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

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A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers and staff who helped make the 59th National Polka Festival™ at Sokol a very successful weekend! Thank you to the Benny & Laura Trojacek family for leaving up their wedding ceiling decorations. Made the hall look extra special. We had wonderful compliments on our food, service, and hall.

Michelle Slovak -- President



From the Desk of the President

Back in the fall of 2024, I was contacted by a friend with the Ellis County Historical Commission. She had come to realize there were not any markers regarding Czech sites/organizations in the area. She asked if we would be interested in pursuing. Agreed we would very much be interested. She went through our museum to get the information she would need to request for the marker. Earlier this year she called me to let me know Sokol KHB Ennis was approved for the Undertold Marker Program. The commission has started to work on the wording for the marker. We should receive the marker early 2026.

Grants from the American Sokol Foundation

Sokol KHB Ennis offers gratitude to the American Sokol Foundation for three internal grants which they awarded us this year. The funds will go a long way in assisting our unit to make improvements to our swimming pool, business capabilities and a membership drive.

Gateway to the Future: \$1,547 toward automated Pool cleaners and new tables. The Polaris robotic pool cleaner is working well.

Unit Corporate Sustainment: \$3,073 to purchase additional POS (point of sale) systems and a new printer for the front office. The 2 new POS systems were of great help for kitchen sales during the National Polka Festival this year. One was used for the line for dining in, the other for carry out.



Pool Cleaner



Point of Sales Systems

Unit Growth: \$1,307 to host a Neighborhood Pool Party, inviting Ennisites to experience Tyrs Pool to bring in more people to our facility who will hopefully become members.

Thanks also go to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, which contributed to these grants

Local Sokol Leader Sylvia Jean Laznovsky 1937 – 2010

Sylvia was born and raised in Sokol. The Laznovsky family was very active in the American Sokol and the local unit, Sokol KHB of Ennis.

From the time she was in her teens, Sylvia taught gymnastics at Sokol Ennis, where for more than 50 years she touched the lives of hundreds of young people, encouraging fitness and patriotism. Although Sylvia worked in Dallas for over 30 years, she faithfully taught gymnastics in Ennis during the evenings that entire time. On Friday evenings, she would return to Ennis after work, meet a few of the teenage girl gymnasts, then drive back to Dallas to take them to gym class at Sokol Dallas, then drive them back home to Ennis.

Upon the end of the Communist era in 1990, Sylvia took the opportunity to travel to Czechoslovakia to reconnect with her Czech heritage. Sylvia purchased and donated several of the Czech dolls dressed in traditional kroj that are now on display in our museum.



Sylvia served for thirty-five plus years as Unit Physical Director at Sokol Ennis and as the Southern District Physical Director. She also served on the American Sokol (ASO) National Executive Board as Membership Director from 2000 to 2005. She was a charter member of the Texas Czech Genealogical Society, member of the Ennis Czech Women's Sewing Circle and member of Texans of Czech Ancestry.

Na Zdar!

Sister Liz Moucka Krajca -- Educational Director, Sokol KHB Ennis

**"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Our gymnasts competed at Slet April 12, 2025 in West, Texas.



We are doing a Quilt Raffle \$1 a ticket. This was raffled on the last day of the Polka Festival!

We are taking 5 gymnastic kids to the American Sokol National Slet in Chicago.

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 silver membership with Sokol and that is \$45 and then every January dues are due of \$45

SOKOL ENNIS **MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING**

Weds, June 18, 2025 / 7PM

Dining Room

Sokol Activity Center - 2622 E Hwy 34, Ennis TX

All members 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.

Sokol Ennis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization (American Sokol Organization Ennis, TX)

Clubroom also open 5PM

(Members Meetings occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month)



POOL REPORT



Pool is open for our regular hours. Tuesday-Sunday 1pm-5pm
 Water Aerobics Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Extended Pool hours Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm-9pm

Here are the entry fees and pool rental cost for this year! We already are renting the pool and it's booking up fast! Call 972-921-1962 for booking pool and pool passes!

Daily Swim

(ANYONE COMING THROUGH DOOR HAS TO PAY ADMISSION REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING)

Member \$7 ----- Non-Member \$14 ----- 2 YRS AND UNDER FREE

Water Aerobics

\$7 a class ---- \$42 punch card for 7 Classes (exp 2025)

Season Pass / Pool Rental

(Starting May-September) (same household and on same day of sign up)

(Must be member to buy a pool pass)

Individual \$200

2 people \$250 3 people \$300

4 people \$350 5 people \$400

Add \$50 per person over 5 ppl

- Patio Rental during Open Swim 2 Hours, \$50 for patio and 5 guest (REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) all other guest to party will be charged regular entrance fee
- Private Pool Party (40 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, \$350
- Private Pool Party (60 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, \$400
- Private Pool Party (75 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, \$450
 - Extra Fees
 - Rentals (\$100 for every extra hour after a 2-hour min decided 72 hours prior to party)
 - Rentals (\$150 Day of party to add a hour after 2-hour min)
 - Bartender (\$50 cash day of party for 2 hours + \$25 extra hour)

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, and Raffle tickets you can email me at jnoplis80@gmail.com, come to the gym Monday 5 pm to 8 pm , Tuesday 4-7, or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!

