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Attending the Lodge 39/40W Spring Dinner were (seated from left) Sister Dorothy Erickson, Sister Emily Brower and Lodge Vice President Sister Millie Melka; and (standing) Lodge Secretary Sister Arlene von Schwedler, Lodge Treasurer Brother Gerald von Schwedler, Lodge President Sister Ann Marie Brinley, Brother Paul Brinley, Al Brower and Sister Debbie Golden.

## Lodge 39/40W Spring Dinner

Lodge 39/40W held their Spring Dinner on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at McCook's restaurant in McCook, Ill. Everyone ordered their favorite Slovak meal from McCook's delicious menu. All had a good time socializing and catching up on everyone's news and activities.

Longtime member and former Lodge Officer Emily Brower surprised us with the news that she will be moving to Michigan with her son, Al, and his family. Al recently retired from many years of teaching in Park Ridge, Ill. We toasted Al's retirement and Emily's new adventure. Though she will be missed, we all wish Emily well in her new home.

## Milan Getting Scholarship Recipient

### Cindy Chada

I have been involved in gymnastics since I was 5 years old. Gymnastics has always been a fun activity for me. Swinging around on the bars or balancing precariously on the balance beam, I liked to learn new tricks and show them off to my parents.

When my family and I moved to New Jersey from California, my mom signed me up for Sokol. At first, I had never heard of that organization before. My mom

assured me that I would enjoy it, and she was right. I actually enjoyed Sokol gymnastics more than the gymnastics in California. The difference between the two is that Sokol has competitions every year, while gymnastics in California was only for fun.

I remember when my mom told me she was a gymnast in Sokol once. I was so excited when I learned that I would be doing gymnastics in the same place where my mom had. I couldn't wait for the first competition to show my grandma

all that I had learned and what I was capable of doing. She loved to watch me compete. She knew that I would always try my best and, even if I didn't win a medal, I would still walk away with a smile because I knew that my grandma was still proud of me.

As I got older, I moved up from the younger girls' session to the junior session and I started to learn harder moves and longer routines. I also started to volunteer at the breakfasts and dinners that my Sokol Lodge would put on for fundraisers. I

soon realized that I enjoyed waitressing and socializing with people at the tables. Not only was the interaction with the people pleasant, the food was amazing as well. I'm sure that's one of the reason people kept coming back again and again.

My mom not only participated as a gymnast in Sokol, she also became Vice President of our Sokol Lodge and, for the past three years, she has been President. My dad also helps out with the fundraisers by filling in  
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## From the President's View

The Fourth of July is fast approaching. On the holiday, many of us will watch firework displays, others will take a long vacation and still others will fire up the grill and have a cookout. This is a high point of the summer season; a time to relax and enjoy the season.

On a deeper level, it is a time to celebrate the values of the founding fathers of this country, who fought for freedom and democracy and independence from colonial rule. At the same time, Ceska Obec Sokol will host an international Slet in Prague.

The Prague Slet will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sokol's founding. It will also celebrate the values of liberty, equality and freedom. These are similar to those celebrated here on the Fourth of July. Sokol, as conceived by its founder, Miroslav Tyrš, is much more than a sports organization. It is a holistic approach to life.

Sokol stresses a sound mind in a sound body and the development of the person as a whole being. In the days of the Habsburg Empire, Sokol stood for rights similar to those advocated by the American Revolution. It advocated basic human rights at a time of empires and emperors, when universal liberty was a dream.

It is my hope as I pack my bag to leave for Prague and the Slet, that you will have a wonderful Fourth of July and, in



Joseph Bielecki

between baseball games, picnics and fireworks, that we all recall the basis for the holiday and the great privilege we have to live in a free and open society. It is what the holiday is all about and what Sokol is based up!

I promise to return with photos of the Prague Slet for the Sokol Times and wish all of our members a very, very Happy Fourth of July!

NAZDAR!  
Joe Bielecki, President  
Sokol USA



Cindy Chada

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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.

## Milan Getting Scholarship Recipient

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wherever help is needed. He sometimes accompanies me and my mom when we attend the Sokol Slets. His family came from Czechoslovakia in the 1880s where they were all Sokol members. He says that he loves to watch me compete and try my best.

