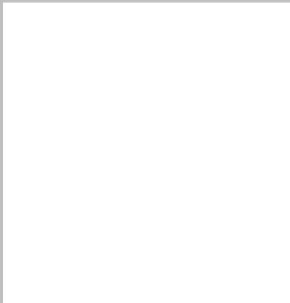
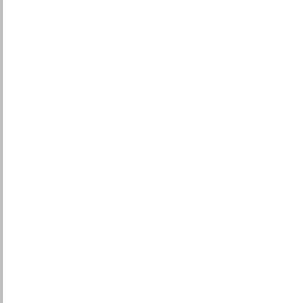


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## 2023 SPRING EDITION

### SOKOL DAY AWARDS PICNIC

The Central District Sokol Day Awards Picnic was held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Veterans Park in Lyons, IL. It was the first large gathering of the Central District since 2019.



*Central District Artistic Competitors at the Sokol Day Awards Picnic*

Attendees wore Sokol gear or anything red, white, and blue. The playground, face painting, and games with prizes were available for kids: Egg/Spoon Race, Human Ring Toss, Obstacle Course, Bean Bag Toss, and Score! Each child received a bag to take home their game prizes. Adults participated in a Scavenger Hunt, Bags Tournament, Prasky Raffle and Basket Raffle. Sokol Tabor donated a liquor themed basket and Sokolice Tabor donated a summer fun themed basket.

A fun-filled afternoon was enjoyed by all. It was great catching up with Sokol friends on a warm sunny day!

**ADULT SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Christina Curran
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Zach Pros
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ally Mangia

**BAGS TOURNAMENT WINNERS:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Place: Jeff Fron and Jefferson Willis

**Editor: Christina Curran**  
Thank you to everyone who submitted articles and photos!

**Sis. Maureen Stanko, CD 1<sup>st</sup> VP, organized Sokol Day. Let's give her three cheers and a NAZDAR on a job well done!**

**Thank you to all our Sokol Day Volunteers! Lee Fron & Juanita LoGiudice (Basket Raffle Sales), Candy Short (Prasky Raffle Sales), Zach Pros (Bags/Board Transportation) Ken Fron Jr. (Ran Bags Tournament), Ally Mangia (Kids Games), Christina Curran (Kids Games & Awards Announcer)**

Would you prefer Tabor Talk via email?  
Send your email address to:  
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Articles & photos welcome!  
Save a Tree...Pass the Word!

# SOKOL DAY AWARDS PICNIC



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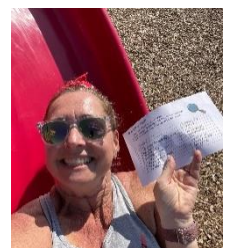
**SOKOL HAT**



**JJ AND RUSSEL PLAYING WITH BALLS**



**ALLY'S SELFIE W/CD PRES. RICH**



**CHRISTINA SLIDE DOWN SLIDE**



**ZOEY W/AWARD MEDAL AND EATING**

## SCAVENGER HUNT

1. TAKE A PICTURE OF THE ITEMS BELOW.
2. SHOW MAUREEN WHEN YOU'VE COLLECTED ALL THE ITEMS.
3. First 3 WINNERS TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE WIN A PRIZE.



✓ Sokol Hat	✓ Someone laughing
✓ Ball	✓ The letter S
✓ Selfie with the Central District President	✓ Flower
✓ Award Medal	✓ 3-person pyramid
✓ Slide down a slide	✓ Swing on a swing
✓ Something red, white and blue	✓ Bike
✓ Someone eating	✓ Pitcher's mound
✓ Sokol sign at the playground	✓ Sokol koozie or cooler
✓ Truck	✓ Restaurant sign
✓ Your reflection	✓ Friends See pics page 2!



**AMERICAN FLAG - SOMETHING RED, WHITE, & BLUE**



**SOKOL SIGN AT PLAYGROUND**



**TRUCK**



**ALLY'S REFLECTION IN JENN'S SUNGLASSES**



**TRISH LAUGHING**



**FLOWERS**



**3-PERSON PYRAMID HARLEN, ZOEY & PENELOPE**



**THE LETTER S**



**ZACH SWING ON SWING**



**BIKE**



**SOKOL KOOZIE**



**PITCHER'S MOUND**

**RESTAURANT SIGN**



# CD ARTISTIC COMPETITIONS

The Central District Artistic Gymnastic Competitions were held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Sokol Naperville-Tyrs operating out of Naperville Central High School. Sokol Tabor had seven girls compete. Congratulations to Coaches Kerry, Angela, Maureen, and Christina on a job well done!



