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GYMNASTICS REPORT

We are still registering kids for gymnastics and tumbling. Our Season began September 11, 2023. Gymnastics/Pool is hosting our first **SOKOL FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21 10AM-3PM!**

- **Bounce Obstacle Course \$1 entry fee.**
- **Free Trunk or Treat lots of Candy**
- **Hay ride \$1 a ride!**
- **Kitchen will be open with tasty treats for sale.**

By night we will have the SPOOKY POOL PARTY (look to pool section for details)

If anyone would like to donate Candy, time to work at the ticket booth, or a candy booth, or kitchen please reach out to Joanna, Judi, Jennifer, Benny, Michelle, David, Joni, or come by Club Room or gym! Candy donation box is in the clubroom by the door!

Our first raffle is the 50/50 to be given away at our Sokol Christmas Market Nov. 18 at 2 pm!
Vendor spots still available reach out to Jennifer sokolkhbvenders@gmail.com.

POOL

We officially put heaters on in the pool September 21. We have water aerobics, lap swims, and regular swims. **Water aerobics will be \$5 a class**

Must be a silver or gold member to access, participate, or to rent the pool!

We have openings in October for pool rentals.

SPOOKY POOL PARTY

Time: 6-10

Price: \$7 Members; \$10 nonmembers (open to the public this night only!);

Come swim and enjoy being scared. We will have spooky music and scary people on sight.



VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Adult Volleyball free play is Wednesday 7:30 till around 10. Must be 17 for these teams! A one-time \$50 insurance fee per season and adult has to have a gold membership with Sokol and that is \$65 and then every January dues of \$65 are due

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, and swim passes - email me at inoplis80@gmail.com, come to the pool when open, or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!

Thank you
Joanna Wilson
Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager/Pool Manager Sokol KHB Ennis
Southern District Women's Director



Educational Director's Report

October 8 -- Sokol Memorial Day

Each year the Czech Sokols commemorate October 8 as the reminder of the tragic events in the organization's history during the Hitler Nazi regime. On the night of October 7, 1941, the "Sokol Action" was launched by a decree of Nazi Reinhard Heydrich, acting Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia. The decree's orders were to arrest and subsequently deport Sokol representatives to concentration camps and to paralyze the organization's resistance activity. On that day hundreds of Sokol members were arrested, the organization was dissolved, and its property was confiscated.

Throughout the Second World War, Sokol was among the most prominent sources of resistance. Over 3,000 Sokol members were executed during the Nazi totalitarian regime and another 8,000 were imprisoned.

In addition to physical fitness, the Sokol ideal embraced the founding of an independent Czechoslovakian nation rooted in freedom for the Czechs and Slovaks during the Austro-Hungarian Empire before World War I. So, it was natural for the Czech Sokols to rebel against the Nazis in the days before and during World War II.

During 2018, the Civic Democratic Party of the Czech Republic proposed the inclusion of Sokol Memorial Day (Pamatny den Sokolstva) as an "Important Day" of the Czech Republic. In January 2019, the Senate of the Czech Republic approved October 8th to be recognized as Sokol Memorial Day. President Milos Zeman signed this legislation.

At the October 22, 2019 Executive Board meeting of American Sokol, a motion was approved that American Sokol will observe Sokol Memorial Day. We share our roots with Sokols and together we will always remember October 8 with Sokols around the world.

At present, the World Sokol Organization represents 13 Sokol organizations from 18 countries worldwide.

Na Zdar! Sister Liz Moucka Krajca -- Educational Director, Sokol KHB Ennis

DONATIONS

Sokol Ennis always appreciates donations to our organization, whether they be "In Memory" of a deceased member, or simply because you are able to help continue the Sokol mission. We have different areas, or accounts, where your donation can be applied. Therefore, it would be helpful to let us know in a note accompanying your donation, how you wish us to apply your generosity.

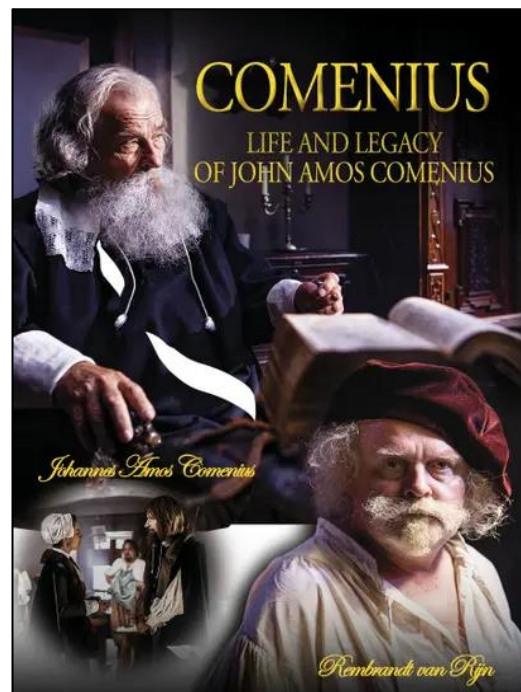
- General Fund (operations, dues support, etc.)
- Building Fund (improvements, maintenance, etc.)
- Scholarship Fund
- Swimming pool
- Gymnastics
- Museum – Education

Monthly Czech Movie & Social October 5th

The next Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, October 5th in the Clubroom. Doors open 5pm. Accordion music by David Slovak at 6pm. The featured film is "Comenius" at 7pm.

