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Chuck Kalat – Sokol KHB Newsletter Editor

**“CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF WE WAIT FOR
SOME OTHER PERSON OR SOME OTHER TIME.
WE ARE THE ONES WE’VE BEEN WAITING
FOR. WE ARE THE CHANGE THAT WE SEEK.”**
— [BARACK OBAMA](#)

Educational Director's Report

In French, it's Mardi Gras. In Brazil, it's Carnival. In English, it's Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday. In the Czech Republic, it's Masopust. But wherever you are, the days leading up to the beginning of Lenten season on Ash Wednesday are filled with costumes, parades, singing, dancing, eating and drinking. Masopust translates to 'meat fast' in Old Czech and is the celebration of spring, burial of winter, and feasting as the last chance to eat and drink in excess before Lenten fasting begins on Ash Wednesday.

A common feature of Masopust, Mardi Gras and Carnival are parades and the wearing of masks. Popular masks are devils, death, clowns, and practically any animal under the sun. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 5, so the evening of March 4 is the culmination of festivities. The main Masopust celebration begins on Sunday with dinner, followed by dancing and entertainment. In Prague and many towns, bright and early on Monday morning, masqueraders and musicians meet in the village square and then parade around the village, complete with noisemakers, of course. Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is called masopustní úterý (masopust Tuesday). On that day, parades continue around the town, ending with a festive dance at an inn. The women of the village may have baked a large decorated pastry wreath which will be shared.

Masopust celebrations were discouraged or forbidden under Czechoslovakia's communist regime, but the holiday has become popular again since the 1990s and some towns / cities masopust have been listed by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).



Na Zdar!

Sister Liz Moucka Krajca
Educational Director, Sokol KHB Ennis



GYMNASTICS REPORT

Our gymnasts are learning their routines for April Slet in West, Texas.

We are doing a Quilt Raffle \$1 a ticket. We are having a kolache fundraiser for our travel account for Nationals in Chicago this summer. We are making them February 8, 2025 and this is also pick up day.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Adult Volleyball free play is Wednesday 730 till around 10. Must be 17 for these teams! A one time \$50 insurance fee per season and adult has to have a gold membership with Sokol and that is \$65 and then every January dues are do of \$65

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, and Raffle tickets you can email me at jnoplis80@gmail.com, come to the gym Monday 5pm to 8:30 pm, Wednesday 5 to 7, and Thursday 5 to 6:30...or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!



Dorothy Kudrna received 60 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Annual Christmas Party Dec. 16, 2024



Harold Corey & Dianne Frossard receive 5 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Annual Christmas Party Dec. 16, 2024

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

—Amy Poehler

Super Bowl Board Fundraiser!

Stop by the Clubroom Mon & Wed 5pm-10pm to get your square for our Super Bowl Board Fundraiser. \$100 a square. \$3000 to final score & \$5000 split among all other score changes. 20% proceeds benefit the Sokol Ennis Gymnastics Travel Fund to the 2025 American Sokol Slet in Chicago June 25-29.

Membership Drive 2025

It's that time again for our annual membership drive going into 2025. All members are needed to help with this endeavor. Please encourage your family, friends, and relatives to join. The membership application can be found on the membership page at www.sokolennis.com/membership or in the Sokol clubroom. For more information regarding membership, please email membership@sokolennis.com.

Sokol Ennis Scholarship 2025

The Sokol Ennis scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are a current Youth member of Sokol Ennis or have a parent/legal guardian that is a current Gold member of Sokol Ennis. Two - \$250 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship application for 2025 can be found online at sokolennis.com/membership. Completion of the application is required to be considered for the scholarship. The deadline is May 20th. Scholarship recipients will be announced no later than June 1st. All applications should be mailed to Sokol Ennis, PO Box 205, Ennis, Texas 75120, postmarked by the 21st. No late applications will be accepted.

Czech Movie & Social Feb 6

Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, February 6th in the Clubroom. Doors open 6pm. Accordion Music by David Slovak 6:30pm. Featured Film: "Tobruk" 7pm. For questions or comments: Victor Havel 817-714-8323 or Kyle Stuckly 817-925-1673, Ellis County Czech Heritage Society.

