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From the Editor...

The Roaring Twenties. An era full of prosperity, culture, technological advances, women's rights, self-expression and surrealism. A decade of growth and progression. We can only hope the 2020s will provide as much grandeur and as they did 100 years ago.

With your continued support, American Sokol is on point to reach new heights in this new decade on many levels. Won't you join us in this endeavor by actively participating either in presence, by volunteering, donating or directing a fundraiser in your unit? Ask any of your unit officials how you can help. Let's make the *NEW Roaring Twenties* a decade to remember! #OneSokol NAZDAR!



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The Presidential Address

The Sokol Eye – Sokolským Okem

Jean Hruby – President

“This is ... 2020!” It is so much fun to say twenty-twenty! Think of all the things 2020 brings to mind and what 2020 will bring for you this year. Saying 2020 leads me to think of my own vision and seeing clearly, 20/20 hindsight and 20/20 vision into the future. I think of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, 20th Century Fox, the Roaring '20s, \$20 bucks, 20 winks, Top 20 list, being 20 years old (oh, the joy to be that young again), the Twentieth Century, Matchbox 20 (the band), NHL plays three 20 minute periods, 2020 is a leap year (an extra day) and 20 questions. So which one of these phrases brings a memory or thought to you? What lies ahead for Sokol in 2020?

We are entering a new decade and have the opportunity to make a new mark on the year 2020. Although it is a quiet year, we still have a lot of things to look forward to as an organization. This year American Sokol is busy working on strengthening our National Boards and setting goals to continue improving operations. Our National Slet Committee in the Central District is steadfast in their efforts preparing for the 2021 Slet in the Chicagoland area that promises to be a blast!

A representative from the National Czech Museum will be visiting the National Office in May to assess the audio recordings we have in our archives. Filip Šír has been working on a project for the Czech National Archives to document ‘sounds’ of the Czech people. Our own archives host some historic film and sounds, which will contribute to this project. This is an amazing opportunity for all of our members to share any Czech recordings they have saved over the years. Do you have any records or recordings that have speeches or performances related to Czech people? Do you have any films with sounds of Czech performances? If there are some unique recordings that are in your own personal archives please let us know. We will host a lecture one of the evenings that he is in town. Please stay tuned for more information on this event.

In June, we will have representation at the Sokol Slovenia Slet and World Sokol Federation Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Two of us will attend and look forward to promoting our 2021 Slet here in the USA. Also, on June 5th, the Sokol KHB member polka band, Czech and Then Some, will be traveling through Chicago, sharing their Sokol talent at a local Sokol Hall. The Zeplatal Family has been pursuing a stop in Chicago for a long time and I am so glad we are finally making it happen.

This summer, we are organizing a trip to Wilber, NE for the Czech Days Festival at the end of July where we will participate in the parade, market our 2021 Slet and enjoy the festivities along with our Sokol Wilber and Sokol Crete members. We hope that many of you will join us at this huge cultural festival.

Thanks to all of the support from you, our members, our very first American Sokol Straž, Honor Guard Training will take place in 2020! Sokol Tabor (Berwyn, IL) will be host to the weekend of training. We are very excited that two members of the Czech Sokol Straž will be traveling in to kick-off our first camp that will take place in the fall. In 2019 I had the opportunity to meet with these two men, discussed the regiment and even had a special private tour of the Prague Castle. Both of these men are also members of the Castle Guard, which provides protection to the castle as well as members of the government. Yes, these are the same guards you see standing at attention in front of the castle. We are honored to have these Sokol men join us and provide their professional services to us.

Our National Board of Instructors is hosting The National Instructor School at Sokol KHB in Ennis, Texas, June 28-July 12 and the National Development Conference is planned for March 4 at Sokol Greater Cleveland.

There has also been an outpouring of interest for a Wine Tour along with attending an authentic Hody Festival in Czech Republic. So we are exploring this idea for the Labor Day Weekend. This trip would be promoted to Sokols and anyone outside the organization.