Instead of comparing myself to the other gymnasts, I compare myself to my scores from previous competitions. Whether I place first, second or even second to last, if my scores have improved and if I feel like I've done all that I could do, that feels like a win to me. Even though when I go off to college, I won't be able to continue to practice, I still plan on visiting every now and then and helping out at the fundraisers when help is needed. Sokol has become much more that gymnastics to me. I have grown close to my fellow gymnasts and instructors, and I will miss them a lot when I leave for college.

At Rutgers University, I will be studying animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. I also plan to minor in Ecology, Evolution

and Natural Resources. I'm excited as well as anxious to begin my studies in college. The work will be hard and the courses are rigorous, but I know I will be able to succeed. I currently have my sights set on becoming a veterinarian, but I also signed up for a variety of

classes. I want to get a little of everything in the case that I may change my mind and I decide to change my major. I am grateful that I have been granted the scholarship. It will really go a long way to help pay for some of my expenses.  
Nazdar!

## SUMMERTIME FOR LODGE 276, PITTSBURGH

The June 3, 2012, meeting of Lodge 276, Pittsburgh was held surely with summer in mind! July and August meetings will be withheld. Please mark those new monthly planner calendars to return on September 9, 2012, to make this year "member-friendly" again.

The Lodge 276 Sunday Picnic on August 5, 2012, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. will include Pastor J. Haeberle's church service at 11 a.m. with songs of praise. The luncheon will be catered; baked goods are always appreciated. A bingo game for all is in the wind; please bring a \$2 gift for prizes. See you at Everygreen Park!

Have a safe summer and keep well as well can be!

Nazdar!

Amelia Blistan,

Reporter for Lodge 276

## Sokol USA Golf Tournament August 4 & 5, 2012

Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA

Per person fee: \$120.00

Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> tee off at 11:15 AM

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> tee off at 8:30 AM

### Includes:

greens fees & cart for both rounds, hot dog & beverage at turn, goodie bag, buffet dinner at Your Place Pub on Saturday, 6:30 PM, trophies for winners  
Men's & Women's Callaway Scoring

**Hotel: Country Inn \$119.00**

Group Rate reserved under Sokol USA;  
hotel is less than a mile from course.

Your Place Pub is across the parking lot from the hotel.

**Registration Deadline: July 24, 2012**

To register: Send registration fee of \$120 per participant and contact information for each player (name, address, phone # & e-mail address) with check made out to Sokol USA to:  
Scott Yatchyshyn 36 Hickory Lane, Bernville, PA 19506

For additional information, contact Scott at  
[yatch66@comcast.net](mailto:yatch66@comcast.net) or 484-919-8856

**A minimum of 16 golfers is needed to hold the tournament. Please e-mail or contact Scott ASAP to let him know if you are interested. To date there are 5 interested golfers.**

# 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Sokol USA National Bowling Tournament

## A SPECIAL TIME FOR EVERYONE

I would like to thank all the Sokol bowlers who competed in the recent tournament at the Sokol Hall in Bethlehem, Pa. All the bowlers seemed to have had an enjoyable time. There were some old stories being reminisced during the competition.

I know that John Kamenitsky had a great time. It was great to see him bowl a perfect game. We were all happy to have been part of a milestone in his career as a bowler. It couldn't happen to a nicer man. It was special to share with friends.

To all the winners, congratulations. To the rest of us, we need more practice time. I hope all the bowlers enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

A big thank you to Jeff for the food and to Aaron for the extra help he gave me throughout the tournament. You can't do it without support.

I would hope to see you all in Boonton as they have graciously accepted the tournament for next year. Am looking forward to seeing you all there. Please bring a friend and sign him or her up as a Sokol.

Nazdar  
Sonny Feral

Men's Teams – Actual			
Team	Score	Place	Award
Palmerton 2	2,254	First	\$80
Boonton	2,164	Bye	
Palmerton 1	2,128	Bye	
Bethlehem 2	2,098	Second	\$60
Bethlehem 1	1,980		

Men's Teams – Handicap			
Team	Score	Place	Award
Palmerton 1	2,707	First	\$120
Palmerton 2	2,704	Bye	
Boonton	2,581	Second	\$90
Bethlehem 2	2,494		
Bethlehem 1	2,391		

Women's Team			
Actual	Boonton	1 <sup>st</sup> – 1,540	\$80
Handicap	Boonton	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2,365	\$120

Individual Prizes			
Men			
John Kamenitsky	High Triple	761	
John Kamenitsky	High Single	300	
Women			
Rosemary Lynch	High Triple	473	
Rosemary Lynch	High Single	182	

