

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."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ANNUAL MEMBERS DAY!

<u>Annual Members Day will be celebrated Saturday, December 4th starting at 10am</u> (Annual meeting & elections, member awards, luncheon, gymnastics exhibition & Christmas party)



ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

SOKOL KHB ENNIS ANNUAL MEETING NOMINATEES FOR ELECTED OFFICE 2022

TITLE	CANDIDATES	TITLE	CANDIDATES
President	Thomas Betik	Auditing Committee	Deanna Betik
Secretary	Laura Trojacek	Auditing Committee	Debbie Slovak
Vice-President	Benny Trojacek	Budget & Finance Committee	Mike Liska
Second Vice-President	Randy Owen	Budget & Finance Committee	Deanna Betik
Financial Secretary	Nannette Liska	Budget & Finance Committee	Debbie Slovak
Treasurer	Ray Elleven	Reconciliation Committee	John Marek Jr
Educational Director	Liz Moucka	Reconciliation Committee	Harold Corey
Membership Director	David Slovak	Reconciliation Committee	David Liska
Public Relations Director	Michelle Slovak	Delegate to Southern District	Thomas Betik
Physical Director (to be ratified)	Joanna Wilson	Delegate to Southern District	Debbie Slovak
Editor	Chuck Kalat	Delegate to National Convention (to be ratified)	Thomas Betik
Bylaws Chairman	Rusty Liska	Delegate to National Convention (to be ratified)	Laura Trojacek
Auditing Committee	Mike Liska	Youth Ambassador (to be appointed)	Joanna Wilson

Nazdar! - David Slovak Nominating Committee Chairman

SAVE THE SOKOL ENNIS SWIMMING POOL

Dear Members & Friends of Sokol Ennis,

Originally Published February 2021

Sokol Ennis' current swimming pool was built in 1972. There have not been any major renovations made to the pool except for maintenance and in recent years, painting, patching, and replacement of pumps and motors. Sad to say, but the pool is in dire need of repair!!!

We solicited quotes from four reputable pool companies to bid on resurfacing the inside of the pool, repair the coping around the pool, and to replace the underwater lights. As you can imagine, the cost is not cheap. Since COVID, Sokol Ennis has not had the cash flow for this kind of renovation project. This project is needing a minimum of \$75,000 to restore the pool.

We are soliciting donations, sponsors, ideas for fundraisers, and anyone willing to help with this endeavor. Due to the current condition of the pool and the uncertainty of COVID this year, we are unsure the pool will be able to open this summer. This does provide us with an excellent opportunity to make the necessary renovations if funds are raised within the next couple of months.



Please contact us at 972-875-7959 or facilities@sokolennis.com if you are able to help. Thank you & Nazdar!

Czech Christmas Traditions

The traditional old Czech Christmas season lasted most of the month of December. The Christmas holiday season officially begins on the night of December 5 - 6, St. Nicholas (Svatý Mikuláš) Day. Children put one of their shoes outside the door the evening of Dec. 5 in hopes of it being filled with treats, not coal or onions, by morning. It is believed that St. Nicholas descends from heaven with an angel and a devil to remind children of the "rewards" of good and evil.

Then begins the baking of cookies, like vanilla crescents (Vanilkove Rohlicky), gingerbread cookies (Perniky), shortbread type cookies often having a bit of jam in the center (Cukrovi), and many more. Very traditional is a sweet bread braided with nuts and raisins, (vánočka, also called houska), *pictured below*. The baked goods are shared with friends and relatives because this is the season for visiting. (*Recipes are easily found online*.)

December 24, Christmas Eve (Štědrý den, or "generous day") is the day for fasting. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and would traditionally be carp, potato salad and fish or barley soup. Carp are farm-raised in Bohemia and have been a staple fish for poorer Czechs for centuries. The fish can be fried, broiled, baked, made into soup or prepared in a gelatin mold like aspic.

Legend has it that if you fast all day on Christmas Eve, you will be able to see a golden pig in the evening (zlaté prasátko), foretelling good fortune and not dieing during the coming year.