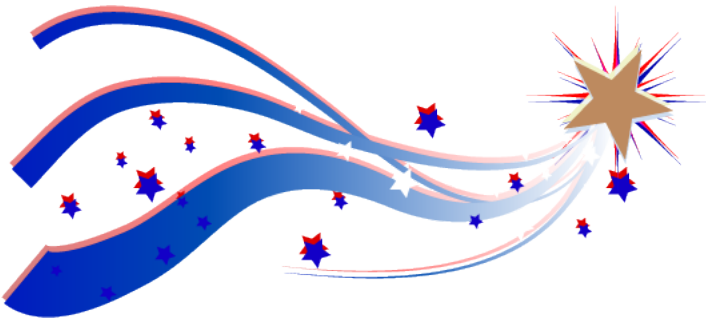
There is no better New Year's Resolution, than to make a choice to help Sokol in 2020. Whether you donate time or money, or simply participate in events, it is valued by all of us. Let us have 20/20 vision this year, have a Roaring '20s time, extend the 20 minute period and make a moment last a little longer, get an extra 20 winks when needed, maybe donate 20 bucks to a good Sokol cause, enjoy that extra day this 2020 leap year as if you are 20 years old again, listen to a Matchbox 20 song, and watch *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. I have a great feeling that come 2021, our 20/20 hindsight will declare the year 2020 one year to remember!

Ať žije Sokol! ~ Long Live Sokol!

Nazdar!

Jean Hruby

President



RISING STAR

JOHN STANKO

submitted by Dan Bajek, Sokol Naperville Tyrns



Congratulations to Bro. John Stanko from Sokol Tabor of the Central District for being named American Sokol Rising Star for the months of January and February!

John began Sokol at three years old as a participant in Tots class at Sokol Tabor. His grandma and grandpa on his mom's side lived in Cicero, IL and had their children join Sokol which included his mother, uncle, and aunts. His father is also a Sokol member and his parents met through this organization. As he grew older, John stayed with Sokol through 1st class boys, 2nd class boys, and junior boys. He remained very active in Central District events by often competing in Track and Field, Volleyball, Cal and Marching, Special Number, Gymnastics competitions, and Skills Clinics as well as participating in district and national Slets. John served on the Junior Board in his unit during high school and assisted with coaching Tots. He attended Riverside Brookfield High School in Brookfield, IL and graduated in May 2018.

John attended the National Instructors School for four years to enhance his coaching/leadership skills and involvement in Sokol. He went to Kurz in 2015 at Sokol Spirit, 2016 at Sokol KHB, 2017 at Sokol Cedar Rapids, and 2018 at Sokol Greater Cleveland. He was on staff as an Instructor In Training in 2019 at Sokol Spirit. The school had a big impact on John in preparing him to be a successful adult today. As a student, he learned spotting, progressions for various skills, leadership, and patience. As an Instructor In Training, he learned the importance of collaborating with fellow staff, how to give large group

instruction, and how to get through the "grind" of teaching many classes in a short period of time. John shows interest in being on staff again at the National Instructors School in the future.

Currently, John works for UPS. He recently attended Triton Community College in River Grove, IL for his general education classes and Associate Degree in Music. He is taking a break from school at the moment, but aims to finish at Triton and transfer to a university to obtain a degree in Music Technology. His dream job is to create music for artists that they would purchase and make songs with him.

John's favorite Sokol memory was winning the volleyball tournament at the 2019 Buffalo Slet with the Sokol Tabor team. His greatest Sokol accomplishment was finishing Kurz his Advanced II year and being part of the group who composed the Junior Cal called "Every Time You Start Me Up" which will be used at the 2021 Chicago Slet. His life changing Sokol moment was meeting Megan Pech from Sokol Greater Cleveland at the 2015 Chicago Kurz. Soon after this moment, they started dating and have been in a relationship for the past four years. John possesses a bright future in his career and Sokol. Expect him to do great things someday in the district and national levels of our organization. I wish him the best of luck as he goes through college to achieve his goals!



The Sokol Educator

from The National Education Committee

Sharing Historical Events in January and February

January-

1, 1860 First publication in Czech printed in America

1, 1862 Jindřich Vaníček was born, outstanding Sokol leader and Director of Czech Sokol from 1892-1926. He organized the Sokol resistance and helped develop the Czech Army.

1, 1871 First issue of Sokol, physical culture revue, published in Prague, edited by Miroslav Tyrš

1, 1917 Founding in America of the Sokol Society, now known as the Americká Obec Sokolská (American Sokol Organization), created by merging the National Sokol Union and the District Fuego-Tyrš

7, 1990 Re-establishment of ČOS (Československá Obec Sokolská)

8, 1918 President Woodrow Wilson presented to Congress, the 14 points of his military and peace program. His action hastened the end of the First World War.