Super Bowl Party Feb 9

Our annual Super Bowl Party will be held Sunday, Feb 9th. Doors open 1pm. Live music at 2:30pm by David Slovak & Friends (polka, country, variety). Game at 5:30pm. Sub Sandwiches will be provided. Bring a covered dish if you like. Drink specials throughout the day. Flat screens & sound system in Clubroom & Patio (enclosed/heated patio). No smoking (allowed in patio).

**"You are never too old to set another goal
or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis**

Polka Pre-Party Feb 15

In the Clubroom on Friday, February 15th is the Polka Pre-Party in celebration of the 18th Annual Ennis Czech Music Festival. Doors open 5pm. No cover charge. Live Music 7pm-11pm by All Around Czechs. Burger, Fries & more available for purchase at Kitchen. No smoking (allowed in enclosed/heated patio).

Ennis Czech Music Festival Feb 16

The 18th Annual Ennis Czech Music Festival will be held Saturday, Feb 16th at Sokol Activity Center. The festival is a day filled with great music, dancing, food, drinks, and much more. Dance to 4 fabulous polka bands: Jodie Mikula Orchestra 1:00, Czech and Then Some 3:30, The Moravians 6:00 and Ennis Czech Boys 8:30. Come hungry because the Sokol kitchen will be serving Czech classics all day long, including Klobase and Sauerkraut. A full Fried Catfish Dinner will be served from 4:00-7:00pm at \$15 a plate. The festival is also a great family event, including a kid zone for the smallest of attendees. Doors open at 12pm with music from 1:00 to 10:30 PM. Admission \$10, and kids aged 12 & under are free! For more info see www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com or email ennisczechmusic@yahoo.com.

Monthly Members' Meeting Feb 19

Our next monthly members' meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 7pm in the Dining. All members are 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. Members' Meetings normally occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

\$10K Giveaway Mar 1

Our annual \$10K Giveaway Building Fund Benefit is Saturday Mar 1st at Sokol Activity Center. 20 cash prizes: 1st \$10,000, 2nd \$2,500, 3rd \$1,000, prizes 4-7 \$250, prizes 8-20 \$150. Doors open 5:30pm. Dinner 6pm-8pm. Open bar 6pm-11:30pm (valid ID required). Drawing 9pm. Live music includes Brad Ackland (Swing Jazz), Lost Money (Country & Variety), and David Slovak & Friends (Polka). This year's theme is "To The Derby" (attire encouraged) and a lot of fun activities! \$150 donation - Ticket admits two, includes steak dinner, drinks and dance. For Tickets and general info: Sokol Clubroom 972-875-7959. Additional tickets: John Marek Jr 972-268-2543. Tickets are also available Monday & Wednesday evenings in the Clubroom. Email: fundraising@sokolennis.com. Mail: P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120.

**"One's destination is never a place,
but a new way of seeing things. – Henry Miller**

Fish Fries Mar 7 & Mar 21

We will have our annual Lenten fish fry fundraisers on Friday, Mar 7th & Mar 21st, 5pm-7:30pm (or while supplies last) in the Dining Room. \$15 a plate which includes fried fish, French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, beans, dessert & tea. Here or to-go. Also, live music Mar 7 (band TBD) & Mar 22 by Lost Money / 7pm-11pm / No cover charge / Doors open 5pm. No smoking events (smoking allowed in Patio). For questions & ideas, email fundraising@sokolennis.com.

St. Patty's Day Gumbo Feast Mar 17

We will have a feast fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day, Monday Mar 17th 5pm-7:30pm in the Dining Room serving Gumbo (chicken, shrimp, sausage) with white rice & French bread. Price TBD. Carry-outs available. Clubroom also open at 5pm & drink specials to celebrate St. Patty's Day!