Men's Single – Actual			
Player	Score	Place	Award
Ben George	627	Bye	
Aaron Smith	613	First	\$40
Al Penas	606	Bye	
John Kamenitsky	577	Bye	
Ron Kotash	563	Second	\$30
Jeff Schaeffer	557	Third	\$20
Don Forslund	544		
Dale Green	541		
Leon George	529		
Sonny Fertal	517		
John Leary	513		
Cary Smith	499		
Babe Turek	482		
Marty Trgala	480		
Mike Micielli	478		
John Backus	454		
Jeff Richter	411		
Jiim Chada	376		

Men's Doubles – Actual			
Team	Score	Place	Award
John Leary & Sonny Fertal	1,170	Bye	
Marty Trgala & Mike Micielli	1,138	First	\$80
Dale Green & Jeff Schaeffer	1,136	Second	\$60
Cary Smith & Aaron Smith	1,115	Third	\$40
Babe Turek & Ron Kotash	1,076		
John Backus & John Kamenitsky	1,063		
Dave Berger & Jerry Periera	1,008		
Jeff Richter & Al Penas	978		
Ben George & Leon George	976		
Jody Sterling & Ed Shigo	952		
Jim Chada & Don Forslund	927		

Men's Doubles - Handicap			
Team	Score	Place	Award
John Leary & Sonny Fertal	1,344	First	\$120
Babe Turek & Ron Kotash	1,313	Second	\$90
John Backus & John Kamenitsky	1,312	Third	\$60
Marty Trgala & Mike Micielli	1,306		
Dale Green & Jeff Schaeffer	1,301		
Dave Berger & Jerry Periera	1,299		
Ben George & Leon George	1,264		
Cary Smith & Aaron Smith	1,256		
Jody Sterling & Ed Shigo	1,237		
Jeff Richter & Al Penas	1,233		
Jim Chada & Don Forslund	1,215		

Women's Doubles – Actual			
Team	Score	Place	Award
Linda Micielli & Judy Bindas	854	Bye	
Rosemary Lynch & Alison Chada	820	First	\$80
Mary Backus & Helen Kobryn	774		

Women's Doubles – Handicap			
Team	Score	Place	Award
Linda Micielli & Judy Bindas	1,322	First	\$120
Rosemary Lynch & Alison Chada	1,237		
Mary Backus & Helen Kobryn	1,152		

Men's All Events – Actual			
Player	Scores	Place	Award
John Kamenitsky	622-577-761=1,960	Bye	
Jeff Schaeffer	631-557-612=1,800	First	\$20
Aaron Smith	599-613-539=1,751	Second	\$15
Al Penas	555-606-577=1,738	Third	\$10
Ron Kotash	547-563-577=1,687		
Leon George	549-529-607=1,685		
John Leary	569-513-598=1,680		
Mike Micielli	627-478-563=1,668		
Sonny Fertal	601-517-537=1,655		
Dale Green	505-541-602=1,648		
Babe Turek	529-482-613=1,624		
Cary Smith	516-499-508=1,523		
Ben George	427-627-417-1,417		
Marty Trgala	511-480-405=1,396		
John Backus	441-454-435=1,330		
Jeff Richter	423-411-474=1,308		

Women's All Events – Actual			
Player	Scores	Place	Award
Helen Kobryn	374-446-415=1,235	First	\$20
Mary Backus	400-394-390=1,184		
Linda Micielli	392-411-348=1,151		

Women's All Events – Handicap			
Player	Scores	Place	Award
Linda Micielli	656-675-612=1,943	First	\$30
Mary Backus	604-598-594=1,796		
Helen Kobryn	548-620-589=1,757		

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## 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovak Day Planned for July 19

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday, July 19, 2012, at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. It is a day for Slovaks to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities and foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build 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 who come together to recognize all people of Slovak heritage in a day of fun and entertainment. Slovak Day was established in 1923 to recognize and preserve the Slovak heritage in Western Pennsylvania. Kennywood Park became synonymous with this annual gathering 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 native language, socialize with friends, dance and sing the traditional favorites while enjoying the rich heritage they brought to this area. This event supports non-profit Slovak organizations of Western Pennsylvania such as 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.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the concelebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" at 4 p.m. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be Reverend Edward Litavec, along with several Slovak Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses. The Liturgical Music will be provided by Rev. 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 PAS Jr. and Maly Ensembles. Also, strolling musicians will perform throughout the picnic area, playing and singing everyone's favorite songs.