10, 1879 First issue of "Sokol Americký" published in Chicago, Illinois

13, 1464 Bohemia and Moravia joined in perpetual union by royal decree of King George of Poděbrady, Bohemia

February-

2, 1908 Meeting held in Prague for the purpose of founding the Alliance of Slavonic Sokol

12, 1917 Election of the first executive committee of the American Sokol Society in Chicago

14, 1865 The first Sokol gymnastic society founded under the name "Spolek Sokol" in St. Louis, Missouri, with a membership of 65, which increased to 100 by April 4th.

16, 1862 The first Sokol unit held its first mass meeting in Prague. Founded by Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fuego.

25, 1948 Communist party seizes government power of Czechoslovakia by force.

26, 1908 The Union of Slav Sokols was founded. Josef Scheiner was the first president.

28, 1882 The University at Prague was divided into a Czech and a German university.

29, 1864 Birth of Josef Svatopluk Machar, Czech poet and author, called "The Nation's Conscience"

Submitted by Sue Bares



Library and Archives Preserving Sokol History

Matching Challenge Fundraiser

We want to thank the two districts, five units, 30 members and friends, and two supporting organizations that have donated to the American Sokol Library and Archives Matching Challenge Fundraiser thus far. Their support is acknowledged in this publication on pages 9-10. As of December 20, 2019, the contribution tally is \$6,800.00. The cover images are some highlights of the items that we are cataloging, digitizing, and then working to preserve and share on our website: <https://americansokol.pastperfectonline.com/>

Our Vast Collection

There are thousands of slides and photos of individuals and events representing our Sokol history. These include Slets, competitions, officers, conferences and conventions. There are also numerous newspaper clippings and articles reporting the significance of Sokol and its activities in the community. Our collection includes letters, proclamations, and commendations from dignitaries and other organizations. Some examples of these are a letter from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and a proclamation on National Sokol Day from President Richard Nixon. We have a Community Leader Award from the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, a certificate of appreciation from the American Museum of Immigration for our service to the unity of American people, and the Award of Excellence for promoting and preserving Czech history and heritage to name a few.

There are hundreds of posters, postcards, and program booklets from International, National, and District Slets. There are also numerous commemorative souvenirs, trophies, medals, and plaques from these events. We have an extensive collection in our library. There are books in Czech and English. There are biographies of well-known individuals in the field of gymnastics and Sokol history. The library has many technical manuals, songbooks, novels, poetry books, folk tales, and illustrative books of cultural places and traditions. This is only a snapshot of the American Sokol Library and Archives. We are so fortunate that others had the foresight to save these items.

I hope you will join this list of supporters. As a reminder, you can **Double your Donation Dollars** by supporting the **Matching Fundraising Challenge** for the American Sokol Library and Archives. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, each dollar donated will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. Please consider a donation at one of the following levels:

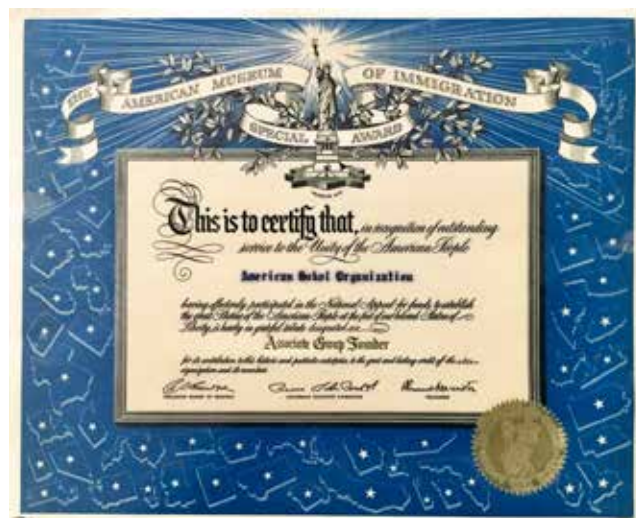
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The members of Sokol Cedar Rapids would like to thank the National Sokol for the three grants. We used them on our new building signage, building lights and gym equipment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Nazdar,
Allene Pease
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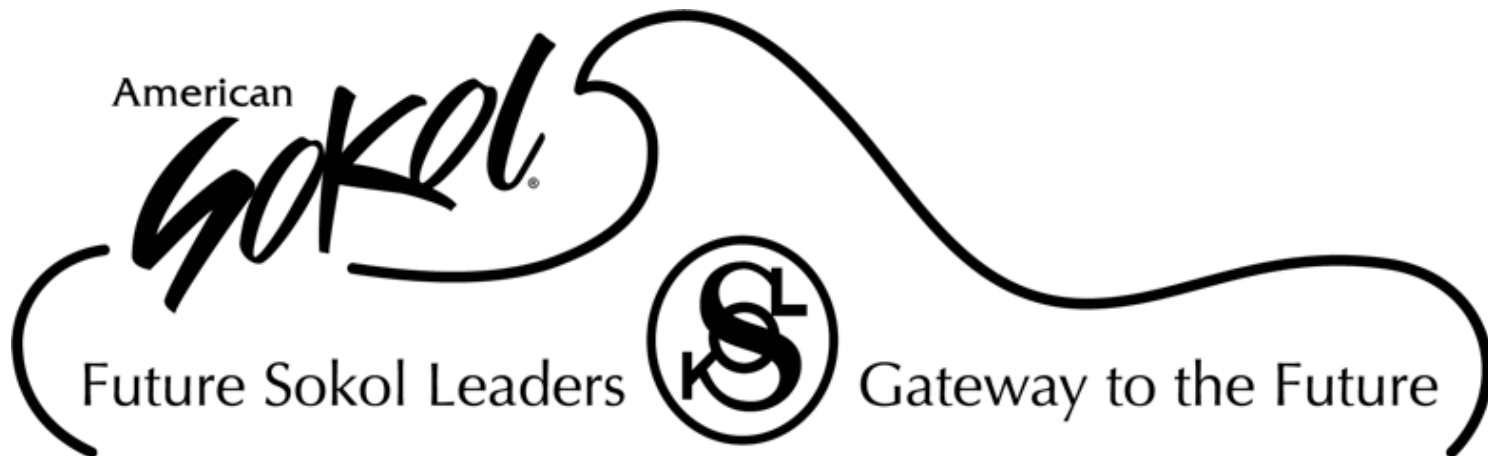


Frank R. Wiedemann

fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church on January 2, 2020 at the age of 97. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine Wiedemann (nee Weber); dearest mother of Jeanne (Tom) Fluri and Dr. Thomas (Sherre)

Wiedemann; dear brother of Del (Al) Skubic and the late Mary (Paul) Kordsmeier; dear grandfather of Robert (Erica) Wiedemann, Dr. Leah Wiedemann and Mariam Fluri; dear great-grandfather of Kai and Aiya Wiedemann and uncle. He was honored as a WW2 Navy Veteran as a Radioman 3rd Class. Bob's lifelong career at Union Pacific Railroad (formerly Missouri Pacific Railroad), in addition cared for his beloved wife, Lorraine when she was sick. Years ago, he would bartend on Saturday nights at the Sokol St. Louis Hall for parties held for wedding receptions. He also helped renovate and maintain the Sokol Camp in Imperial, MO.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight.



Sisters Maryann Fiordelis, 2nd Vice President, Administrator of the Future Sokol Leaders Fund, Lead Risk Management Committee; and Meribeth Tooke, Foundation Director

THANK YOU to all who generously supported the kick-off to the fundraising program to endow the Future Sokol Leaders and Gateway to the Future funds by coming forward during the kickoff period surrounding the GIVING DAY, December 3rd. Giving Day is an international non-profit fundraising program where corporations, like American Sokol, can come together through social media and raise needed funds to run their programs and events. It is the business goal of the American Sokol Foundation through 2022 to fundraise for both funds until they reach the endowment level. Therefore, as a presence on Facebook, etc. the campaign will be moving forward by our Public Relations/Marketing Director Caleb Conrad in 2020. The Foundation Committee's plan is to host another Giving Day in 2020 while putting in place access and reminders of giving to these two worthy funds through the website donation page at <https://american-sokol.org/donate/> or by sending your contribution to 9126 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513. Please note if this is to honor or in memory of someone, note the address where to acknowledge properly the donation. Should you wish to look at "planned" giving, please contact the Foundation Director at mktooke830@gmail.com or foundation@american-sokol.org. All Foundation Committee activities are proposed through planning and decisions by the committee brought to the Executive Board via a business plan for approvals.

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND was started in the 1960s and has been instrumental in funding and assisting the Board of Instructor's goals for events and programming. The student Merit Awards program is funded by FSLF as well as the basic annual fund for Instructor's School. School Board meetings, School Staff meetings to update curriculum, assistance with Instructors School fees, collaboration with outside organization with same ideals such as Polish Falcons Youth Leadership Conferences and Camps, preserving historical artifacts and/or updating old style videos to digital, and publishing original Sokol works in English was also supported. Close to \$20,000 is utilized annually from this budget. The endowment goal is \$500,000.