During this meal, no one but the woman of the house is allowed to leave the table. When everyone is finished eating, it is time listen for the jingle of a bell to signal that it is time for the Christmas Tree and gift exchange. "I heard the bell, didn't you." Everyone rushes to the tree. Gifts are exchanged after dinner on December 24 instead of the morning of December 25, as is common in the U.S.

The tree had been purchased earlier in the month but kept hidden. Only the head of the household decorates the tree. No one else is allowed to see it until after dinner on Christmas Eve. Somehow the decorated tree has miraculously appeared in the parlor along with all the wrapped gifts while the family was eating.

Midnight Mass or Mass early on Christmas morning is in order for many, but this tradition and the fasting have been lost by many Czechs during the generations raised under the secular philosophy of Communism.

Christmas dinner on December 25 is the real feast with vegetables, fruits, pastries and of course, the Czech dumpling (knedlick). The bird of honor is usually duck or goose, however, turkey has found its way to the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Na Zdar!

Sister Liz Moucka Krajca Education Director, Sokol KHB Ennis **Na Zdar!** Sister Liz Moucka Krajca -- Education Director, Sokol KHB Ennis

GYMNASTICS / VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Our gymnasts are in the Parade of Lights on Dec. 2. Float was decorated by parents and staff.

We are having our Christmas Program Dec. 4. The kids are having a blast learning their dance routine!

We are doing a Lawn, Tool, and Garden Raffle, 8 Prizes, \$25 a ticket or 5 for \$100 to raise money for the gymnastic program. Started in October!

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

WE HAD OUR FIRST VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON NOVEMBER 13, 2021 Team Berto Won First Place Team Blas Won Second Place

We have a coed youth volleyball free play night on Wednesday at 630 to 730. Per Participant will pay \$25 quarterly months. Jan-March, Apr-June, July- Sept, Oct-Dec! Parent has to be a gold member.

Adult Volleyball free play is Wednesday 730 till around 10. Must be 17 for these teams! A one-time \$15 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

GET FIT WITH SARA REPORT

Sara Jakubik still has open spaces. \$15 insurance fee per season, \$30 a month for non-members and \$25 a month for Sokol members. DUE FIRST CLASS OF THE MONTH! Late fee of \$10 if not paid by the 10th of the month. Get Fit with Sara is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 530pm-630pm.

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, and Raffle tickets you can email me at <u>inoplis80@gmail.com</u>, come to the gym Monday 5pm to 830pm, Wednesday 5 to 7, and Thursday 5 to 630...or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!

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LAWN TOOL & GAR	DEN RAFFLE
BENEFITTING SOKOL ENNIS GY	MNASTICS PROGRAM
\$25 PER TICKET OR	\$100 FOR 5
<u>8 Prizes!</u>	For Tickets
1) John Deere Riding Lawn Mower S100 17.5HP	972-875-7959
2) Husqvarna Gas Leaf Blower 125B model	fundraising@sokolennis.com
3) Craftsman Gas Weed Eater	or buy from our gymnastics members
4) Craftsman Power Tool Set	Also available at Sokol Ennis Clubroom
5) Dewalt Power Tool Set	Mondays & Wednesdays 5PM-10PM
6) Kobalt Wheelbarrow / Shovel Set	Drawing
7) Black&Decker 68 Piece Tool Set	Date TBD
8) Honda HRN Self Propelled Gas Push Mower	Need not be present to win

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June 9-12 American Sokol National Convention - Main Hall

SOKOL ENNIS IS SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2022 ONLY \$150! PER YEARLY SPONSORSHIP

Your business ad will be publicized as follows:

- 1. Sokol Ennis Newsletter (bi-monthly Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct/Dec)
- 2. Sokol Ennis Website at sokolennis.com (all year)
- 3. Sokol Ennis Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages (monthly)
- 4. Sokol Ennis Sponsor Banners in the Sokol Activity Center (all year)

Please email your business ad to fundraising@sokolennis.com

Send check to Sokol KHB Ennis - P.O. Box 205 - Ennis, TX 75120-0205

or purchase online at sokolennis.com/sponsors

Deadline – Sponsorships and ad designs must be submitted no later than Jan 25, 2022.