Slovak Day Activities at Kennywood Park will overflow with music, food, dancing, displays, and children's activities beginning 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 the homemade favorite - ceregi. Enjoy this delicious dinner or a la 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, visitors will be able to see an exhibit on "Popluska," the Slovak Cinderella, prepared by the PAS Jr. 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 our younger ones. 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 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovak Day funfest, one can sit back and enjoy the music or grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music by the George Batyi Ensemble in front of the Main Stage directly after the main program.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 19, 2012, in Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$23 for general admission, \$13 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 \$9 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



The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will reopen during a gala weekend celebration on July 14 and 15.

## NCSML to Reopen with Two-Day Festival

With just a few days remaining until the grand opening of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, officials announced the details of an exciting, fun-filled two-day festival to celebrate the new museum and library on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15.

"We are throwing a big party for the people of Cedar Rapids and Iowa, along with members, friends and Czech and Slovaks across the country," said President/CEO Gail Naughton. "We want to come together to celebrate our grand recovery and remember and rejoice in what we have accomplished in just four years, one month and one day since the flood."

The opening will include the premiere of three new exhibitions, including the blockbuster "Alphonse Mucha: Inspirations of Art Nouveau" that will continue through Dec. 31 and "Weird & Wonderful: Award Winning Art for Children's Books," an exhibit from Slovakia featuring 73 Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB) award-winning children's book illustrators from around the world. The colorful, whimsical artworks, which will charm the young and young-at-heart, will be on display through Oct. 7. For the third new exhibit, textiles that were damaged in the 2008 flood will return to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Painstakingly restored at the Chicago Conservation Center, richly embellished folk costumes (*kroje*), scarves, ritual cloths and household linens will star again in the exhibit "It All Comes Out in the Wash."

"When the flood hit, we thought we might lose the immigrant home and watch it float down the river in pieces. But surprisingly, the 130-plus-year-old structure survived intact, in part due to the solid construction and strong plaster walls, but I suspect in most part due to the skill of the builders so many years ago," said Naughton. The home where five generations of

the Sleger family lived has always been a favorite among visitors. In the fall of 2011, the Sleger home was moved closer to the expanded building and completely restored to the 1900 time period.

Along with touring the exhibits and the building, visitors may listen to several speakers inside Heritage Hall including John Mucha, grandson of Alphonse Mucha; Tomoko Sato, curator at the Mucha Foundation; artist Sonya Darrow of LadyFits discussing folk dresses; Vít Hořej of the Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre of New York, and Jerry Patzward discussing the history of Staropramen, a Czech beer. Films about Mucha and the building's monumental move will be showing in the new theater.

On the terrace, Babi's Bakery, sponsored by the National Czech & Slovak Museum Guild, will sell *koláče* and other ethnic baked items. For youngsters, a creation station will begin at noon in the new classroom. Children of all ages may create a variety of make-and-take crafts.

On Saturday, outdoors on the museum grounds, visitors will find a host of entertainment and cultural activities. The concert stage will present the "Czech Plus Band" and the "Craig Erickson Band" featuring Natalie Brown, followed by the headline event, "Caravan of Thieves" from Connecticut at 7 p.m.

The outdoor amphitheatre will feature six authentic folk dance troupes from throughout the Midwest. Visitors will enjoy a hog roast with all the fixings, plus beer, water and soft drinks, all of which will be available for purchase. A grand finale of the evening will be a colorful, custom-designed, illuminated video covering the entire front of the building beginning at 9:45 p.m. Created by Matthew Kluber and John Richard, with technical support from Sound Concepts of Cedar Rapids, this original show set to the music of Smetana will celebrate the renewal of this

important cultural landmark with images, text, light, color and sound. The title of the work is "Nesmírnost" (Czech and Slovak for immensity), for the immensity of the flood and the immensity of the spirit, determination and effort to rebuild and renew the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

On Sunday, activities begin with a building blessing featuring clergy from six area churches that have been historically associated with the Czech and Slovak heritage of the city. Attendees are encouraged to bring a flower to place near the building and, after the blessing, guests may take a different flower home. The day continues with Babi's Bakery, creation station for children, ice cream social, children's activity tent and a food and beverage tent featuring hot sandwiches. Bohemian swing vocalist and musician George Grossman of Orlando, Fla., will perform on the concert stage.