The Gateway to the Future Fund started as a capital development program during the 150th anniversary of the American Sokol and through wise funding use, a development program called "The 150 Club", the program developed into internal grants for units and districts. Over \$50,729 has been given to 20 different units since 2016 with 50 applications evaluated by the foundation committee during that time. The program now has a rhythm with announcement in January, applications due by April, decisions by May, announcement and contract by June and cashed released, September status report and December 15th finish. Among the different items funded are new kitchen floors, flood and hurricane damage, roof leaks, updated sound equipment, lighting to LED for efficiency, structural evaluations, new special needs gym programming, updated gym equipment including mats, uneven bars, tot equipment, storage, entrance doors and risers, old window replacements, ancient plumbing updates, signage, and much, much more. The program continues to allow the units and districts to annually review building, programming, and administrative problems and visualizing updating goals for membership while helping in fundraising targets or historical renovation. About \$10,000 is utilized annually from this budget. Endowment goal \$250,000.

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American Sokol Instructors School

June 28 - July 12, 2020

**Hosted by: Sokol KHB
Ennis, TX**

**Levels: Beginner, Intermediate
Advanced, Advanced II**



**Minimum
Age - 13**

School Fee:

Beginner: \$375.00 for American Sokol Youth Members Early Bird Discount - Postmarked by May 9
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\$475.00 Postmarked May 10 - June 5
\$500.00 Late fee - Postmarked after June 6

Intermediate: \$405.00 for American Sokol Youth Members Early Bird Discount - Postmarked by May 9
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\$505.00 Postmarked May 10 - June 5
\$530.00 Late fee - Postmarked after June 6

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Advanced II \$470.00 for Adults or Other Sokol Organizations Early Bird Discount - Postmarked by May 9
\$520.00 Postmarked May 10 - June 5
\$545.00 Late fee - Postmarked after June 6

For additional or immediate information contact:

Jane Wise 216-642-1429 or hjwise@sbcglobal.net

***Applications available from Unit and District Directors
and the American Sokol website.***

American Sokol National Merit Award

This is an award being offered to members since 1975 paid by the American Sokol Future Sokol Leaders Fund. The Merit Award is designed to assist American Sokol Members in their pursuit of higher education. This is for any member of the organization planning on going full time to an accredited two-year or four-year college or university. Applicants for this award need not be limited to those who just recently graduated from high school. The application process gets announced in the January/February publication of American Sokol stating how an applicant can receive an application. All forms can be downloaded from the National website with information, deadlines and all requirements. Application and all required components must be received by April 1st. This award can be applied for an unlimited number of times but can be received only once.

2020 MERIT AWARD

The American Sokol Merit Award is being administered by the National Educational Committee and is now accepting applications for the 2020 Merit Awards. Eligible students are those who are planning a full time (at least 12 hours per semester or equivalent) course program in an accredited two-year or four-year college/university or who are already participating in such a course of study. The amount to be awarded is \$1,000.00 per student. There are no merit award renewals. Applicants may apply for any year of their studies, not just freshman year.

The selections are made by the American Sokol Educational Committee and then approved by the American Sokol Executive Board. The committee will consider the following criteria in selecting the candidates for their recommendation to the Executive Board:

- a. Cultural and Educational Activities – Ethnic schools and activities, dance groups. Theater, presentations to Sokol classes or other groups on Sokol history, traditions, or other topics.
- b. Unit participation- unit membership, volunteerism, and community events to promote your Sokol unit at the local level.
- c. District and National Participation- district and national activity in clinics, slets, competitions, courses, committees, or other activities to promote your Sokol district and American Sokol.
- d. Board of Instruction Participation at the unit level- gym class participation, gym class instructor or assistant, participation in clinics, slets, or competitions, and camps.
- e. Community and Extracurricular Activities- Scouts, Civic organizations, service projects, and volunteer opportunities.
- f. Personal Essay
- g. Overall Leadership- Letter of recommendation from either the Unit President, Unit Educational Director, or Unit Physical Director.

Applications can be downloaded from the American Sokol web site. www.American-Sokol.org. Click on home and scroll down to National Merit Award.