Spring Market Mar 21 & 22

Sokol Ennis will have a Spring Market on Friday, Mar 21st 4pm-9pm & Saturday, Mar 22nd 9am-4pm in the main hall. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor contact sokolkhbvenders@gmail.com. The vendor fee is \$80 for both days and \$50 for one day / Max size 10x10 spots.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 6 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: "Tobruk" - Clubroom 6pm
Feb 9 Super Bowl Party - Clubroom 1pm
Feb 14 Polka Pre-Party - Clubroom 5pm
Feb 15 Ennis Czech Music Festival - Main Hall 1pm (Doors open 12pm)
Feb 19 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Mar 1 \$10K Building Fund Benefit - Main Hall 6pm (Doors open 5:30pm)
Mar 6 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm
Mar 7 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm / Music by Studebakers - Clubroom 7pm
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Gumbo Feast Fundraiser – Dining Room 5pm / Clubroom open 5pm
Mar 19 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Mar 21 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm / Music by Lost Money - Clubroom 7pm
Mar 21-22 Sokol Ennis Spring Market - Main Hall
Apr 3 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA - Clubroom 6pm

**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



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Saturday Feb 15, 2025 – 12pm / Sokol Activity Center

FOOD MENU

Sandwich w/ chips & pickle spear - \$7

Choice of BBQ Beef, Klobase or Pulled Pork

Hamburger - \$5

Hamburger w/ Fries - \$7

Klobase & Kraut Boat - \$7

Loaded Baked Potato - \$8

Choice of BBQ Beef, Klobase or Pulled Pork

Plain Baked Potato - \$6

Corn Dog - \$3

Corn Dog w/ Fries - \$5

Broccoli Cheese Soup - \$5

Nachos - \$3

French Fries - \$3

Desserts - \$2

Tea - \$1



Fried Catfish Dinner 4pm-7pm - \$15 Adult / \$10 Child

Includes Fries, Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert & Tea

972-875-7959

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February / March Birthdays

February		
1	Dowell	Phillip
1	Garrett	Patricia
1	Vyers	Nathan
1	Lindsay	Jessie
2	Svehlak	Frankie
4	Blake	Jacob
5	Sylvester	Wayne
5	Macon	Chris
5	Gerich	Joe
6	Corey	Harold
6	Keeton	Calvin
8	Richie	Bennett
8	Walker	Charles
8	Vavra	Hannah
8	Toth	Chaunte
9	Dvorak	Danny
9	Zhanel	Kacie
10	Bain	Freida
12	Liska	Debbie
12	Castellanos	Cesar
13	Benton	James W.
13	Hajek	Kim
13	Wilson	Jennifer
15	Mokry	Phyllis
15	Hamilton	Pamela
16	Soderquist	Bethany
18	Matous	Joseph
20	Campbell	Christi
20	Anderson	Angie
21	Dlabaj	Crystal
23	Longoria	Nancy
24	Kalat	Christine
26	Slovacek	Emil
26	Mullins	Suellen
26	Erisman	John Chandler
27	Dlabaj	Dolores

March		
2	Locke	Annette
2	Gulledge	Sarah
4	Thomisee	Gregory A.
4	Braddock	Joni
4	Case	Mallory
6	Wheeler	Susan
7	Cariotis	Rachel
7	Boyd	Jonathan
7	Barrientos	Esmeralda
8	Cummings	Barbara
8	Roberson	Craig
8	Zajic	Lewis
12	Sanders	Mark
15	Kalat	Janet
15	Pina	Antonio
15	Arevalo	Leo
15	Ramirez	Christian
16	Gray	Adam P
17	Dickerson	Molly
17	Kasowski	Elaine
18	Schriner	Lisa
18	Wilson	Richard
19	Walker	Hardy
20	Trojacek	Jessica
20	Carrizal	Arial
22	Zertuche	Selina
23	Rendon	Nathan
24	Clemmons	Bobbie
26	Pleiner	Ned
26	Myers	Casey
28	Mokry	Benjamin
28	Renfro	Kathy
28	Slovak	Josef
31	Northcutt	Melanie
31	Bohanon	Stacey

March 1

Annual 10K TO THE DERBY

Tickets are \$150

Includes live music, steak dinner and open bar

Visit www.sokolennis.com for more information



TO THE DERBY
ANNUAL 10K

COME JOIN US!!!!

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