The day's highlight event will be two performances of "The White Doe" by the Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre at 1 and 3 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Based out of New York City, this theater group performed at the first grand opening in 1995. Two foot colorful puppets will entertain both youngsters and adults alike. At 5 p.m. the festival and museum close.

### Large Scale Illuminated Video Culminates Saturday Activities

A large-scale video projection set to music will illuminate the front of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 14. The video will celebrate the renewal of this important cultural landmark with images, text, light, color and sound. Titled, "Nesmírnost" (the Czech and Slovak word for immensity), the work represents the immensity of the flood and the immensity of the spirit, determination and effort to rebuild and renew the

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### IS YOUR FAMILY COVERED?

Insurance coverage for all family members is an essential part of personal financial planning. Don't put off taking care of this responsibility.

See your lodge Financial Secretary or call Sokol Headquarters toll free at 1-888-253-0362 for additional information or membership applications.

## M.C.T. SEMI- ANNUAL APRIL MEETING

Nazdar to all in attendance at the MCT Semi-Annual Meeting on April 29, 2012. It was a meeting to be thankful for, because as districts we will continue to hold onto our Slovak language and traditions. We hope our young people will continue in the same vein.

President Matt M. Blistan Sr. welcomed the attending members, officers and delegates to the District M.C.T. Meeting. Sister Patricia Blistan, District Secretary, read the October 2011 meeting minutes. Sister Carolyn Coleman presented the financial report of the district. Both reports were accepted by the attending delegates. The latest lodge reports were given by delegates.

President Joseph Bielecki gave an update on the membership outlook for the future. Can we survive? Are we large enough in membership? What is each of us doing to bring in a new member? A brighter future is ours if we work for it.

The next 2013 Sokol USA convention is scheduled for July 28, 2013 in Bethlehem, Pa. The next District M.C.T. Meeting is reserved for October 28, 2012, in New Kensington, Pa. Mark your calendars.

Nazdar!  
Amelia Blistan  
Reporter for M.C.T. District



The coaching staff at Sokol Farrell includes (from left) Suzi Murcko, Tammie Rotz, Bibiana Murcko and Sarah Goda.

## Sokol Farrell Welcomes New Instructor

Tammie (Rotz) Franken was a top level gymnast and has been teaching gymnastics, dance and cheerleading for 30 years to children of all ages. She has earned the respect of elite coaches around the United States. Her relationship to our Director, Brother Stephen Banjak, goes back to her attending, as a student, his gymnastic camps at Sokol Camp in New Kensington, Pa., and at Slippery Rock University.

Tammie started her coaching career at the age of 18 by directing the gymnastic program at the Girls Buhl Club and at the Penn State Shenango Campus in Sharon, Pa. Later, she moved to Ohio, where she coached at various elite gymnastic clubs until she opened Richland Sports Academy, Inc. in 1986. Over her 30-year coaching career, she has developed thousands of athletes, many of whom received college scholarships and won state and national titles. Her stellar coaching career and reputation has earned her many honors and awards.

Her main objective as a coach is to teach excellent technique in a safe and progressive atmosphere. She is "safety certified" by USA Gymnastics, the governing body of the sport of gymnastics in the United States. Tammie is also a licensed Dental Hygienist in Pennsylvania and Ohio. She is married to Bruce and has two daughters, Jordyn, 25, and Jolynn, 5. Jolynn has already begun working in our gym and looks like a future Sokol champion.

Tammie has already taken over the main teaching responsibilities in the gymnasium. The remainder of the teaching staff includes: Bibiana Murcko and Sarah Goda, both Sokol National Champions in Level 4, 2008 and 2010 respectively; Suzi Murcko, and Director/Professor Emeritus Stephen Banjak, Men's Varsity Gymnastic Coach at Slippery Rock University from 1968 to 1987 and inducted in the SRU Sports Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Mercer County (Pa.) Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

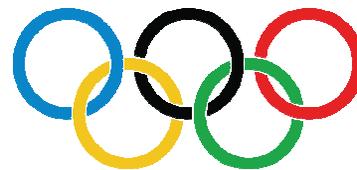
## Sokol Social News



### BIRTH

Aaron and Tara Hanson celebrated the birth of their son, Lincoln Scott Hanson, on April 11, 2012. He was 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Linda and Dennis Beach of Valparaiso, Ind., who are also members of Sokol USA Lodge 12, and Karen and Dick Vogel of Scottsdale, Ariz. Great-grandmother is Bess Babuska of Tampa, Fla., who is also a member of Sokol USA Lodge 12. In addition, other aunts, uncles and cousins are Sokol members.