Joanna Wilson -- Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager/Pool Manager Sokol KHB Ennis

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 5 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: "Kooky"- Clubroom 6pm
Jun 18 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Jun 20 Friday Night Party - Clubroom 5pm / Music by Lost Money 7:30pm
Jun 25-29 American Sokol Slet - Burr Ridge, IL
Jul 3 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Jul 12 Czech Heritage Society Meeting / Queen & Youth Royalty Pageant - Main Hall 8:30am
Jul 16 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Jul 18-19 Ellis County Renaissance Rose Quilt Show - Main Hall www.elliscountyquilters.com
Aug 7 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Aug 20 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Sep 4 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Sep 17 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Oct 2 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Oct 8 Sokol Memorial Day
Oct 15 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Nov 6 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Nov 19 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Dec 4 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Dec 6 Annual Members Day / Christmas Celebration - Main Hall 1pm
Dec 14 Ellis County Toy Run - Main Hall 12pm
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Dance - Main Hall 8pm

**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



June / July Birthdays

JUNE				JULY		
1	Cormier	Alexandra		2	Vasquez	Cesar
2	Goodman	Stacey		2	Taylor	Abegail
5	Foust	April		3	Gurley	Amy
5	Hernandez	Sabrina		4	Falkenbach	James
7	Holland	Rita Jane		4	Blazek	Donna
8	Beebe	Jean		6	Ylagan	Corinna
8	Haskovec	Kristine		6	Aguilar	Carolina
8	Pleiner	Sammy		7	Slovak	David
8	Carrillo	Raymond		7	Ford	Amanda
8	Hollingsworth	Ronda		8	Dlabaj	Rose
9	Pleiner	Libby		8	Palacios	Alejandro
11	Mullican	Cliff		9	Holland	Jerry
13	Hamilton	Stuart		9	Evans	Julie
13	Slovak	Rebecca		12	Arredondo	Taigan
15	Andrle	Paula		13	Dvorak	April
15	Livar	Stephanie		16	Toth	Arthur
17	Cepak	Rick		16	McIntosh	Max
17	Jenkins	Tyler		17	Chandler	Retta
18	Toth	Robert		17	Moucka-Krajca	Elizabeth
19	Morrison	Jean M		17	Wilson	Glen
20	Anderson	Warren		17	Dickerson	Louise
21	Trojacek	Laura		19	Hovis	Chad
22	Espedal	Monica		20	Smith	R Dillon
22	Stacks	Cathy		21	Mikula	Andy
23	Pohlman	Tiffney		21	Schumacher	John
24	Mays	Sheila		21	Slovak	Darren
24	Nino	Izamar		21	Sanders	Vicki
24	Voris	Pamela		22	Bouska	Charles
25	Hollingsworth	Cassie		22	Wester	Jerry
26	Robinson	Angela		25	Mercer	Norma
26	Valek	Vickie		26	Skinner	Pam
28	Honza	Megan		27	Campoz	Buck
28	Hickman	Kari		28	Jurcik	Charles
29	Davis	Cindy		28	Patak	James
29	Hardy	Kandice		29	Reyes	Sandro
				30	Trojacek	Benny
				30	Zmolik	Lawrence
				31	Houdek	Jennifer
				31	Lambeth	Renee



Lost Money In Sokol Clubroom

June 20, 2025

7:30p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Sokol Activity Center -
2622 E Hwy 34, Ennis TX
972-875-7959



No Cover
Charge

Doors Open
5pm

Full Bar

sokolennis.com



Friday Night
Party Time!

Pizza, fries, corn
dogs, chicken
strips & more
available for
purchase at bar.

fundraising@sokolennis.com

Ellis County Czech Heritage Society Czech Movie & Social

Thurs. June 5, 2025 in the Clubroom

Sokol Activity Center

2622 E Hwy 34 – Ennis TX

Doors Open 6pm / Accordion Music by David Slovak 6:30pm

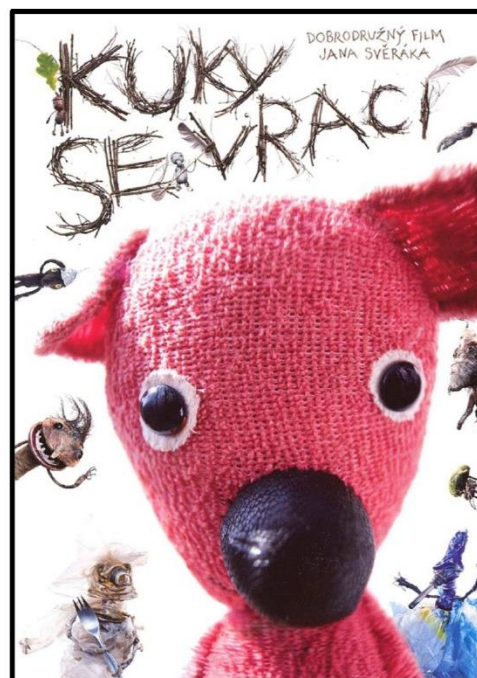
Featured Film: "Kuky se vraci (Kooky)" 7pm

Old members, new members, friends and neighbors are all invited to the social & 2010 Czech movie: "Kuky se vraci (Kooky)". Film is in English & will be shown in the Clubroom (back entrance).

No Cover Charge / Full Bar / Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, tater tots, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, bread pretzels, & snacks also for purchase at bar.

About the Film "Kuky se vraci (Kooky)", an animated comedy:

It tells the story of a six-year-old asthmatic boy whose parents throw his favorite toy away, an old teddy bear named Kooky. The boy, however, secretly sneaks out of the house at night (without his boots and being dressed only in his pajamas), to retrieve Kooky from the garbage can and bring him back home. Due to that, the boy gets ill. In his feverish dreams, Kooky comes to life in the landfill, escapes into a mysterious forest and begins its journey amongst the rough-and-ready creatures of the forest.



Questions or comments: Victor Havel 817-714-8323 or Kyle Stuckly 817-925-1673

www.czechheritage-texas.org

 NO SMOKING EVENT
Smoking allowed on Patio

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