,764.62
Other Current Assets	
Total BONDS	9,219,713.10
STOCK	
PREFERRED STOCK	645,125.00
COMMON STOCK	196,259.00
Total STOCK	841,384.00
Total MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE	1,115,377.90
Total COLLATERAL LOANS	490,195.30
CERTIFICATE LOANS	3,117.53
BENEFICIARY TRUST FUND	
RESERVE FOR TRUST FUND	-17,113.08
TRUST FUND FOR BENEFICIARY	17,113.08
Total BENEFICIARY TRUST FUND	0.00
BOND INTEREST DUE	163,125.00
EXCHANGE	2,719.74
MORTGAGE INTEREST DUE	379.00
PREMIUMS DUE	4,752.00
Total Other Current Assets	11,840,763.57
Total Current Assets	12,118,528.19
Fixed Assets	
AUTOMOBILE	
ACCUM DEPREC-AUTO	-30,095.95
AUTOMOBILE-other	30,095.95
Total AUTOMOBILE	0.00
REAL ESTATE-BUILDING	
ACCUM DEPREC-BUILDING	-57,975.12
REAL ESTATE-BLDG-other	67,898.25
Total REAL ESTATE -BUILDING	9,923.13
Total Fixed Assets	9,923.13
TOTAL ASSETS	12,128,451.32
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
NON-ADMITTED COLLATERAL LOAN	87,068.83
A&H RESERVE	1,290.00
ADVANCE PREMIUMS	884.00
AVR	70,567.00
CLAIMS-LIFE	41,877.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	298.07
DIVIDEND ACCUMULATION	114,162.41
EXPENSES PAYABLE	91,094.00
FOREIGH EXCHANGE	70.00
IMR	460,216.25
LIVE RESERVE	4,708,707.00
Total MORTGAGE LOAN ESCROW	-11,390.42
NON-ADMITTED MORTGAGE	450,023.00
RESERVE FOR UNPRES. CHECKS	1,411.32
TAXES DUE	36,140.12
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,052,418.58
Long Term Liabilities	
ANNUITIES-LEFT WITH SOCIETY	137,995.31
MATURED ENDOWMENTS-LEFT W/SOC	144,644.68
Total Long Term Liabilities	282,639.99
Total Liabilities	6,335,058.57
Equity	
EQUITY-GAIN ON FOREIGN EXCH	-70.00
UNASSIGNED FUNDS	
INDIGENT FUND	8,974.41
ACCIDENT AND HEALTH FUND	53,610.29
Total UNASSIGNED FUNDS	62,584.70
CONSOLIDATED FUND	5,595,174.72
(Retained Earnings)	
Net Income	135,703.33
Total Equity	5,793,392.75
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,128,451.32

**PLANNING AN ACTIVITY**

One of the most important things we can do this year as a lodge is getting together and have some fun. By doing this, we will continue to create a bond between us and be more able to invite new people to join us in our activities. In this busy world we live, we need to just take a few hours and plan for our future. It is easy. As a lodge, decide what you want to do. A couple of ideas are: play a game, have a dinner or go bowling. By doing an activity together, your lodge will become more united.

Please take a moment and do something for the future. Then write down your memory and share it with all of us by writing the Sokol Times and telling us about your event and try to include pictures. We all can make a difference and remember it all starts with your lodge.

Nazdar!  
Jennifer Moulton

**CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF SOKOL**

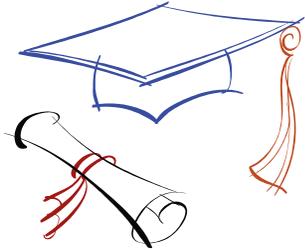
Let's get our lodges together to celebrate 150 years of Sokol. We could even invite friends to participate. Remember, "the more the merrier."

An idea of how to celebrate is to have a picnic or a party. Remember to reminisce about the good old days, talk about the present and start to make plans for the future. Or, perhaps you could host your own Slet. Create the Slet for your lodge. Make sure that all ages can participate. You could have a poker table, bean bag toss, bingo for all ages and perhaps a water game. When you send out the announcement, make sure to include the list of events. This will help to create excitement. Encourage members to bring friends and create a day to remember.

Let's celebrate yesterday and create memories for tomorrow.  
Nazdar!  
Jennifer Moulton

# Sokol Social News

## GRADUATION



Lodge 12, Central Jersey, wishes to congratulate Nicole Ragucci, Lodge 12 gymnast and Milan Getting Scholarship Recipient, on her May 2012 graduation from Duke University. Way to Go Nicole!