L to R: Sophia, Zoey, Camilla, Cailynn, Ruth, Briella



Coaches Back Row L to R: Maureen, Christina, Kerry, Angela

## 2023 CENTRAL DISTRICT ARTISTIC GYMNASTIC INDIVIDUAL ALL AROUND RESULTS

(\*Medal/Trophy Winners)

### XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 6 TO 7



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Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
3*	Ruth Escobedo	8.40	8.80	8.90	9.05	35.10
8*	Briella Martinez	8.80	8.25	8.90	8.45	34.40
13T	Camilla Martinez	7.80	8.30	8.80	7.50	32.40

### XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 8 TO 9

Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
12	Cailynn Swade	8.45	8.45	8.75	8.60	34.25

### XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 10 TO 11

Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
2*	Zoey Pros	8.40	9.05	9.10	9.10	35.65
3	Sophia Wyskiel	8.90	8.40	9.25	8.60	35.15



## TEAM RESULTS

### XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 6 TO 7

Rank	Name
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place*	TABOR TEAM #1
	Ruth Escobedo
	Briella Martinez
Score	101.60



# TABOR TOTS

## THAT'S A WRAP

by Ally Mangia, Tots Coach



*Tots making silly faces at their last class on Thurs. May 18, 2023*

And that's a wrap on the Sokol Tabor Tots Spring 2023 session! The 2022 - 2023 Sokol year was my first as a coach. To be honest, I was a little hesitant to coach, but I quickly reverted back to my time as a preschool teacher and had a blast teaching our littlest Sokols this past year! Our class typically had the same schedule every week: warm up, 2 circuits, and a game to end class. Majority of our classes were tied to a theme like colors, hoops, animals, backwards, etc. My favorite theme this past session was our stuffed animal night! We invited each tot to bring one of their stuffed animal friends from home to class to help them stretch before their circuits. Each class consisted of two circuits where the Tots learned skills for floor, rings, beam, vault, and bars. Along with gymnastics skills, we focused on large motor skills, socialization, communication, and most important, having a fun time! During our last class we asked each tot what they loved most about class. No surprise here! We got a lot of answers that included the parachute and rope, as well as some classics like bars and rings. Our tots never really did perfect their relay racing skills, but that's okay, there is always next year!



*Balloon Fun!*

*Beanie Baby Fun!*

*Tot Yoga!*

# WOMAN OF THE YEAR

In May, Sister Irene Gogerty was recognized as the 2023 Sokolice Tabor Woman of the Year.

Irene started attending Tot's Class at Sokol Tabor when she was five years old and continued through Senior Class. She competed in artistic gymnastic competitions, earning many gold and silver medals.

What makes Irene's gymnastic accomplishment notable is that she is legally blind. She has been impaired for almost her entire life, having been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, since she was a child. She started walking with a cane in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has also been accompanied by furry companions.

Being able to run towards a reuther board for a vault, support oneself on an uneven bar, understand the length of a 40 x 40 for a floor ex routine and to walk on a 4" wide high beam is no easy task for someone with 20/20 vision. Irene defies the odds of being visually impaired and demonstrates she can compete on an even playing field with people who do not have a disability.

In addition to her gymnastic accomplishments, Irene completed an outstanding record at Morton East High School then went on to successfully completing a disability program at Triton College. While in High School, her Freshman and Sophomore years, she attended Special Ed classes. However, Irene was too good and too smart for Special Ed. Her Junior and Senior years, she attended regular classes with everything enlarged. She married her high school sweetheart Mike in 2011.

This year, Irene celebrates 31 years of Sokolice Tabor Membership. She was installed on July 1, 1992.

Irene's contributions to Sokol and Sokolice Tabor include:

- Assistant Coach for Tots (4 years) and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Girls (5 years); and
- A behind the scenes volunteer helping her mom Irena Polashek load/unload and carry items in/out of car into the lower hall for spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, rummage sales, exhibitions, Skills Clinics, National Instructor School, Czech beer fest, and many other fundraisers and special events.

