

'18-'19 HOLIDAY

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2018 - 2019 HOLIDAY EDITION

#FEELYNGIT

Together with their families, Melyssa Erin Petkus (Sokolice Tabor) and Brian Joseph Feely wed on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The ceremony and reception were held at the Embassy Suites in Rosemont, IL. Their nuptials included a sand ceremony which expresses the coming together of two people and their families into one family. Melyssa and Brian each had a different colored sand vial and took turns pouring it into a clear monogrammed box, forming a layering effect.



After the ceremony, guests were treated to a cocktail hour with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. After the bridal party was introduced, the bride and groom cut their wedding cake, the Best Man and Matron of Honor speeches were presented, and a delicious meal and dessert was served. The newlyweds first dance was to "Grow Old With You" by Daniel Padilla. Guests danced the night away, enjoyed antics at the photo booth or played bags in the lobby! Let's give three cheers and a NAZDAR to the newlyweds!



*Father of the Bride Rich Petkus
escorting Melyssa.*



*Melyssa and her mom
Jann Petkus (Sokolice
Tabor Treasurer)*



*Sibling Photo Opp: Matt
Petkus with fiancé
Ashley Croft, Melyssa,
Brian, Megan (Matron of
Honor), Justin, Jackson
and Melina Ryan*



*Melyssa with
bridesmaids
Christina Curran
and Anna Carlozzi*



'TIS THE SEASON

Holiday Dinner & Social

On Friday, December 7th, 2018, our annual Holiday Dinner was held in the lower hall. A catered dinner from Village Pub (North Riverside, IL) was hosted by Sokol Tabor. The meal consisted of salad, mostaccioli, gigantic meatballs, tasty sausage and peppers, and chicken vesuvio with roasted potatoes. Appetizers and dessert donations were supplied by Sokolice Tabor.

During dinner, guests were treated to Sokol Tabor's Junior Jukebox. For a small donation, members of the Junior class sang classic Christmas carols such as *Jingle Bells*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *White Christmas*, plus semi-newer tunes such as *All I Want for Christmas Is You*. Guitar accompaniment was provided by Junior Girl Izzy Gutierrez. Thank you, Bro. Charlie Svestka (Jr. Boys Instructor) for putting this together.

After dinner, Sokolice Tabor conducted their annual unit meeting, annual membership recognition and confirmed slate of officers for the 2019 term. While, the Women's Unit held their annual meeting, all Tabor Men's Volleyball Teams were on our home court for Playoffs.

The evening rounded out with a holiday social and our Holiday raffle. Members donated new or gently used items. Raffle ticket donations were \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Guests had fun looking at their tickets and jumping up for a winning number to peruse the raffle table and select an item of choice.



Decorated Tree



Dinner



Dessert Table



Dining



Various table pictures featuring Sokol and Sokolice Tabor Members



Sokol Tabor Junior Jukebox



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TO ALL"

Norma Knet & Family

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM FLORIDA!"**

George Kulhanek

**"MERRY CHRISTMAS
ON THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR
OF THE FOUNDING OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA"**

1918-2018

Joan Curran

**"Maligayang Pasko at
Marigong Bagong Taon"**

**Translation: Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year in Philipino**

The Soulides Family

**"HAPPY
HOLIDAYS"**

**Colleen & John
Capodice**

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

The Kalats

**"HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS IN
2019"**

Lil Malan

"BEST WISHES IN 2019"

Julie Barcal

**"THE LORD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL SOKOL
MEMBERS. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!"**

Phyllis Gronek

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

“VESELÉ VÁNOCE A ŠŤASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK 2019”

**TRANSLATION: MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY
NEW YEAR 2019**

**Irena Polashek, Irene & Mike, Helen, Chris,
Christian & Catie Gard and Ted & Teddy Polashek**

**“Merry Christmas and
a Healthy, Happy New
Year.”**

**Juanita LoGiudice &
Family**

THE FRON FAMILY

***Ken, Lee, Ken, Alix,
Kaitlan and Tyler***

**“MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY, HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!”**

The Husak Family

**“May the Holiday season fill your home with joy,
your heart with love and your life with laughter.
Wishing good cheer throughout the New Year!”**

Christina Curran

“HAVE A ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS AND KICK BOOTY NEW YEAR!”

Julie Kaupert

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Sokolice Tabor held Annual Membership Recognition in conjunction with the Holiday Dinner and Annual Unit Meeting on Friday, December 7, 2018. Membership Director Irena Polashek presided over the presentation. We are proud to recognize these outstanding Sokol Sisters!

Membership Years	Sokol Sisters
5	Maria Alviar, Julie Barcal, Dortina Davies, Nicole Devenney, Caroline Stanko, Veronica Walinski
10	Anna Carlozzi, Margaret Klauser, Gina Scheidler
15	Sandy Cervenka, Megan Ryan, Judi Soulides, Dawn Stephens
20	Angela Hartford
30	Elizabeth Ritzenhaler, Annie Valdes
40	Irena Polashek, Norma Kmet
45	Barbara Bessinger, Val Husak
50	Julie Barcik, Marilyn Russell, Millie Wostrowsky
55	Dolores Zitek, Vlasta Kulhanek (presented at Memorial Service), Anne Battani
65	Shirley Hubbard, Vivian Navratil



Julie Barcal – 5 years



Anna Carlozzi – 10 years



Judi Soulides – 15 years



Norma Kmet – 40 years



Val Husak – 45 years

COACHING ENGAGEMENT



Saturday, September 1, 2018 was a busy day for Boys Coach John Fron and 2nd Class Girls Coach Veronica Walinski. They embarked on a new adventure and moved into their first apartment together, in the pouring rain. The two have been dating since March 31, 2011, all thanks to a little PacMan Fever, which was the Sokol Tabor Junior Class Special Number that year.