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Sokol's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was marked by many interesting and exciting events in Prague. The opening ceremony began with a torch light ceremony on Petrin Hill and a huge fireworks display. The next day was a huge parade of 12,000 Sokols through the streets of Prague, beginning at Wenceslaus Square and ending in the Old Town. Many people lined the streets to cheer the marchers. Many older people leaned out of their windows waving handkerchiefs.

There were also several gala performances at venues around Prague. The galas showcased many interesting things. They featured Sokol judo participants from Prague, table tennis, karate, and some Czech Olympians who were also Sokol members. There were also many amazing rhythmic gymnastic numbers at the galas and at the Slet. The Slet did not use the traditional venue of Strachov Stadium. The Slet filled the Slavia soccer stadium with thousands of eager participants and excited fans. The numbers performed were interesting, beautiful and complex. Many photos from these events will appear in the Sokol Times in the next several issues.

Additionally, there were historical displays at the Tyrsov Dum and a fascinating exhibition

at the Wallenstein Gardens. This was also the anniversary year of the assassination of the harsh Nazi governor, Reinhard Heydrich, in Prague during World War II. The exhibition showed the severity of the Nazi occupation, described how assassins were parachuted in secretly from England, and how Sokols were involved in attempting to hide the assassins after Heydrich was killed.

The celebrations also included concerts, puppet shows, gymnastic performances on mini-stages in various parts of Prague and a meeting of the World Sokol Federation.

It was encouraging to see new Sokol groups from places like St. Petersburg, Russia, attending the events. At the World Sokol Federation meeting, Sokol national leaders shared their situations and concerns. The concerns which face the World Federation members are common to all. The concerns of aging memberships and how to attract new, younger members face all the World Federation members. Many Sokol groups are trying new sports as a means of attracting new members. This was seen at the Slet in Prague when the Czech Sokol bicycle racing teams marched in their racing uniforms with their bicycles and the American Sokol



Joseph Bielecki

Organization showed its wheel program by having two large wheels join in the Slet Parade.

On a final note, on behalf of our Sokol USA memberships, I presented two gifts to the President of the Czech Sokol to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One gift was a large etched glass plate commemorating the anniversary. The other gift was the book of memories compiled by our Sokol USA organization. This was one of the most unique anniversary gifts presented to mark the anniversary.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was an exciting event. It showcased Sokol energy, spirit and values. It brought together people from all over the world, from Australia, America and Europe to share the joy, the spirit and camaraderie of the Slet. Sokol is alive and well! NAZDAR!

Joe Bielecki, President

# SOKOL 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCRAPBOOK DELIVERED!

The Scrapbook was well received. I would like to thank everyone who helped me to put the Sokol Scrapbook together. I could not have done it without: Gerald Von Schwedler, Debbie Golden, Toni Johnson, Matt Blistan, Arlene Von Schwedler, Betty Bagel, Carol McGilsky, Joanne Check and Helen Slaninka .

I was able to get pictures from the early 1900s to the present. It actually was a little overwhelming trying to get them in historical order with captions. If you would like to view the scrapbook, please e-mail me at [bielecki.moulton@gmail.com](mailto:bielecki.moulton@gmail.com). I will then send you a link to [www.Walgreens.com](http://www.Walgreens.com). You can just view the scrapbook or if you would like you can order one from [www.Walgreens.com](http://www.Walgreens.com) and either have it shipped to you or you can pick it up at your local Walgreens the same day it is ordered.

Nazdar!  
Jennifer Moulton

## Happy Birthday



Steve and Joan Kubanik, both members of Guttenberg Sokol Lodge 26 and residents of Cliffside Park, N.J., are pictured with their four great-grandchildren (from left) Tyler Sorrentino (9 years old), Liam O'Brien (5 years old), Aydan Sorrentino (6 years old) and Shannon O'Brien (7 years old). Steve Kubanik celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Special birthday wishes are being sent to Steve from Elaine, Hank, Ken, Kim, Shannon and Liam O'Brien and Judy, John, Tyler and Aydan Sorrentino.

## SOKOL USA

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East Orange, NJ 07019



### Brothers and Sisters:

Why not take a little time and check your's and your children's (if you have any) insurance coverage. Most likely, you will discover that the amount is not sufficient and you need greater coverage.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOKOL WOODLANDS REPORT

While our camp remains on the market, a few volunteers are maintaining the property and buildings. We mow and trim the lawns, keep the interiors of the buildings cleaned, and show at least some level of activity with our presence on the property. We are thankful that Walter Adamek continues to visit the camp daily and assist with details such as lawn mower repairs.

