

February, 2019



**PROUDLY SERVING THE ENNIS COMMUNITY SINCE 1908**

.....  
**Donations and news worthy items to support the Sokol KHB Newsletter should be sent to Sokol KHB Newsletter, P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120**  
-----

**Dues are OVER Due**

**Ray Elleven**  
**Financial Secretary**

**It's time to get your dues in to Sokol KHB. We sent a dues renewal notice to our members last November and a second notice mid-January.**

**Members who have not paid their dues by March 1, 2019 will be dropped from our membership. If they choose to pay dues after that date, there will be a \$15.00 reinstatement fee that goes to American Sokol.**

**Members that have children in our gymnastics program will unfortunately be turned away from their next class.**

**So, if you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**"Paying your dues isn't always fun but it pays you back 100 times  
If you do it with a happy heart." Anonymous**

February, 2019

## GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gymnastics classes resumed for the Spring semester and we are signing up new kids. The beginner girls class is on Wednesday evening at 5:30. One of the complementary activities planned for classes this Spring is the Sokol National Fitness Challenge. Students strive to perform their personal best in four different strength and agility skills: push-ups, plank hold, jump rope, and a running/side-shuffle course. After judging, they will receive pins or larger medals depending on their scores for their age level.

Our Cheerleader preparation classes for 4th grade and up started in January, held each Tuesday evening. Pee Wee Cheerleading Prep classes for 1st – 3rd graders starts Feb. 5, also on Tuesday evenings. Cheerleading students may attend on a weekly basis without having to register for the season, as for gymnastics. Classes will teach warm-ups and conditioning; jumps; motion techniques; basic tumbling, and voice projection. For more information, email [fitness@sokolennis.com](mailto:fitness@sokolennis.com) or text 254-717-9877.



Look for the Youth Souvenir Sales table at the Ennis Czech Music Festival. We will be selling Czech and Polka themed T-shirts, cookbooks, as well as raffle tickets for the quilt that the Ennis Sewing Circle handquilted and donated to the gymnastics program. The quilt was just completed, and will debut at the festival. Word has it that it is in shades of lavender and purple. The winner will be drawn during the Southern District Slet Program June 9.



February, 2019

## Calendar of 2019 Upcoming Events

Sokol Clubroom open Mondays & Wednesdays 5PM – Close

Sokol Museum / Library – open for special events and by appointment

- Feb 8 Fri. - All Around Czechs Band - Clubroom 7pm (no cover charge)
- Feb 9 Sat. - Ennis Czech Music Festival – Main Hall 1pm – [www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com](http://www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com)
- Feb 22 Fri. – Sister Janez & The Bad Habits Band (60s-90s rock/country) - Clubroom 7pm (no cover charge)
- Mar 2 Sat. - \$10K Building Fund Benefit w/ Pontiax & PBR Band – Main Hall 6pm
- Mar 8 Fri. - Fish Fry & Social – Dining Room & Clubroom 5pm
- Mar 22 Fri. - Fish Fry & Social – Dining Room & Clubroom 5pm
- Mar 30 Sat. – Cheese Roll Bake & Social – Dining Room & Club Room
- Apr 5 Fri. - Fish Fry & Social – Dining Room & Clubroom 5pm
- May 5 Sun. – Dinner & Dance (band TBD) – Main Hall 11am
- May 25 Sat. - National Polka Festival – Main Hall 11:30am - [www.nationalpolkafestival.com](http://www.nationalpolkafestival.com)
- May 26 Sun. - National Polka Festival – Main Hall 10am - [www.nationalpolkafestival.com](http://www.nationalpolkafestival.com)
- May 28 Wed – National Senior Fitness Day Celebration
- Jun 7 Fri. – Southern District Slet Volleyball Tournament & Social – Main Hall & Clubroom
- Jun 8 Sat. – Southern District Slet Gymnastics Competition & Social – Main Hall, Clubroom, Patio
- Jun 9 Sun. - Southern District Slet Program& Awards – Main Hall

Swimming Pool regular business hours are 1pm to 6pm daily (closed Mondays), June – August

Member Meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Dining Room at 7pm

Annual Member Day will be Saturday, December 7th (time TBD)

(Consists of annual meeting, gymnastics exhibition, member awards program, & Christmas party)

Sokol Ennis [www.sokolennis.com](http://www.sokolennis.com)

\*\*\*\*\*



**IF INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT  
SOKOLENNIS.COM**

February, 2019

# ČESKÁ BESEDA LESSONS

(CZECH FOLK DANCE)

EVERY MONDAY

STARTING FEBRUARY 18, 2019

6:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



SOKOL ACTIVITY CENTER

2622 E. HWY. 34

ENNIS, TEXAS 75119

FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE

AGES 10 AND UP AT THIS TIME BEGINNERS OR

JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY

PLAN TO MEET WEEKLY FOR 5 WEEKS

*WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE OUR*

*CZECH HERITAGE AND WE HOPE YOU AGREE*

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO EXPRESS INTEREST:

DAVID LISKA 972-268-0509

DIANE LISKA 214-205-7610

DLDOHERTY30@HOTMAIL.COM

February, 2019

## From the desk of the Educational Director

As a non-Ennis-ite and non-Czech, I have always been in awe of how the Czech Traditions are still alive in Ennis and other Czech communities. I had never witnessed this love of heritage, and it made me wish I had the opportunity to know more about my own heritage and their traditions. A parent of an adopted child might say about the adopted child, "I could not love them more if they were my own". I have a love for Ennis and for the Czech history, traditions, culture, so "I could not love them more if they were my own".