This year, Irene volunteered at the Bargain Sale, Development Conference, attended the Memorial Garden Dedication, helped decorate our Community Tree at Brookfield Zoo, attended Annual Meeting, and is a regular attendee at our monthly unit meetings.

Irene is never at a loss for words. Is direct, frank (maybe too frank at times), and tells it to you like it is. She also has a great memory and can recall countless stories.

Irene is a proud Czech, a proud Sokol, and Sokolice Tabor Unit Member. Let us give a round of applause to Irene Gogerty, the 2023 Sokolice Tabor Woman of the Year!



*Irene Gogerty (L) with Sokolice Tabor  
President Christina Curran (R)*

# IN MEMORIAM



Sister Annette Schabowski of Berwyn, IL, American Sokol Library, Archives, and Museum Curator for over 30 years, passed away January 31, 2023. She was a dedicated Sokol member giving hundreds of hours organizing Sokol and Czech memorabilia. Her intense devotion was well known to all Sokols.

Annette was a Sokol member for 80 years beginning at Sokol Town of Lake in Chicago. She competed and performed at exhibitions and Slets, representing Sokol Tabor where she was a championship gymnast winning numerous awards.

She was drawn to the choreographed calisthenics and special numbers participating in many Sokols in the US and Europe. Annette enjoyed her travels to Europe to participate in gymnastics as a member of the American Sokol team.

Annette was a tabulator at the 1979 World Gymnastic Championship. She gained an even greater respect for the organization in 1987 when she represented the United States at the World Gymnaestrada in Heming, Denmark as a member of the American Sokol team.



LIFE photo by Miles Van Curen  
**BERWYN RESIDENTS** Annette Schabowski (at left) and Vlasta Chloupek, both of Sokol Tabor, display some of the souvenirs they collected at the Gymnaestrada exhibition held in Denmark in July. Schabowski and Chloupek were part of a nationwide contingent of 40 Sokol representatives who participated in the event.

Without Annette's intense desire and loyal devotion to record, preserve and display Sokol history, and its artifacts, the knowledge of this wonderful organization would be lost. She took over the reigns as curator in 1981 and began to organize items that our organization had accumulated. For years, Annette filed, categorized, and displayed our history, sent letters of acknowledgment to all donators, and with her artistic talent was able to repair or restore many items related to historical events. She spent many hours and weekends preparing for the move of the Library, Archives and Museum to its CSA Building in Oak Brook, Illinois. Days of categorizing and inventorying items, bubble wrapping and taping resulting in over 165 boxes for the move, not including display cases, equipment, and furniture. She retired from the National Sokol office in Feb 2016.

~Submitted by the Schabowski Family.



Now available – the Virtual Museum (it's free)

Sokol and Czech history, Slets, buildings, Sokol to America, Sokol in world wars, souvenirs and treasures, gymnastics

Link: [Sokolmuseum.org](http://Sokolmuseum.org)

### Our Vision

**“Sharing the story of Sokol’s contributions to gymnastics, culture and democracy”**

Sokol Museum and Library (SML) is a non-profit (501c3) organization providing a virtual museum and library materials for educational, cultural and historic purposes.



# ANTON CERMAK CELEBRATIONS

## 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION @ BNC

by Norma Kmet, Sokolice Tabor Member

The Masaryk Czech School held a memorial celebration for Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. It took place at Bohemian National Cemetery (BNC) on May 6, 2023. It began with a meeting at the Cermak Family Mausoleum which was open for visitors to enter and view. Speakers included Czech Consul General Kanturek, Ing Slepicka representing the City of Kladno in the Czech Republic where Anton Cermak was born, and Cermak's grandson, Anton Cermak Kerner, who gave us extensive background information about his grandfather.



Anton Cermak was born on May 9, 1873, in Kladno, Czech Republic. His family immigrated to the United States when he was a toddler. They first settled in Pilsen in Chicago, then moved to the coal mining town of Braidwood, IL which was mainly Bohemian. He grew up speaking Czech as well as English. The family moved back and forth between Chicago and Braidwood, but by the time he was thirteen years old, Anton joined his father working in the coal mines in Braidwood. He started to show his political character when he spoke up for his fellow workers who wanted a raise. He got fired for that and went back to Chicago on his own where he became involved with politics. Running as a Democrat, he became an

Illinois State Representative in 1902 and in 1931 became Chicago's 35<sup>th</sup> Mayor. In 1933, he was shot and killed by an assassin while with President Franklin Roosevelt in FL. It is still debated as to who the bullet was meant for. Officially it was said to be intended for Roosevelt, but many think the Chicago mob wanted to be rid of Cermak who supported working people and had Capone jailed for tax evasion.