The camp phone has been disconnected; we use our cell phones when we need to make a call. To provide a few dollars of income, we have sold several items, primarily gymnastics equipment. Although we donate gas for the mowers, flowers for the entranceway, all food consumed by volunteers, and many other items, certain expenditures such as the electric bill, are unavoidable.

We have received an extremely generous anonymous donation of \$500 toward the unavoidable expenses. We are extremely grateful for the kindness of this Sokol member for including the camp in his generosity. Anyone else wishing to make a donation of any size may make it to the order of Sokol Woodlands and mail it to Treasurer Jennifer Kovac, 43 Mary St., Bordentown, NJ 08505.

Thank you in advance!

Ellen Kovac  
Member, Camp Board  
[ellenkovac@aol.com](mailto:ellenkovac@aol.com)

## Milan Getting Scholarship Recipient

### Amanda N. Micieli

I am currently going into my Junior year at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., with a major in creative writing and a minor in history. On campus, I participate in SU Dance Corps, Literature Club, Intersivity Christian Fellowship and Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. On Sundays, I sing with the student choir at the local Catholic church.

I have had a membership with Sokol Lodge 32 for many years, courtesy of my grandparents, John and Mary Backus. My family is very involved with Sokol activities. My grandparents have been members of the Sokol Lodge for many years, and my parents have recently become more involved. They recently

participated in the lodge's bowling league.

My hopes for the future are to turn my history minor into a double major and maybe go for my Master's Degree. After graduation, I plan to move to Gettysburg, Pa., to start work as a historical fiction writer, as well as travel around Europe and the United States to conduct research for my novels. I also hope to become more involved in the history of Gettysburg itself by participating in re-enactments.

I also plan on become more involved in the activities through the Sokol Hall, if not at Lodge 32, then at the lodge closest to where I move after completing my education.



Amanda N. Micieli



**Will 2012 be the year of the  
apocalypse?  
Or will it be the year you start  
walking?!?**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**University of Pittsburgh  
Pitt Student Slovak Club  
And Slovak Studies Program**

*Present the*

## Slovak Heritage Festival

**Sunday, November 4, 2012  
1-5 PM**

**University of Pittsburgh (Oakland)  
Cathedral of Learning Commons Room**

### **WANTED:**

**Vendors, Speakers, Displays,  
New Ideas, Help with Marketing**

***Consider Organizing a Bus Trip  
for your church or organization to come  
to the Festival this year.***

## XV International Sokol Slet

(Continued from Page 1) with singing, dancing, anger, confusion and a happy ending. T.J. Sokol from Praha performed the entire opera twice for the Sokol guests. The singers, dancers and orchestra were all members of T.J. Sokol. It was truly well done. They received a 10-minute standing ovation.

**Tuesday, July 3 – Rehearsals Continue:** Every participant received a Participation Pass (badge). It is worn around the neck. The Participation Pass included entry to all Slet events and free public transportation in Praha. With the pass, one can ride all buses, subways and trams. The trams are a favorite. A tram is two cars connected, running on tracks in the street and powered by electricity from wires overhead. Records for the most people riding in one car were probably set after a rehearsal or a

performance. Praha has two lines of their subway and one station where one can go up or down underground to go from one to the other. The buses travel mostly in the outer parts of town.

**Tuesday evening – The Gala:** A special Exhibition Gala was performed twice for the Sokol guests. It appears that many Sokol units in Europe are different than ours in the United States. The European units teach many other sports other than gymnastics. Some units have tennis courts, soccer fields, stadiums and swimming pools. The Gala demonstrated tumbling, vaulting, tennis, floor hockey, judo and many other performances. The program was excellent, the arena was full, but they did not have air conditioning. The Participation Pass allowed one to ride the trams, see the opera, go to the

gala and attend both performances of the Slet.

**Wednesday, July 4 – Evening:** the Slet would have two performances – Thursday at 9 p.m. and Friday at 3 p.m. For performances this large, this complicated and this magnificent, dress rehearsals are needed. This evening at 9 p.m., the entire Thursday Program was performed. No one was allowed into the stadium other than Sokols while they were performing. Security was tight. People with press passes and members of the media could enter. The performance was flawless, so the directors of the Slet could feel at ease.