With that being said, let me say, I am a fast learner. I learned a big lesson about this time last year. In a Sokol meeting, they decided to have a Cheese Roll bake for a fund raiser. Most young women are still working; still have children at home (which I don't) so I quickly volunteered to head up the activity. My daughter makes the best pumpkin cheese rolls at Thanksgiving and Christmas and because she is a Food Service Expert can whip those things out in a heartbeat. She will also help her momma at the snap of a finger. I quickly found out, after I volunteered, the pumpkin cheese rolls we make and Czech Cheese Rolls are two entirely different delights. Did I say entirely different? Needless to say, I was rescued. I purchased all the ingredients, LOTS, and the Cheese bake experts showed up to start the process. The next day, the Sokol was full of volunteers who were all doing a different function of the process which produced 70+ cheese rolls, the number that were needed. It was amazing to watch. My heart was overjoyed that the whole Sokol community worked together for a common good, and to save my neck. My lesson in all of this, I will be very careful what I volunteer for next time.

I was visiting with Mary Ann Trojacek this week and she gave me a delightful family made cookbook. In this book was a story called "Strudel Parties" submitted by Linda and Ernest Trojacek. It goes like this:

*Some of our fondest memories of family togetherness are of "Strudel Parties". In the fall when the pears are ready for picking, we schedule a day to get all the family together – grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren – anyone who wants to participate.*

*The women prepare the strudel dough ahead the night before the "party". Early the next morning, the bakers assemble at someone's kitchen with all their ingredients ready. The men pick the pears and begin peeling them. Food processors are used to slice the pears – what a timesaving device! The men can't get too far ahead, however, because the pears will turn brown. The women begin rolling the dough on every available counter space. The children are eagerly waiting to brush the butter and sprinkle the ingredients – with some help of course. Some of the older ones want to try their hand at rolling the circular dough and filling with delicious ingredients to form the traditional strudel to be placed in the freezer.*

*While the entire strudel making is going on, there are also all kinds of catching up on family news and silliness happening too. It really doesn't seem like work at all when everyone is together and having fun. When all the pears are used or the bakers get tired – whichever comes first – the strudels are divided among the families participating and taken home to be frozen for baking later. We have made as many as 72 strudels during a get-together.*

That is EXACTLY how the Cheese Roll bake went last year. Now, when they said it didn't seem like work, well it was work, and yet there was plenty of laughter and "togetherness".

We will be doing the Cheese Bake again, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, which is just around the corner. So be sure and turn your orders in to the Sokol, and if you don't volunteer to help with the process, you will be missing out on a great time! Oh, if all my "volunteer" mistakes turn out like this, you can count on me!

Sandy Rayford

# SOKOL

# \$10K GIVEAWAY

## Building Fund Benefit

Sokol Activity Center - 2622 East HWY 34 - Ennis, TX  
Saturday March 2, 2019 – 6pm-Midnight

## 20 CASH PRIZES!!!

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000

2ND PRIZE - \$2,500 - 3RD PRIZE - \$1,000

PRIZES 4-7 - \$250 - PRIZES 8-20 - \$150

\$150 donation

Ticket admits two, includes steak dinner, drinks and dance

OPEN BAR 6:00pm – 11:30 (Valid ID required)

DOORS OPEN 6:00 pm

DINNER SERVED 6-8 pm

Music by **The Pontiax & The PBR Band**

w/ David Slovak & Friends

Drawing at 9:00 pm

Contacts:

**Reservations will be taken by Joann Wester**

Tickets and general info: Sokol Clubroom 972-875-7959

Additional tickets: John Marek, Jr. 972-268-2543

Email: [ennissokol@gmail.com](mailto:ennissokol@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120

**Tickets also for sale Monday & Wednesday evenings in the clubroom**

\*\*\*\*\*

**“At the end of the day, you are solely responsible for your success and your failure.  
And the sooner you realize that, you accept that, and integrate that into your work ethic,  
You will start being successful.**

**As long as you blame others for the reason you aren't where you want to be,  
You will always be a failure”.**

Erin Cummings

THE CZECH POLKA BANDS OF ENNIS INVITE YOU TO THE

# 13TH ANNUAL ENNIS CZECH MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019  
SOKOL HALL, ENNIS, TX

Doors open at 12:00 PM  
\$8 per person - Ages 13 & under free  
\$11 Fried Catfish Dinner 4:00-7:00 PM