American Sokol Organization Ennis, Texas is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Message from the Membership Committee

It's that time again for our annual membership drive going into 2022. 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 <u>sokolennis.com</u> or in the Sokol clubroom. For more information regarding membership, please contact Membership Director David Slovak 214-906-0891 or membership@sokolennis.com.

David Slovák Membership Director - Sokol KHB Ennis membership@sokolennis.com 972-875-7959 https://sokolennis.com/

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND RELATIVES TO JOIN.

Consider joining Sokol KHB Ennis for 2022!

Sokol KHB Ennis is entering its 114th year and there have been many changes since the organization was formed back in 1908. Its core foundations have remained solid, however, in that the organization is there to serve its members and to provide them not only with the finest gymnastics, volleyball, swimming, music and dancing facilities in the district but also to act as a professional host to many special social and cultural occasions we put on each year.

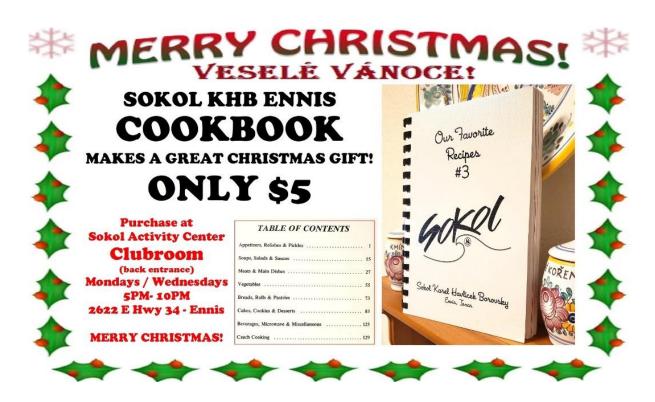
It is certainly true that while the sport of gymnastics – the coaching and the competition – is at the heart of what we provide, we are also keen to ensure that the social and cultural element meets the expectations of all our members. With that being an important focus, we always welcome our members' input.

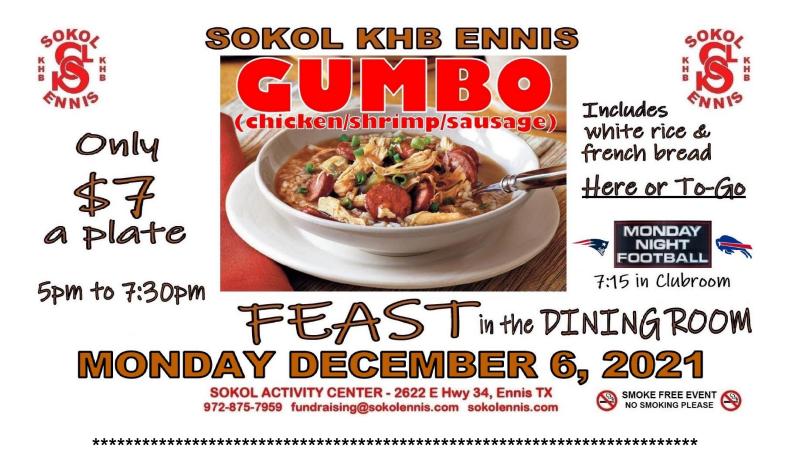
For membership info & application form, visit sokolennis.com/membership

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Ellis County Czech Heritage Society Czech Movie & Social Thurs. December 9, 2021 in the Clubroom (back entrance)

Sokol Activity Center 2622 E Hwy 34 – Ennis TX

Doors Open 5pm - Accordion Music by David Slovak 6pm - Featured Film: "In the Name of the King" 7pm

Old members, new members, friends and neighbors are all invited to the social & 2009 Czech movie:

"In the Name of the King"

Film is in Czech w/ English subtitles & will be shown in the Clubroom which offers sufficient space for social distancing for all.

No Cover Charge. Cash Bar.

Pizza, chicken strips, com dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles & snacks available at bar.