Completed application, essay, wallet size photo, and letter of recommendation must be received by the American Sokol Award Committee, 9126 Ogden Ave. Brookfield ILL 60513-1943 or emailed to ASO@American –Sokol.org by April 1st of the application year

Assistance with the application process can be obtained by contacting your district or unit educational director

SAFESPORT UPDATE

In 2019 there were 12 units, with a total of 75 people, who have taken and been approved for payment for their SafeSport training. We hope this trend continues on into the New Year.

For 2020, we will be processing reimbursements on a quarterly basis. Due dates for sending in the paperwork for SafeSport Training will be March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. In order for a unit to be reimbursed, it needs to send in not only the SafeSport Trained certificates, but also the new reimbursement form including the approval by the Unit President.



Near the end of 2019, the American Sokol Executive Board voted that our leaders at all levels (Unit, District, and National Executive Boards) will be required to complete this training. Our SafeSport Protocol requires not only the SafeSport training, but a valid background check is also required. We feel it is very important that all our leaders are SafeSport trained.

The Risk Management Team is currently looking at companies that can provide background checks at a reasonable cost for us to recommend. As of now these background checks would not be reimbursed. Information on these companies will be coming shortly.

If you have any questions about our SafeSport training, please contact me at mfiordelis@yahoo.com.

Nazdar,
Maryann Fiordelis
Risk Management Team Lead



Victor Hurych Remembered **April 19, 1924 - November 28, 2019**

Sokol Detroit has lost a true mentor and friend, and our condolences go out to the family of Victor Hurych Sr. Victor was born on April 19, 1924, to John and Josephine Hurych (Prochaskova), in Detroit Michigan. Both of his parents were immigrants from Czechoslovakia in the early 1900s. He was preceded in death by his parents, his precious younger sister Marjorie, and his beautiful wife, Mary Frances.

Victor started in the gym in 1930 as the child of a Sokol family. He became a member in 1943, and at 20 years old he became a member of the Board of Directors in 1944. At that time all the meetings were held in Czech. He was the secretary of the BOD for more than 10 years, and the Treasurer for many more.

He opened the Camp clubroom after WWII and was the camp caretaker from 1948-1950. He was the President of Sokol Detroit in 1966 and 1967. He signed the mortgage papers for the \$125,000.00 loan from the Slovak Gymnastic Union for the construction of the Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights, and was President again in 1972 and 1973 for the mortgage burning ceremony. During the years of 1968, '69, '70, and '71, he was the 1st and 2nd Vice-President and a delegate to the ASO convention. Victor did all of this while working, raising a family and helping his parents. He fit the axiom – “If you need a job done, ask a busy person.”

In 1994, Victor received a Citation of Merit from the American Sokol Organization for 51 years of dedicated service. In 2002 Victor was bestowed an Honorary Life Membership of Sokol Detroit for his contributions and efforts to enrich the cultural life of the members of Sokol Detroit and the American Sokol Organization.

Sokol Detroit thanks Victor Hurych Sr. for all of his years of dedicated service with a final NAZDAR.



**APPLICATION FOR INSTRUCTOR
AT THE 2020 NATIONAL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL
JUNE 28th-July 12th AT SOKOL KHB
(Must be at least 21 years old to apply)**

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

CELL NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Member in Good Standing of (Unit/Lodge) SOKOL: _____

Social Security Number (for 1099 purposes): _____ (you may call me to share your number if you do not want it sent by email)

PREVIOUS Instructors Schools at which you taught:

Staff Position Level: _____ Location: _____ Year: _____

Instructor Schools that you Attended (as a Student):

| Where | Graduation Date |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Beginner: _____ | Month _____ Year _____ |
| Intermediate: _____ | Month _____ Year _____ |
| Advanced: _____ | Month _____ Year _____ |
| Advanced II: _____ | Month _____ Year _____ |

Sokol Teaching Experience:

Sokol Unit: _____ Class Level: _____ Dates: _____

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Outside Coaching Experience:

Gym Club: _____ Title: _____ Dates: _____

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Other Professional Experience (that would be applicable):



Are you a USAG Professional Member? YES _____ (Expiration Date) _____ NO _____

Are you USAG Safety Certified? YES _____ (Expiration date) _____ NO _____

Do you have any other USAG Certifications? YES _____ (Please list below) NO _____

Are you an AAU Professional Member? YES _____ (Expiration Date) _____ NO _____

Do you have AAU Positive Coaching Alliance Certification? YES _____ NO _____

Do you have Safe Sport Certification? YES _____ (Expiration Date) _____ NO _____

Are you CPR/First Aid Certified? YES _____ (Expiration date) _____ NO _____

For CPR/First Aid, Certified through which Organization? _____

Any other certifications that would be applicable: _____

List ANY/ALL Classes you have taught at previous National Schools or are willing to teach this year if needed:

CLASS SCHOOL LEVEL (You'd be comfortable teaching)

I understand that by submitting this application for a position on the National Instructors School Staff, I am committing to being available for the entire school, including the staff meeting the weekend prior to the start of the school. If you are travelling from out of town, this would mean arriving by Friday evening.