FEATURING  
CZECH & THEN SOME  
THE MORAVIANS  
ENNIS CZECH BOYS  
CZECH HARVESTERS  
JODIE MIKULA ORCHESTRA

## Polka On! PRE-PARTY

FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 7:00-11:00 PM  
SOKOL CLUBROOM (BACK ENTRANCE)  
SPONSORED BY SOKOL ENNIS  
FEATURING ALL AROUND CZECHS



2019 Sokol KHB Sponsors - Thank you for your support!

# BlackLand

**BUILDING SUPPLY**

**Eric Toth**  
President  
Cell 972-880-2610  
eric@blacklandbs.com

1701 S Kaufman  
Ennis, Texas 75119  
Tel 972-878-0995  
Fax 972-878-1341  
www.blacklandbs.com

## Shellie Smiley

101 NW Main  
Ennis, TX  
469.245.5274

shellie@citytxrealestate.com



**HQI Contractors Inc**  
"Honesty, Quality, Integrity!!!"

**Bob Peters**  
Founder

15443 Knoll Trail Suite 100  
Dallas, TX 75248

972.672.4462  
bob@hqicontractors.com

## MITCHELL AUTOMOTIVE

**GARY MITCHELL**  
105 CENTENNIAL  
ENNIS, TX 75119  
(972) 875-3957

## GILBERT LLC

SPRINKLERS  
DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS  
TRENCHING  
WI-FI NETWORKING

214-399-9576



## THE "TO DO" GUY



**Zeke Martinez**  
972-955-4360

LET'S GET THOSE "TO DO" THINGS  
DONE!

## 4 SEASONS



214-564-9161

**LAWN & MOWER**

*For all your landscaping needs"*

## HARDWOOD - LAMINATES - TILE CARPET DIRECT

[denniscarpetdirectflooring.com](http://denniscarpetdirectflooring.com)

*You Are The Middle Man!*  
Call me for a **FREE ESTIMATE** and **SAVE!!**  
30 to 50% below retail! #1 Dist. of Stainmaster Carpet  
**Dennis Hajek**

Phone: (972) 322-4575 [carpetdirectflooring@yahoo.com](mailto:carpetdirectflooring@yahoo.com)

## ROBINSON AIR & ELECTRIC, INC.

P.O. Box 1153  
Ennis, TX 75120  
(972) 875-1499  
TACL 011347E

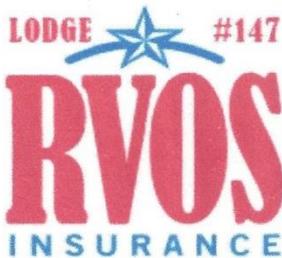
President/ Owner  
Wayne Robinson  
Cell: (972) 670-2391  
TECL 18590



105 S Kaufman St  
Ennis, TX 75119  
**972-875-7571**  
Catering Available

*"Your Neighborhood Italian Restaurant"*

— OPEN —  
Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-10pm • Fri-Sat 10am-11pm • Closed Monday



**LORI  
LAZNOVSKY**  
AGENT

Email:  
[lori.laznovsky@live.com](mailto:lori.laznovsky@live.com)



**Strong Tower Management, LLC**

The Lord is my Strong Tower

**Betty Johnson, Mgr**

206 Willow Creek Court  
Ovilla, Texas 75154  
[strong.tower6478@gmail.com](mailto:strong.tower6478@gmail.com)

972-814-6478  
27 years experience in  
property management

2019 Sokol KHB Sponsors cont. - Thank you for your support!

<p><b>ROBERT GILLENTINE</b> Agent</p> <p>911 S. Clay St. Ennis, TX 75119</p> <p>972.875.6506 469.438.6531 rgillentine@txfb-ins.com</p> <p>FARM &amp; RANCH / ANNUITIES / HEALTH</p> 	 <p>...for a healthy home and business</p> <p>MOLD • MOISTURE • AIR DUCT • WATER • ODOR</p> <p>Jimmy Brown President &amp; Owner Office: 972.200.5118 Cell: 469.951.9970</p>   <p>Jimmy.Brown@advantaclean.com</p>
 <p><b>GUITARS &amp; GROWLERS</b> GUITARSANDGROWLERS.COM</p> <p>AMY &amp; ROB BAKER SUSAN ELBEDEIWWY 581 WEST CAMPBELL, SUITE 101 RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75080 469-994-5165 CONTACT@guitarsandgrowlers.com</p>	

February, 2019



Sokol KHB – Ennis

PROUDLY SERVING THE ENNIS COMMUNITY SINCE 1908

.....  
**“The mission of the American Sokol is to provide fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs.”**

Donations and news worthy items to support the Sokol KHB Newsletter should be sent to Sokol KHB Newsletter, P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120

SOKOL KHB  
P.O. Box 205  
Ennis, TX 75120

U.S. Postage Paid  
Non-Profit  
Permit # 131  
Ennis, Texas 75120