## THE 2012 OLYMPICS ARE APPROACHING!

The world will be watching the 2012 Olympic Games, held this summer in London – will you? NBC and their affiliate stations will be airing 26 sports featured in the Games from July 27 through August 12. The Artistic gymnasts are competing from July 28 to August 7. Artistic gymnastics will be followed by Rhythmic gymnastics and Trampoline competitions. Check your local listings or go to [www.NBCOlympics.com](http://www.NBCOlympics.com) for the complete schedule.

There are numerous ways to get your Lodge and its members involved in the Olympic festivities. The Olympic spirit is contagious, especially within a physical fitness organization such as ours. Please consider these great ideas:

- Have an Olympics party. If your hall has a TV, invite everyone to watch the Games together!
- Keep track of our country's medal count – make huge posters!
- Write letters to the Olympians – wish them luck and let them know they've inspired and motivated you!
- Have a "Make your own Mascot" contest. Wenlock and Mandeville, the mascots for the 2012 London Games, are bizarre one-eyed creations – what will your members design?
- Make "Good Luck" and "U.S.A." signs and post them outside your gym. These signs are a great way to advertise your Sokol programs as well, so don't forget to include your gym's contact information.

## MUSEUM & LIBRARY TO REOPEN

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museum and library.

"We didn't want to do a round of fireworks just 10 days after Independence Day, so the idea of a giant light show on the entire face of the building was much more exciting to us," said Diana Baculis, marketing and communications director.

Matthew Kluber and John Richard created the video, with technical support from Sound Concepts of Cedar Rapids. Richard, a native of Iowa City, began his career as a photojournalist and has now shifted his focus toward film and video production. His work has appeared in numerous publications including Slate.com, USA Today, The Washington Post and ESPN. He is currently working in collaboration with UNESCO and the University of Iowa to produce a documentary about the history of literature in Iowa City.

Matthew Kluber has exhibited his paintings/projections, films, and drawings at galleries and museums including the Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai, China; FOCUS09/Art Basel, Switzerland; the Micro Museum, Brooklyn; Klein Art Works, Chicago; Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City; the Austin Museum of Art, Texas; the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Michigan; the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha; and the Des Moines Art Center. He holds a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and a MFA from the University of Iowa. He is a fifth generation Cedar Rapiidian of Czech heritage; he lives in Cedar Rapids and is an associate professor of art at Grinnell College.

## CELEBRATE SOKOL'S HISTORY

Let's get our lodges together to celebrate 150years 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.

## PLAN A SUMMER ACTIVITY

Lodges, it is time for a change. Let's try something new with some old friends and perhaps we will be able to meet and make some new friends at the same time. It will be easy. All you need is to pick a date and decided on an activity. Then make sure all your lodge members are informed and tell them to bring a friend that is not currently involved with Sokol.

What can you do? Have a picnic. It is one of the easiest activities to set up. Break out responsibilities to Lodge members. Find a location, decide on food, and don't forget about activities and games.

Make sure the games can cover a large age range. That way everyone will become involved with each other. You can also tell everyone to bring a "white elephant" prize for the winners on the games. Start the picnic off with an ice breaker. This will allow people to meet someone new. There are many good ideas for activities and games at a picnic. A few examples are: bingo, bubbles, keep away and an obstacle course.

It is time for us all to be more involved. Let's make some changes for our future. Sokol USA is only as strong as the members who participate.

Nazdar!  
Jennifer Moulton



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

## Sokol Healthy Heart Walking Club

Benefits include:

Reducing your stress level      Lowering your risk of heart disease  
Controlling your weight      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 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Apt. 9A**  
**NY, 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!