I further understand that submission of this application does not confirm a position on the staff.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

BEST PHONE # and EMAIL TO REACH YOU: _____

RETURN TO: dbajek38@yahoo.com

Any Questions feel free to email or call me at (708)-244-2434

Thank you for applying.

Nazdar!

Dan Bajek,
American Sokol National Instructors School Director

Chicago Daily News
June 10, 1925

Cleveland Sends 14 Teams to National Sokol Meet

Fourteen teams from Cleveland are the latest entry for the national tournament of the Sokol clubs of America, June 25-28, at Grant park stadium, according to word this morning from Kari Prchal, secretary to Senator Joseph Placek, who succeeded in getting the meet for Chicago. Detroit had one entry in the morning mail, but that is believed to be a small part of the quota the motor city will send here for the big event.

Two weeks remain before the tournament will open and the entries are not half in. Those represented thus far, however, have a greater number for each club than has been the case in any previous meet of its kind. Interest is especially keen in the team competition and some of the units in other cities, particularly St. Louis and Minneapolis, have been stressing that branch of athletics during the last year.

There will be an exhibition by 300 men and women athletes to-night in Havlicek Tyrs hall, 2619 South Lawndale avenue. Another set of games will be held Saturday afternoon at Douglas park. Last week the juniors held similar competition in which the Sokol Slavsky won. Frank Krovik of Sokol Chicago was the individual high point getter of the meet.

The hour between 10 and 11 o'clock to-night will be given over to the Sokol on the radio broadcast by station WLS. Motion-picture concerns also are planning to take reels of the tournament to show the nation at large what is accomplished in that form of festival.

The American Sokol Foundation has applied for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic annual monetary awards, and in 2019 received \$2,300 for the Gateway budget (and \$2,300 to Education-Library & Archives). However, in August, four 2020 award applications were sent for Gateway to the Future; Future Sokol Leaders Fund-Instructor's School; Education-Library & Archives curation and traveling exhibit; and the new Honor Guard program training in Spring, 2020. These awards will be announced in May, 2020. American Sokol Foundation has also written to various partners and received contributions from the Western Fraternal Life, for instance. Should you have access through your employment to programs which award nonprofits such as American Sokol financial gifts, please let the Foundation Director know.

Help make a difference for a future generation of Sokols, their programs and buildings by making a gift to either the Future Sokol Leaders Fund or Gateway to the Future Fund or both. Your support will impact students, families, Sokol units and the community. NAZDAR!

VISIT THE AMERICAN SOKOL WEBSITE AT:

<https://american-sokol.org/donate/>

AND GIVE TO ANY OF SOKOL'S WORTHY

CAUSES, INCLUDING THE

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND AND

THE GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE FUND

★ To the Contributors of the Honor Guard Program ★

The Seals were our first attempt at initiating a program our members would have direct involvement in. First, through their generous donations. Second, through sending members to the five day intense learning program at Sokol Tabor.

Some members have asked if we could change the date of the camp to fall to accommodate our many student members. It is now scheduled for **November 20-22, 2020**. Please send in your applications as soon as possible. Refer to the **November/December Publication** for the forms.

Again, thank you for your generous support to our new program.

Lynda Filipello, Honor Guard Chair • Allison Gerber, Committee Member
Teddy Polashek, IAFF Honor Guard Member



Sokol Greater Cleveland Remembers

Georgia Jencik 1937-2019



Georgia Jencik filled her life to capacity with her creativity, kindness, concern, teaching skills and her love for Sokol.

Georgia was born on June 11, 1937, to Anna and Joseph Jencik. Her father died when Georgia was a young child, so Georgia and her brother, Joe, were raised in humble surroundings. Georgia was raised in a home where only Czech was spoken. She attended kindergarten not speaking or understanding English. However, Georgia excelled in school and graduated from John Adams High School with honors. She went on to attend Western Reserve University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and then a Master of Education in Health and Physical Education.