About the film: The Czech film Comenius is dedicated to Jan Amos Komensky, who lives in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, in a time of hatred between Catholics and Protestants. He is not only a pedagogue, but also a writer, scientist, philosopher, theologian, bishop of the Czech Brotherhood and lives a spiritually ascetic life. He is under strong impressions of Francis Bacon, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Pestalozzi, Jan Huss. Komensky is an example with his life of everything that is spiritual, sublime, but also of the suffering and the humane.

Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles, onion rings, bread pretzels, tater tots & snacks available for purchase at bar. Non-smoking event (smoking allowed on patio). Czech Movie & Social occurs monthly normally on the first Thursday by the Ellis County Czech Heritage Society. All Sokol members welcome.



Czech & Slovak Heritage Day October 15th at Sokol Dallas

The annual Czech & Slovak Heritage Day hosted by the American Czech Culture Society (ACCS) will take place Oct. 15, 12pm-6pm at Sokol Dallas, 7448 Green Ave. Admission is \$10 per person (ages 16 & under free). Music by Dallas Czech Orchestra, Czech and Then Some, and Laddie Gajdica Jam Session. Czech Beseda Dancers will also perform. Other features include Sokol History Showcase, Vendors, Czech Christmas Store, Childrens Activities, Raffle, Ice Cream Truck, Jump House, Photo Booth, Kolaches, Barbeque and more.

Monthly Members Meeting October 18th & November 15th

Our next monthly members meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 7pm in the Dining Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Sokol values your interest & welcomes your involvement in the organization. There are many opportunities for youth & adult members to be involved. Involving the entire family in volunteer activities addresses the benefits of youth volunteering while utilizing the volunteer resource of adults with children. Sokol encourages parents and their children to volunteer together! Members are also encouraged to provide feedback & offer ideas on Sokol's educational, physical, cultural, & social programs & activities. Members Meetings occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

OCTOBER IS CZECH HERITAGE MONTH!

In 1982 the Texas Legislature declared the month of October as Czech Heritage Month

Fall Fest & Chicken Fried Steak Feast October 21st

Sokol Ennis will be having a Fall Fest on Saturday, October 21st 10am-3pm. There will be Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Hayride, Games, Swimming & more! Later in the evening we will be selling Chicken Fried Steak plates (includes mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, dessert & tea) in the Dining Room (back east entrance) 5pm until 7:30pm (or while supplies last). Carry-outs available. \$13 a plate. There will also be live music in the Clubroom by John Homesley & The Rub at 7pm (www.johnandtherub.com). No cover charge. Doors open 5pm.



Sunday Dinner & Dance November 5th

The Sokol Kitchen will be selling Beef Tips & Rice plates on Sunday, Nov 5th 11am–2pm (or while supplies last). Carry-outs available. Price per plate TBD. Also listen & dance to Czech & Then Some band 12pm-3pm. The event will be in the main hall (front entrance). Free admission (donations welcome). Doors open 11am. Afterwards is Dallas Cowboys Watch Party in the Clubroom (game 3:25).

Sunday Football Watch Parties Nov 5th, Nov 12th & Dec 17th

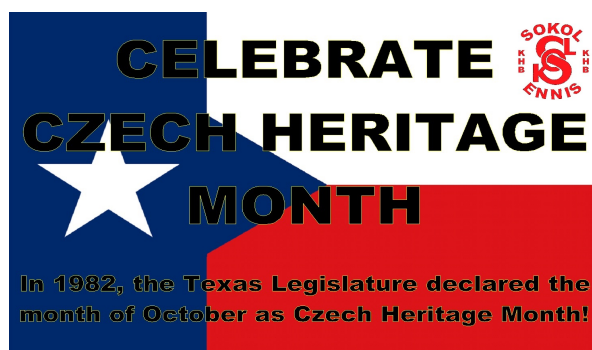
The Clubroom will be open Sundays Nov 5, Nov 12 & Dec 17 for Dallas Cowboys games. Doors open 2pm. Game at 3:25pm. Food will be provided. Bring a covered dish if you like. Spin-the Wheel drink specials. No smoking (allowed on patio). Flat screens & sound system in Clubroom & on patio.

Christmas Market November 18th

Mark your calendars for the Sokol Ennis Christmas Market Nov 18th 9am-4pm in the main hall. More details later (Check the website www.sokolennis.com). For vendor registration & info, email sokolkhbvenders@gmail.com.

Annual Members Day December 2nd

Mark your calendars for Sokol Ennis' annual Members Day event Saturday, Dec 2nd 10am-5pm (Annual meeting & elections, luncheon, member awards, gymnastics, Santa & Christmas social).



CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 5 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: “Comenius” 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
- Oct 18 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
- Oct 21 Sokol Ennis Fall Fest - Outdoor/Indoor 10am
- Oct 21 Chicken Fried Steak Feast - Dining Rm 5pm / John Homesley & The Rub - Clubroom 7pm
- Nov 2 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
- Nov 5 Dinner & Dance - Main Hall 11am-3pm / Music by Czech & Then Some 12pm
- Nov 5 Dallas Cowboys Watch Party - Clubroom 2pm / Game 3:25pm
- Nov 12 Dallas Cowboys Watch Party - Clubroom 2pm / Game 3:25pm
- Nov 15 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
- Nov 18 Christmas Market - Main Hall 9am-4pm / Black Friday 50/50 Raffle Drawing - 2pm
- Dec 2 Annual Members Day / Christmas Celebration - Main Hall 10am
- Dec 14 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
- Dec 17 Dallas Cowboys Watch Party - Clubroom 2pm / Game 3:25pm
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Dance - Main Hall 8pm / Music by The Moravians

Email any ideas for fundraisers & social events to the Ways & Means Committee at fundraising@sokolennis.com

Join Sokol Ennis Members Group on Facebook to get upcoming event notices & other info



WORRY LESS!!!!!! SMILE MORE!!!!!!

October / November Member Birthdays

October			November		
1	Smith	Chelsea	1	Alferez	Alejandro
1	Lanicek	Wesley	1	Hernandez	Lezlee
1	Morales	Trenton	1	Zollinger	Jason
1	Block	Marilee	1	Matous	Joseph
1	Liska	Russell	3	Liska	Michael
2	Kalat	Patti	3	Barak	Lindsey
3	Haskovec	Edwin	4	Arevalo	Kala
3	Markham	Joann	4	Gonzalez	Shelly
3	Soroka	Tommy	6	Morales- Martinek	Calleigh
5	Jackson	Chelcee	6	Coile	Riza
5	Ozomy	Patricia	6	Hinton	Mariah
7	Pouzar	Lily	7	Butler	Laurie
8	Almond	Kalea	8	Green	Caitlin
9	Langer	Emily	9	Bouska	Loraine
9	Larson	Nancy	9	Erisman	Robert
9	McGuire	Johna	9	Trickett	Benjamin
9	Carrillo	Arthur	10	Crook	Jill
10	Huddle	Jennifer	10	Corral	Cesar
11	Liska	David	11	Lenz	Aaron
12	Liska	Kyle	12	Matus	Wilma
12	Slovak	Anna	13	Erwin	Wilson
13	Liska	Nannette	14	Valek	Jerry
15	Valek	Matt	15	Martinez	Maria
15	Hickman	Michael	15	Martinez	Ezekiel
16	Korthauer	Nicole	15	Zapletal	Andrew
16	Hernandez	Joel	15	Clark	Brian
17	Mikel	Steven	16	Patlan	Jessica
18	Slovak	Jennifer	17	Anderson	Sami
19	Valek	Benny	17	Reeve	Chip
19	Maus	Laura	18	McElroy	Greg
20	Frossard	Dianne	19	Cerda	Abigail Rodriguez
20	Houdek	David	19	Betik	Thomas
21	Matus	Harry	21	Cruz	Anita
22	Turner	Cheyenne	22	Boon	Laura
25	Hernandez	Raul	23	Spurgeon	Lisa
25	Houdek	Jim	23	Tompkins	Jan

October		
26	French	Shelli
27	Morales	Georgie
27	Wilson	Joanna
28	Laznovsky	Lori
28	Slovacek	Timothy
28	Vondra	Barbara
29	Blake	Kathleen
30	Burris	Agnes
31	Contreras	Jose

November		
24	Johnson	Wyatt
25	Elleven III	Charles
25	Vasquez	Chelsea
27	Avila	Jose & Alma
27	Ondrusek	Rusty
27	Barak	Marita
27	Bragg	Connie
28	Elleven	Raymond
28	Rodriguez	Trinity
30	Elleven	James

SOKOL ENNIS BLACK FRIDAY 50/50 RAFFLE



\$1.00 PER TICKET

**For Tickets: 972-921-1962 or
fundraising@sokolennis.com
or at Sokol Ennis Swimming Pool**

**Drawing: November 21, 2023
Just in time for Black Friday shopping!
Need not be present to win**

Proceeds benefit swimming, gymnastics & volleyball

Visit sokolennis.com & follow us on Facebook - Sokol Activity Center - 2622 E Hwy 34, Ennis TX



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- A.A. MILNE

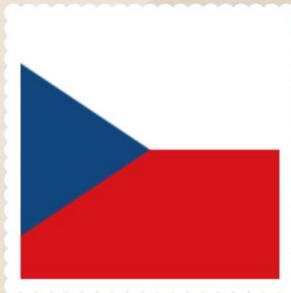
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Wear Kroj. Bring instruments for the jam session.

For more information, contact - Bob Podhrasky eventinfo@sokoldallas.org
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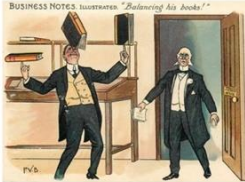
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