## 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.*

# 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Sokol USA National Bowling Tournament

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Women's Single – Actual			
Player	Score	Place	Award
Judy Bindas	453	First	\$40
Helen Kobryn	446	Second	\$20
Rosemary Lynch	425		
Linda Micielli	411		
Alison Chada	404		
Mary Backus	394		

Men's Single – Handicap			
Player	Score	Place	Award
Ben George	798	First	\$60
Al Penas	687	Second	\$45
John Kamenitsky	670-tie	Third	\$15
Dale Green	670-tie	Third	\$15
Don Forslund	652		
Leon George	646		
Aaron Smith	646		
Ron Kotash	644		
Babe Turek	638		
John Leary	621		
Marty Trgala	615		
Mike Micielli	611		
John Backus	610		
Cary Smith	607		
Jeff Schaeffer	593		
Jeff Richter	585		
Sonny Fertal	583		
Jiim Chada	556		

Men's All Events - Handicap			
Player	Scores	Place	Award
John Kamenitsky	715-670-854=2,239	First	\$30
Leon George	666-646-724=2,036	Second	\$22.50
Dale Green	634-670-731=2,035	Third	\$15
Ben George	598-798-588=1,984		
Al Penas	636-687-658=1,981		
Babe Turek	685-638-613=1,936		
Jeff Schaeffer	667-593-648=1,908		
John Leary	677-621-598=1,896		
Sonny Fertal	667-583-603=1,853		
Aaron Smith	632-646-572=1,850		
Ron Kotash	628-644-577=1,849		
Cary Smith	624-607-616=1,847		
Jeff Richter	597-585-648=1,830		
Marty Trgala	646-615-540=1,801		
John Backus	597-610-591=1,798		
Mike Micielli	660-511-596=1,767		

Women's Single – Handicap			
Player	Score	Place	Award
Linda Micielli	675	First	\$60
Judy Bindas	657	Bye	
Alison Chada	647	Second	\$30
Helen Kobryn	620		
Rosemary Lynch	599		
Mary Backus	598		

## 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.

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.

Jennifer Moulton

[www.SokolUSA.org](http://www.SokolUSA.org)

## SHARE YOUR FAMILY EVENTS WITH YOUR "SOKOL FAMILY"

*The Sokol Times Social Page is a great 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](mailto:SOKOLUSAHQ@aol.com)

### ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES



NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOMETOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOKOL LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 YEARS MARRIED (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

### BIRTHDAYS



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOMETOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOKOL LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

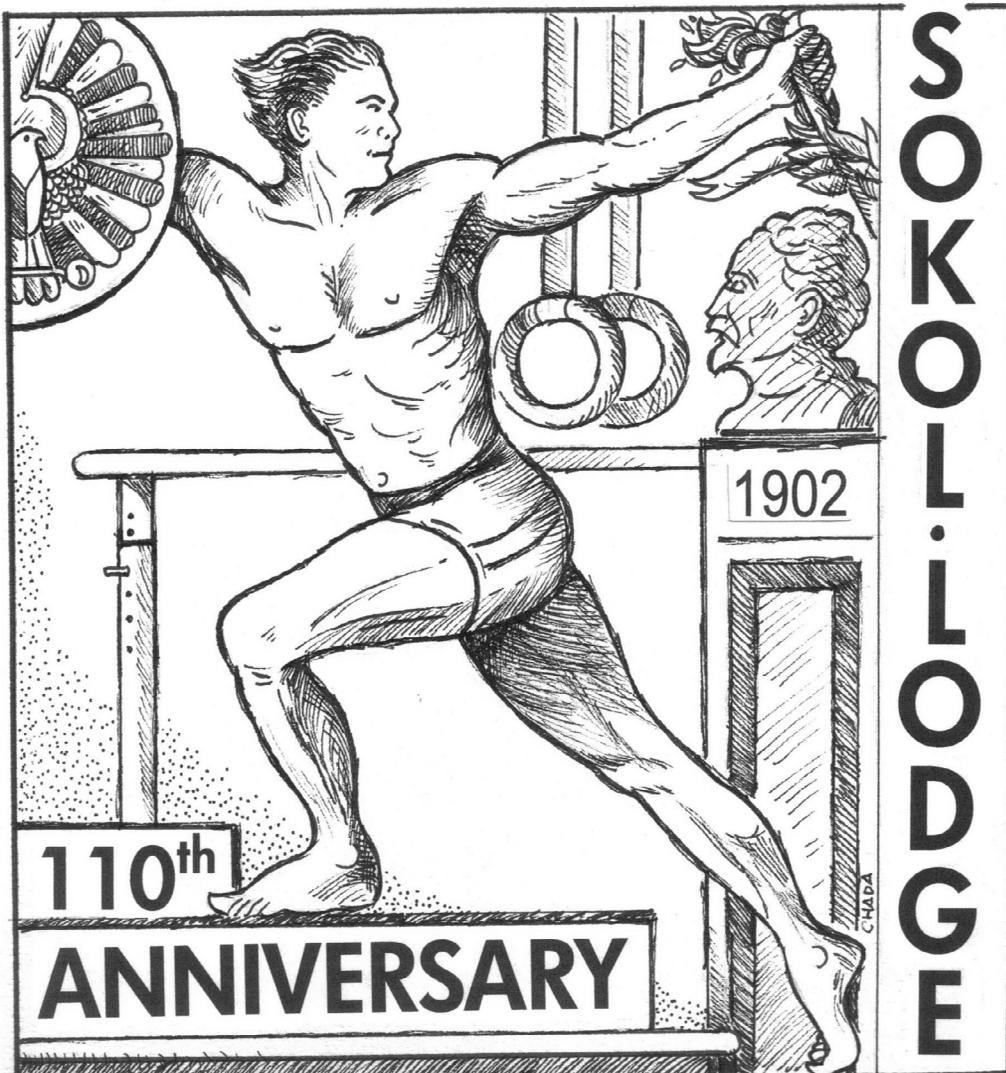
### PROMOTIONS, HONOR ROLLS & OTHER EVENTS