After the speeches at the Mausoleum, Masaryk Czech School students sang Happy Birthday to Mayor Anton Cermak. They held up the Czech and U.S. flags, and the numbers 150. Marge Sladek Stueckman, President of Friends of BNC, gave us a brief welcoming talk and a sudden shower sent us on our way to the program inside the Crematorium/Columbarium Building.



Once settled into the Columbarium, a beautiful domed hall with paintings of various Czech organizations and their symbols, we again heard from Anton Cermak Kerner, Ing Slepicka of Kladno, and also a grand nephew of Cermak's. The Czech school children interacted with games, recitations, and songs. The musical part of the program was led by Lenka Lichtenberg from Canada. She performed many Czech, Moravian, and Slovak national songs. Lenka sang both with the children and alone. The audience happily joined in on many of the songs. Lenka had her CD's available for sale after the performance.

The memorial ended with sandwiches and dessert at the gatehouse. We left remembering that Anton Cermak was the first and only Czech mayor of Chicago, and the first and only immigrant mayor of Chicago. He supported the working class. On his death-bed, Anton told President Franklin Roosevelt, "I'm glad it was me and not you."



# ANTON CERMAK CELEBRATIONS

## CHICAGO/PRAGUE SISTER CITIES 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION by Judi Soulides, Sokolice Tabor Treasurer

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Jim and I attended the Anton Cermak (Chicago's 44<sup>th</sup> Mayor) 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration organized by the Prague Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International together with World Business Chicago (WBC).

Walking into the Chicago Cultural Center, formerly the Chicago Public Library, took my breath away. The entrance, lobby, marble staircases and the mosaic walls are just spectacular. After making our way ever so slowly up the stairs, we were greeted at the door of the main hall by Martina East, Technical and Administrative Officer at the Czech Consulate Office.

Our first few steps into the hall led us right up to Lori Lightfoot, Chicago's 56<sup>th</sup> Mayor and her spouse, Amy Eshlemen. It was very nice to have a few moments to speak with them prior to the event and introduce them to American Sokol. Mayor Lightfoot asked where Sokol was located, and I let her know where our American Sokol gyms were as well as Sokol USA. She asked what Sokol meant. I told her the translation is "Falcon" and explained how we all flock together to perform calisthenics at Slets and compete in gymnastics and various other athletic events. I also told her if she needed a suggestion for a long-deserved vacation, she might try Prague the summer of 2024 and take in the festivities. I thanked them both for their years of service to Chicago and wished them both well. We worked our way through the hall and joined Ken and Alix Fron, Bob and Kathy Barcal, and Adam and Lauren Wilt.

The Master of Ceremonies was Anel Montes Marchan, VP Global Strategic Initiatives with WBC. Anton Cermak's grandson, Anton Cermak Kerner, spoke so eloquently about his grandfather's accomplishments, words of wisdom, and several fond memories. Among the other speakers who shared more details of the life and contributions of Anton Cermak were Joe Vosicky, Chair of Prague Committee CSCI, Jaroslav Kanturek, Consul General of Czech Republic, Zdenek Slepicka, City Manager of Kladno Czech Republic (the birth town Anton Cermak), and the keynote speaker was Lori Lightfoot. Not only did she share a timeline of Cermak's political career, and declared May 9, 2023 Anton Cermak Day in the City of Chicago, she spoke passionately about the war in Ukraine, the atrocities taking place and the assistance that they so desperately need.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served during the event and music was performed by Lenka Lichtenberg, from Toronto Canada. She sang the American and Czech National Anthems at the beginning of the event and ended the event with a short performance of her music collection.



# HAPPENINGS



Left to Right: Briella Martinez, Cailynn Swade, Camilla Martinez, Eliza Perez, Sophia Wyskiel, Zoey Pros  
(Can you spot Judge Ken Fron Jr?)