That night, they planned to meet Veronica's college best friend downtown for a double date at a Lettuce Entertain You burger restaurant. When they found out their reservations had been pushed back an hour, the two couples decided to walk through Lincoln Park Zoo right across the street. Little did Veronica know, this was all part of a plan! They stopped at the "Honeycomb" for a photo with a beautiful background of the skyline. This is where John proposed to Veronica! Her friend Savannah took pictures, while her boyfriend Matt shot video. To make this moment even more special, they did not end up having reservations at the original place. Instead, they ate at Veronica's favorite Italian restaurant in Lakeview called Saponi Trattoria, where they celebrated with a champagne toast and amazing food!

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, John and Veronica hosted a "Baby It's Cold Outside Ugly Sweater" Housewarming party at their new apartment. Many family and friends were in attendance to help warm their home with friendship and love. Let's give three cheers and a NAZDAR to the newly engaged couple!



**JOIN US ON
1/6/19**



**JOIN US ON
1/26/19**



HOLIDAY MAGIC

Tree Trim

Sokolice Tabor purchased a Community Tree Package at Brookfield Zoo for Holiday Magic. The package includes a fully lit tree, 20 complimentary General Admission Passes, 5 parking passes and a sign detailing town name and group donating and/or decorating the tree. Youth Ambassador Veronica Walinski chose the theme of "We Are Stronger Together." Each youth member made a tinfoil link to add to our chain used as garland. They also decorated small "bells" made out of red cups. Our Community Tree was decorated on Sun. November 18th.



Decorating the Tree

Sokol Tabor Tree #340



Photo Opp

Holly Jolly

As a part of this season's Holiday Magic, the Moravian Cultural Society Dancers performed at Brookfield Zoo on Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Holly Jolly Theatre. Stop by to see nightly entertainment of singers, dancers, carolers. Holiday Magic runs Saturdays and Sundays, December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and Wednesday-Monday, 26-31.



ACROSS THE POND

London Living

by Ally Mangia, Sokolice Tabor Member

In September, I started a new job with VIPKID. I now teach English online to children living in China. My company provides fun, interactive lessons for the children to improve their English. This job allowed me to spend the last three months in Cheltenham, England. While abroad, I traveled to England, Tunisia, and Wales! My time in Tunisia included beaches, a bustling capital market, and a beautiful blue village. My time in England consisted of working, spending time with my British boyfriend, and navigating their English. My time in Wales was spent celebrating the holiday season! Whenever people ask me recommendations for Europe, I also tell them to visit during the holiday season. Late November and December are the best times to visit Europe in my opinion! The whole continent is transformed into a winter wonderland filled with glistening lights, hot mulled wine, and all the German sausage you can imagine. Big cities and small towns are filled with charming Christmas markets. This year, I was fortunate enough to visit five Christmas markets! I visited my local one in Cheltenham and travelled to Manchester, Birmingham, and Bristol to visit their famous markets. My last weekend in Europe was spent in Cardiff, Wales visiting the market, eating Welsh cakes, and drinking hot cider. Even though I am back in Chicago, I am already planning my next trip around the world!



**2018 CENTRAL DISTRICT
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
FINAL STANDINGS**

**1ST Place: Sokol Tabor 1
2nd Place: Sokol United
3rd Place: Sokol Spirit 1**



**Sokolice Tabor Member
Joan Curran and her
painting "As Time Goes
By" at the Annual
Berwyn Art League
Triton College Art Show
this past November.**

O' CHRISTMAS TREES

Origin of the Christmas Tree

Published on Wikipedia.com: “Modern Christmas trees originated during the Renaissance of early modern Germany....The first recorded Christmas tree can be found on the keystone sculpture of a private home in [Turckheim](#), Alsace (then part of Germany, today France), dating 1576.”

Inspired by family and friends traveling or living around the globe, I was intrigued to see variations of the Modern Christmas tree. Hope you enjoy taking a trip around the globe as much as I did! ~Christina



*Printemps Department Store – Paris, France
Photo courtesy of Brittany Statler*



*The tree that sparked my intrigue!
Old Town Tallinn, Estonia – Christmas Market
Photo courtesy of Chris Curran*



Two trees from Brisbane, Australia

Photos courtesy of Mary Curran Brawley's granddaughter Clarice



*Craigmarloch near Cumbernauld,
Glasgow, Scotland*

*Photo courtesy of
Mary Curran Brawley
This is her daughter Brenda's tree*

O' CHRISTMAS TREES

Day vs Night



*8 Corners – Brookfield, IL
Photos courtesy of Christina Curran*



*Six Flags Great America – Gurnee, IL
Photos courtesy of Jen Surges*



*Americana – Glendale, CA
Photos courtesy of
Kaitlan Short*



*Port Orleans Hotel Lobby at
Disney World – Orlando, FL
Photo courtesy of George Kulhanek*



*City Hall – Chicago, IL
Photo courtesy of Christina Curran*



*Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall – New York, NY
Photos courtesy of Colleen Capodice*