**Thursday, July 5 – Morning:** The entire Friday program was rehearsed at 10 a.m. As stated previously, five numbers were in both performances. That left three numbers on Thursday and three numbers on Friday that

only were performed once. Surely, everyone would prefer to be in both performances. Once again, the performance was excellent. As you look at the pictures, you must wonder "How did they do that?"

**Thursday Evening – 9 p.m.:** The Slet began with an honor guard, flags of 17 countries and flags of individual units or organizations. As this was going on, 2,000 men and women with white tops, blue skirts or pants, and red belts silently marched into the back of the stadium. As the honor guard exited, the men and women came forward to fill the entire field. The performances are planned for the audience. The performances use color, ropes, flags, buckets, mats, hoops and tents to thrill and surprise the audience. The men and women used calisthenics and dance to move from one formation to another. It

is hard to believe that someone could plan, teach it to people from different countries and bring it all together. One number followed another. Each number as 10-15 minutes long. There were eight in each performance. The performance was about two hours long. The range in age was 3 years to the high 80s. Denmark and Slovakia had special numbers on Thursday. The Slovaks chose American music for their performances. The performance was fast and athletic. We need our youth. Tyrs would probably forgive them. With such large numbers, multiple entrances and exits were used.

**Friday, July 6 – 3 p.m.:** The final performance begins. It rained during a part of the night performance. Today it is sunny. The women in white blouses and rose colored skirts performed on (Continued on Page 8)

## Do you know where I am?

Sokol USA is trying to locate the following members. If you know the whereabouts of any of these members, please contact Headquarters at:

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Thank you.

Name	Lodge	City	State
BERDELL, FRANK	20	FORD CITY	PA
BLISTAN, MILAN	124/500	MONACA	PA
BOTOS, JOHN	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
BROWN, PATRICIA	191	CHICAGO	IL
BURAN, MILTON	158	ENDICOTT	NY
CHRISTIAN, LOUIS	219/260	CANTON	OH
COOPER, ANNA	45/130	TARENTUM	PA
DAVIS, NANCY ELAINE	93	BETHELEHEM	PA
DELICH, STEPHEN	214	PALMERTON	PA
DOCKTOR, JOHN	126/500	ELLSWORTH	PA
DULIN, ANNA	31W/254/500	ERIE	PA
DURIS, ALBERT	248	ROSSFORD	OH
EBERLY, SHIRLEY	29/500	TRENTON	NJ
ELLO, MICHAEL	248	ROSSFORD	OH
FAIX, ROBERT	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
FAKO, RUTH	W39/40	CHICAGO	IL
FITCH, LINDA	55/130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
GAJZIK, MARY	46	MCKEESPORT	PA
GALLIK, EDWARD	26	GUTTENBERG	NJ
GASPAROVIC, MATILDA	11W/46	MCKEESPORT	PA
GRAY, MARY	124W/255	LEECHBURG	PA
HABOVSKY, RAYMOND	146/103	FARRELL	PA
HEFFERNAN, IRENE	154/500	NORTH CHICAGO	IL
HENRY, JOSEPH	56/500	PHILADELPHIA	PA
HUDAK, SUSAN	268	THROOP	PA
HUTKA, AGNES	276	PITTSBURGH	PA
KILLIAN, EDWARD	248	ROSSFORD	OH
KOBULARIK, MICHAEL	46	MCKEESPORT	PA