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.

# BOONTON, NEW JERSEY



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS FROM:**

Alison Chada: President, Julie Deffler: Vice-President, Ed Bohon: Treasurer, Joan Ustupski: Secretary, Judy Bindas: Financial Officer, Irene Karoly: Juvenile Chairperson, Eric Skovronek: Director of Men's Gymnastics, Patricia Ritz: Director of Women's Gymnastics, Laurie Harvey, Kim Mazzi: Directors of Cheerleading

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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."

"We hope to encourage the applicants to study the history, customs and traditions of their forefathers in Slovakia," he concluded.

Applications were sent to all high schools and churches in the area and are available from the Lodge at [jkamenitsky@snet.net](mailto:jkamenitsky@snet.net).

### NOTICE

**SOKOL USA  
LODGE 30 OF DANBURY, CT  
& LODGE 32 OF BOONTON, NJ  
ARE HAVING  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS  
THIS YEAR.**

*Please watch for details  
in the coming issues  
of the Sokol Times.*

### SPONSOR A GYMNAST

**Sponsor a Gymnast** is a program designed to encourage parents to enroll their children in Sokol USA by purchasing a Single Premium Life Insurance Policy. Since this type of insurance policy is a significant financial investment, the goal of the program is to provide a one-time sponsorship for the yearly gymnastics fee, which is an added expense in excess of the cost of the policy.

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.

Selling a Single Premium Life Insurance Policy is a great advantage for Sokol USA. It makes the child a member for life, whether or not the child continues to participate in the gymnastics program. It also allows Sokol USA to invest funds more quickly when the total payment is made at the time of purchase.

This program is the perfect opportunity for you to show your Sokol Spirit by welcoming a new lifelong Sokol member to our family by making a contribution of \$85.00 to the Sokol USA "Sponsor a Gymnast" Fund. As funds become available, gymnastically active lodges will be notified and sponsorships will be divided equally among gyms with candidates interested in purchasing Single Premium Life Insurance Policies.

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.

Checks can be mailed to: Sponsor a Gymnast  
Sokol USA  
P.O. Box 189  
East Orange, NJ 07019-0189

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We mourn the loss of  
former Sokol USA Vice President

**MARY RAYKOS**  
1921 - 2012

**Our condolences to Brother George Raykos  
and Family**

### 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.*

**ARNOLD GOZORA** - (1924-2012) A member of Lodge 17, Perth Amboy, N.J. He is survived by his wife.

**LEONA KONDRK** - (1927-2012) A member of Lodge 30W, Allentown, Pa. She is survived by her husband.

**LEONA ZIMMER** - (1920-2012) A member of Lodge 248, Rossford, Ohio. She is survived by her niece.

**ELSIE M. KOZAR** - (1923-2012) A member of Lodge 130, New Kensington, Pa. She is survived by her nephew.

**HELEN NOVAK** - (1917-2012) A member of Lodge 6W, Perth Amboy, N.J. She is survived by her daughter

**ROSE ANN NELSON** - (1922-2012) A member of Lodge 20, Ford City Pa. She is survived by her granddaughters.