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

Czech Title: "Jménem krále"

Written in the 13th century, Ulrich of Chlum is sent by the King of Bohemia to witness a marriage that will unite two rivaling aristocratic families in order to establish a peaceful balance in North Bohemia. On his way there, Ulrich comes upon a murdered merchant who was delivering goods in the weeding feast. Upon arrival, he is greeted warmly by the family of the bride and is prepared to witness the wedding until a series of murders occurs. Ulrich eventually compiles the evidence and makes his case against the accused.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE FRIDAY DEC. 31, 2021 at 8PM SOKOL ACTIVITY CENTER

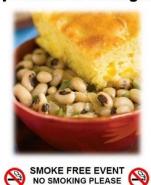
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Doors open 7PM \$10 per person No reservations

Cash bar Champagne available for purchase at bar ATM available



Black-Eyed Peas & Cornbread provided at midnight



SOKOL ACTIVITY CENTER - 2622 E Hwy 34, Ennis TX - 972-875-7959 - fundraising@sokolennis.com - sokolennis.com



For questions & more info contact 972-875-7959 or facilites@sokolennis.com

Happy Birthday!!!!!

Month	Date	Last	First	MI	Month	Date	Last	First	MI
December	1	Skrivanek	Glenn		Januray	1	Henning Sr	Jackie Don	
December	2	Waedkin	Brianna		Januray	1	Ojeda	Adamarisse	
December	2	Trull	Shirley		Januray	2	Jakubik	Sara	
December	4	Espino	Graciela		Januray	8	Desai	Dehara	
December	7	Kail	Kaelee		Januray	8	Morales	Cathie	
December	7	Peters	Jennifer		Januray	9	Dodson	Billy	Α.
December	8	Benton	Elayna		Januray	9	Lane	Rosemarie	
December	13	Patak	Jeannette		Januray	11	Martinek	Bernard	
December	20	Vrla	Frank		Januray	11	Reeve	Joyce	
December	20	Wester	Jo Ann		Januray	12	Piedras-Jimenez	Erik	
December	20	Lofgreen	Barbara		Januray	14	Dlabaj	Leonard	
December	20	Valek	Adele		Januray	14	Rudd	Destinee	
December	22	Lambert	Annette		Januray	14	Wilder	Sara	
December	23	Machuca	Jesus		Januray	15	Adams	Marvin	
December	26	Cryer	Thomas		Januray	15	Patak	Charlie	
December	26	Redwine	Leigh		Januray	16	McManus	Janith	
December	26	Snodgrass	Becky		Januray	20	Bustillos	Isabel	
December	27	Slovak	Michelle		Januray	20	Lara	Stacy	
December	27	Marek Jr.	John	Т.	Januray	20	Novy	Theresa	
December	28	Betik	Katherine		Januray	21	Mitchel	Gary	
December	28	Zapletal	Danny		Januray	25	Belew	David	
December	28	Vitovsky	William		Januray	27	Alvidrez	Blas	
December	29	Dodd	David		Januray	28	Cooke	Rosemarie	
December	29	Valek	Glenda		Januray	30	Knize	Evelyn	
December	29	Matous	Stanley	Α.					
December	30	Owen	Randy	R					
December	30	Liska	Diane						
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"CHRISTMAS IS NOT A TIME NOR A SEASON, BUT A STATE OF MIND. TO CHERISH PEACE AND GOODWILL, TO BE PLENTEOUS IN MERCY, IS TO HAVE THE REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS."

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TO ALL

SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK BOROVSKY MEMBERS:

MERRY CHRISTMAS -- VESCLÉ VÁNOCEL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR -- ŠTASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK! FROM

THE SOKOL KHB EXECUTIVE BOARD

SEASON'S GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAY 2022 BE BLESSED AND JOYFUL.

FROM

THOMAS & DEANNA BETIK

MAY EVERYONE HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!

FROM

BENNY & LAURA TROJACEK

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM

THE ELLEVEN FAMILY



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from

David, Michelle, Josef & Isabella Slovak

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM THE KALATS – JAN, CHUCK, PATTI, CHARLES, CHRISTINE, & TAG 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