Name	Lodge	City	State
KOJNOK, FRANK	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
KOTASEK, FRANK	273/37	WILKES BARRE	PA
KRALIK, HARRY	93	BETHELEHEM	PA
KUBILUS, ANN	19W/500	DERBY	CT
KYPTA, FRANK	26	GUTTENBERG	NJ
LISTON, ELIZABETH	68	BLAISVILLE	PA
LUKASIK, WILLIAM	315/306/114	CHICAGO	IL
LYDA, JOHN	20	FORD CITY	PA
MALINOVSKY, ANDREW	92/103	LORAIN	OH
MARIS, MICHAEL	202/115W	GARY	IN
MATTISEN, MARGARET	33W	JOHNSTOWN	CT
MCGRATH, MARGARET	159/500	ELIZABETH	NJ
MIGNOGNA, HELEN	128/130	SPRINGDALE	PA
MILLER, FRANK	269	WHITING	IN
MILLER, JOSEPH	269	WHITING	IN
MORGOVICH, JOSEPH	126/500	ELLSWORTH	PA
PECK, ROBERT	20	FORD CITY	PA
PECUS, HELEN	124W/255	MONACA	PA
PELKER, STELLA	248	ROSSFORD	OH
POSNEY, ROBERT	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
PUSKAR, JOHN	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
REHOR, ANNA	2W/1	BRIDGEPORT	CT
RESAR, GEORGE	150	RACINE	WI
ROVNAN, MARY	45/130	TARENTUM	PA
SADLON, EDWARD	30	DANBURY	CT
SCAFE, MARY	20	FORD CITY	PA
SEVICIK, ALBERT	257/260	LAKEWOOD	OH
SPECKHART, EDWARD	92/103	LORAIN	OH
STALTER, ANNA	65/32	ROCKAWAY	NJ
STEVESAND, OLGA	98/3	RACINE	WI
THEIS, WALTER	260	CLEVELAND	OH
URSIN, JOHN	28/500	DUQUESNE	PA
VASECKA, CHARLES	27/500	MASONTOWN	PA
VICIAN, LOUIS	202/W89	GARY	IN
VILK, WILLIAM	62	AMBRIDGE	PA
VOJTKO, EMERY	37	MALTBY	PA
WALCROFT, HELEN	28/500	DUQUESNE	PA
WEIGLE, GARTH	124/500	MONACA	PA
WILHELM, FRANCES	130	NEW KENSINGTON	PA
YELLEN, ROBERT	66/1	TRAVIS, S.I.	NY
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	\$705 for females		\$1,175 for females
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#### To the Sokol USA Gymnastic Fund

From Sokol Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio                      \$50.00  
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## LODGE 2 ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Lodge 2, Bridgeport, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol has continued its scholarship program for high school graduates, it was announced by Lodge President Miguel Alicea.

"In 2011, we awarded two high school students, one from Bunnell High School in Stratford, Conn., and the second from Fairfield Preparatory School in Fairfield, Conn., with \$1,000 scholarship awards. We will again offer up to two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors accepted for admission to an accredited four-year college/university who are Slovak or Carpatho-Russian descent and residents of Bridgeport, Stratford, Trumbull, Shelton or Milford, Connecticut," said Alicea.

"Criteria to be used in judging are overall merits of applicants, cumulative grade average, community activities, college acceptance, financial need and essay content," he continued.

"The essay content," said Lodge Secretary John Kamenitsky, "is somewhat unique. Rather than the usual 'why do I want this award,' we are asking the applicants to discuss the history, culture or traditions of Slovak or Carpatho-Russian heritage or stories about their ancestors in Slovakia."

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

## 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:

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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.*

**MARY RAYKOS** – (1921-2012) A member of Lodge 93, Bethlehem, PA. She is survived by her husband and children.

**GEORGE J. VASKO** – (1921-2012) A member of Lodge 93, Bethlehem, PA. He is survived by his son.

**JOSEPH LEVCIK** – (1922-2012) A member of Lodge 20, Ford City, PA. He is survived by his wife.

**MARGARET CURRIE** – (1913-2012) A member of Lodge 500, East Orange, N.J. She is survived by her daughter.

## Summer is ending

It is the hottest month of summer. (I am hoping it cools off from what it has been because I can't image it hotter!) By now, all of our lodges should have gotten together and participated in an activity as a lodge. Now we can start planning our next outing.

All your Lodge needs to do is to come together and decide what you all want to do together. Good end of the summer ideas are:

- Ice cream party – have everyone bring their favorite topping and make a sundae.
- Star gazing event – drink lemonade, make smores and find a constellation in the sky.
- Coffee clutch event – find a local restaurant and get together for coffee and a desert or maybe even breakfast.

During these events, you can even start to plan a holiday outing. Perhaps your lodge can make time to give back to the community. It is a very important to do community service and it is a good way to get our name out there. Perhaps you will find some interesting people who would like to join your lodge.

Nazdar!  
Jennifer Moulton



## XV INTERNATIONAL SOKOL SLET

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both days. There were 1,800 women on the field. They also moved from one formation to another. From ground level, it seems confusing. From the stands, it is remarkable. The women on the field have no idea how it looks from up above. One of the many surprises was the young teenagers. About 50 ran onto the field and were fooling around. A whistle blew and hundreds from all entrances and out of the first row stands ran onto the field, fell into place and performed a fast-paced, fun performance. In the large men's number, the men ended by forming a large circle in the middle of the field. They exited by running off of the field. The folk dancers wore beautiful costumes. The dance was high spirited and they also moved from one formation to another. Another favorite was a number with parents and small children. There was one parent to every six children. The parents helped with positioning, but the kids stole the show.

Friday evening was an open house at Tyrsuv Dum. The evening had more performances, singing, dances, food and beer.