Left to Right: Tre Wyskiel, Harlen Pros, Coach Zach Pros

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, the Central District held a Sham Rockin' & Rollin' Gymnastics Mini Meet at Sokol USA Lodge 306 in Chicago, IL. Sokol Tabor had eight competitors: two boys and six girls. Boys competed pommel horse, rings, parallel bars and high bar. Girls competed bars and beam. Concessions and a Split the Pot Raffle were available for purchase. Spectators packed the house in support of all gymnasts. Awards were presented at the conclusion of the meet.

## XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 6 TO 7 (\*Medal Winners)

Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
5*	Briella Martinez	---	8.00	8.30	---	16.30
6T*	Camilla Martinez	---	8.30	7.75	---	16.05
14	Elisa Perez	---	8.20	5.90	---	14.10

## XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 8 TO 9

Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
8	Cailynn Swade	---	8.00	8.60	---	16.60

## XCEL BRONZE / GIRLS 10 TO 11

Rank	Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
7	Sophia Wyskiel	---	7.90	9.05	---	16.95
8	Zoey Pros	---	8.55	7.95	---	16.50

## LEVEL 3 /BOYS 6 TO 7

Rank	Name	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	P-Bars	High Bar	All Around
1*	Harlen Pros	---	7.00	8.80	---	8.40	6.60	30.80

## LEVEL 4 /BOYS 12 TO 14

Rank	Name	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	P-Bars	High Bar	All Around
1*	Tre Wyskiel	---	7.10	8.10	---	8.30	7.30	30.80

# HAPPENINGS

Sokol Tabor would like to thank the American Sokol Organization and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for awarding Sokol Tabor with the following two grants:

## Gateway to the Future

Off-set the cost of repairing and replacement windows in our building.

Approved: \$2,699.00

## Unit Corporation Sustainment

Cover the administrative costs of government and tax filings, financial accounting and maintaining insurance policies.

Approved: \$6,662.00

These generous grants help us keep our costs down for you, and help us to better serve our community.

## SPOTTED IN VENICE, FL

While on vacation in March, Maureen and Dave Stanko caught up with George Kulhanek at Sharkey's on The Pier. Geo spends his time playing softball, pickle ball, and golfing. George and Debbie are enjoying retirement and spending time with their four-legged friends.



UMS Czech-Slovak Ball  
1.28.23 @ Crystal Grand  
Banquets in Lemont, IL  
L to R: Ted & Anna  
Polashek, Irena Polashek,  
Paul Lebloch, Judi Soulides,  
Christiana & Mike Dropka

Central District Curling  
2.4.23 @ Waltham Curling  
Club in Triumph, IL  
Ally Mangia 1<sup>st</sup> time curler!



# HAPPENINGS

## **SOKOL TABOR YOUTH OPEN HOUSE**

by Maureen Stanko, Sokol Tabor Youth Ambassador

A Sokol Tabor Youth Open House was held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> with 18 gymnasts attending from our Tots, Boys, and Girls Classes. It kicked off with an American Sokol Youth Spring Stretch via Zoom followed by obstacles courses covering three sides of the gym, including the rings and climbing rope, and all-group parachute games. At the conclusion, the gymnasts received a small snack and giveaway. Thanks Ally, Zach, Kerry, Angela, Maureen, and Christina for coaching at the event.



# HAPPENINGS



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!!!**

**MIKAELA X COLAGROSSI**

**GRADUATED FROM ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP IN MAY.**

**HEADING TO JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE, MD TO STUDY MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.**

**LET'S GIVE MIKAELA THREE CHEERS AND A NAZDAR!**



**BERWYN RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2023 SUMMER SOFTBALL  
MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
WHITE DIVISION**

DATE	DAY	TIME	A-FIELD	B-FIELD	C-FIELD
MAY 22ND	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	1-4	3-2	5-8
		8:45 P.M.	7-6	1-3	4-2
MAY 31ST	WEDNESDAY	6:45 P.M.	5-7	6-8	3-4
JUNE 5TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	2-5	1-7	6-3
		8:45 P.M.	2-1	8-7	5-6
JUNE 7TH	WEDNESDAY	8:45 P.M.	8-4	6-1	5-2
JUNE 12TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	1-5	2-8	7-3
		8:45 P.M.	1-2	6-4	8-3
JUNE 19TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	3-6	1-8	2-7
		8:45 P.M.	8-5	6-2	4-1
JUNE 26TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	2-3	4-5	6-7
		8:45 P.M.	3-1	2-4	7-5
JULY 10TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	6-5	3-7	8-2
		8:45 P.M.	7-1	8-6	4-3
JULY 17TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	4-8	5-3	1-6
		8:45 P.M.	7-8	5-1	4-6
JULY 24TH	MONDAY	7:45 P.M.	7-2	5-4	8-1
		8:45 P.M.	3-8	7-4	2-6
JULY 31ST	MONDAY	8:45 P.M.	3-5	4-7	X