Her first teaching assignment with the Cleveland Public Schools was at A.B. Hart Junior High, where she quickly became a favorite teacher. Her teaching career continued at South High School and John Adams, her alma mater. Georgia was known as a Master Teacher, instructing various workshops for the Cleveland physical education teachers. She initiated elective physical education classes in folk dance, gymnastics, and ballet for her students. This was so popular that 105 students were enrolled in her one folk

dance class which she taught effortlessly. Georgia retired from the Cleveland Public School System after 30 years of teaching.

Georgia was also a legend as a member and participant in Sokol. In 1950, she joined Cleveland Cech-Havlicek as a Junior Girl and was a faithful member ever since. Georgia's Sokol accomplishments, leadership, and activities are many and diverse. She participated in European Sokol Slets in France, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic.

Georgia was an apparatus instructor for the Girls, Junior Girls, and Women at Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek from 1969–1978. She was a member of the Northeast District Board of Instructors for 40 years. Georgia served as District Director of Women for four years. For 10 years, she was the Northeast District's Girls Class Director. Her gymnasts competed in AAU meets as well as Sokol competitions earning many awards.

Georgia transferred to Sokol Greater Cleveland in 1978 and taught the Greater Cleveland Women's Class for 18 years, retiring in the year 2000. During all of her Sokol teaching years, Georgia composed numerous calisthenics, along with marching and rhythmic gymnastics routines.

Georgia was also very involved in the Czech community of Cleveland. For 45 years she supported her friend, Joe Kocab, in all of his Karlin Hall activities. She typed the annual social calendar, listing all of the social activities in the Czech and Slovak communities, she was known for her elaborate decorations for holidays and events, and she helped organize numerous bus trips to many Czech festivals around the country.

Dressed in her Czech kroj, she welcomed President Ford to Karlin Hall with the traditional symbolic bread and salt welcome.

Five years ago Georgia received the diagnosis of dementia with dignity, and she accepted a different path for her life. These last five years were difficult and humbling for her. But as the falcon, the symbol of our Sokol organization, flies in the sky, on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Georgia's soul made its way to heaven. Georgia's many friends from Sokol and the Czech community thank her for all of the love and friendship she extended to them.



Mark your Calendar

Events around the American Sokol

Get your event featured! Email editor@american-sokol.org

January

- January 11** **Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance** - Sokol San Francisco, Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Francisco, CA
- January 17** **Czech Movie Night & World Beer Club** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL
- January 17-19** **CD Skills & Progression Clinic** - Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, IL
- January 25** **Beer & Bags Tournament** - Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, IL
- January 25-26** **Gold Coast Chamber Players Czech Marks** - Sokol San Francisco, East Bay, San Francisco, CA
- January 26** **Pancake Breakfast** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL
- January 26** **Vladislav Bláha Performance** - Sokol Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

February

- February 2** **Sokol Super Sunday Girl's Gymnastics Competition** - Sokol Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- February 15** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol Greater Cleveland, Garfield Heights High School, Garfield Heights, OH
- February 15** **Cal & Marching Competition** - Sokol Lodge 306, Chicago, IL
- February 16** **Czech Dinner & Bazaar** - Sokol Milwaukee, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Milwaukee, WI
- February 21** **Czech Movie Night & World Beer Club** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL
- February 23** **Masopust Celebration** - Sokol Minnesota, American Legion, St. Paul, MN

March

- March 1** **Sokol Members Swim Party** - Sokol Greater Cleveland, Seven Hills Rec, Seven Hills, OH
- March 8** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol Chicagoland, Downers Grove, IL
- March 8** **Milos Ambros Violin Concert** - Sokol San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- March 11** **Cartwheel-A-Thon Fundraiser** - Sokol Chicagoland, Downers Grove, IL
- March 14** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, IL
- March 20** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol Naperville Tyrs, Naperville, IL
- March 20** **Czech Movie Night & World Beer Club** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL
- March 21** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol United, Lyons, IL
- March 28** **Annual Exhibition** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL

April

- April 4** **GIJO Spring Into Action Meet** - Central District, Naperville Central High School, Naperville, IL
- April 17** **CD Male Gynastics Competition** - Central District, Naperville Central High School, Naperville, IL
- April 17** **Czech Movie Night & World Beer Club** - Sokol Spirit, Brookfield, IL



American Sokol Deadline

Send your submissions, articles, events and photos to editor@american-sokol.org by the 1st of the month prior to the publication issue. For example, items you want included in the March/April issue need to be submitted no later than February 1st.



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