**Grab a bleacher seat to watch the Sokol Softball Team this Summer. View game schedule with days/times.**

**Socialize with players following each game at Fill Up Station, team sponsor. Enjoy their newly expanded outdoor patio!**



1. **RAIN OUT #484-6699, CALL AFTER 5:00 P.M.**
2. **FIRST TEAM LISTED IS THE HOME TEAM**
3. **NO PLAY-OFFS, IN CASE OF TIE, MONEY WILL BE SPLIT**
4. **SLAUGHTER RULE:  
10 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS IS STILL IN EFFECT**
2. **\*\*\*MERCY RULE: 20 RUNS AFTER 4 COMPLETE INNINGS**
3. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!**
4. **ALL GAMES START WITH A ONE & ONE COUNT**

EACH WIN \$25.00  
1ST PLACE \$300.00  
2ND PLACE \$150.00

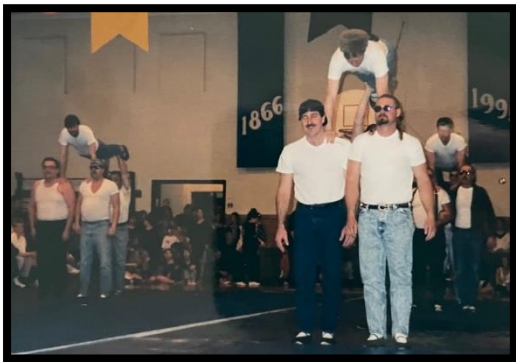
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1.	BEAN BAG BOYS
2.	LEGENDS
3.	NIGHT OWLS
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5.	METAL
6.	BEAST MODE
7.	ONE HITTERS
8.	SOKOL

# OUT OF THE VAULT



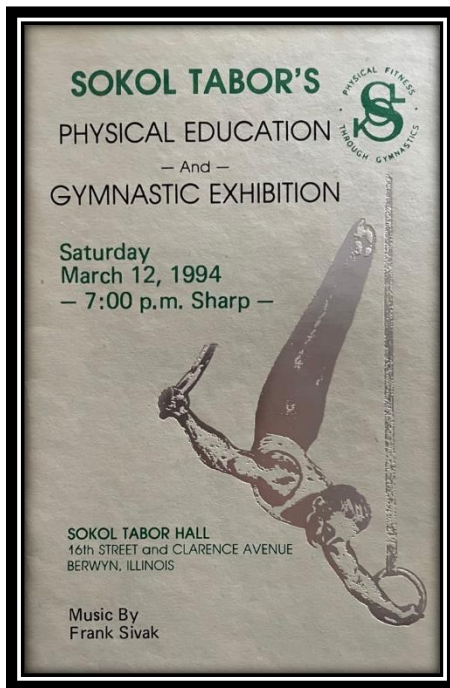
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*"Jurassic Classic" - Women*



*"Bonjour" - P.M. Tots*



*"Swing The Mood" - 2nd Class Boys*



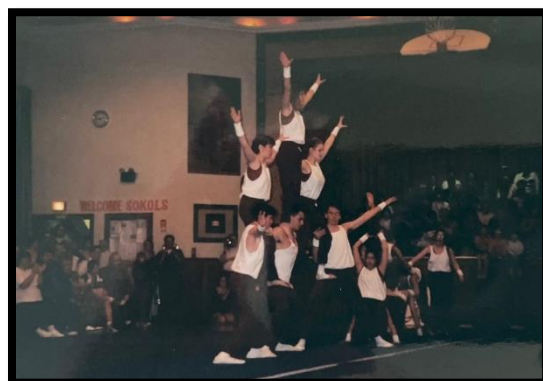
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*"Intensity" - 2nd Class Girls*



*"The Purr-Fect Performance" - 1st Class Girls*



*"Hypercharged" - Junior Boys & Girls*