

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

Our annual meeting & elections will be December 4th at 10am. If you are interested in being an elected officer of Sokol KHB Ennis, please contact Nominating Chairman David Slovak at 214-906- 0891 or email membership@sokolennis.com by November 25th. Elected officers required:

President. Vice-President, Second Vice-President. Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer. Educational Director, Membership Director, Public Relations Director, Editor of Newsletter, Bylaws Chairman. Auditing Committee Officers (3), Budget & Finance Committee Officers (3), Reconciliation Committee Officers (3), Delegates to Southern District (2). Info about elected officers & the annual meeting can be found at sokolennis.com/membership.

Thanks & Nazdar! David Slovak Nominating Committee Chairman

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Yes – The Rumors are True..... Sokol KHB will Host the 2022 American Sokol National Convention June 9-12, 2022

Ninety plus delegates representing Sokol units from the states of New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and California will be descending on the Sokol KHB facility for the quadrennial National American Sokol National Convention. Sokol KHB officers and members will be responsible for hall set-up, food service, clubroom socials, hospitality, etc. and other logistics. Delegates will primary be housed at the Comfort Inn Suites and shuttled from and to the airports and between the hotel and Sokol facility. Many volunteers will be needed to step up and help KHB puts its best foot forward. We want people to see that Sokol in Texas is bigger and better.

DID YOU KNOW????

The stone carved wreathes, "Sokol emblem", and words "Sokol" and "Havlicek" in the Sokol KHB building marker are the actual stone building name markers from the façade over the main entrance of the large, three story Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs building in Chicago. These stone pieces were preserved

through a deal between Czechoslovak memorabilia while the building was 1970s. The "-Tyrs" piece is marker elsewhere on the remained in the Chicago conversation between immediately knew where home. Plans were set in



Bro. Joseph Janecka, an avid collector, and the demolition crew being demolished in the midpart of the Tyrs Pool identity KHB grounds. These pieces area until a chance 1990 Janecka and the Milan's, who these pieces could find a new motion to crate the stone pieces

and, through the efforts of Larry Laznovsky and with the help of the Leggett and Platt Mattress Company, were transported to Ennis. After many more years in storage from 1991 to 2008, and with the excitement of the Southern District hosting the American Sokol National Slet in Ft. Worth, the pieces were fashioned into the current KHB markers designed by Rome Milan.



With construction nearing final closing, Larry said, "Henrietta, I can't believe you didn't think of putting in a time capsule." She said, "I can't believe you thought of it." So, Larry dashed inside the building and a few minutes later emerged with a clean wine bottle and cap. Jerry and Henrietta enclosed photos and information and the "time capsule" was sealed inside forever.



The completed building and pool markers were dedicated in 2009. We have the efforts of Jerry and Henrietta Milan of Sokol Fort Worth and an excited Sokol KHB crew led by Larry Laznovsky to thank for these beautiful, long-lasting markers.

Sokol Memorial Day

Education Director's Report

Each year the Czech Sokols commemorate October 8 as the reminder of the tragic events in the organization's history during the Hitler Nazi regime. On the night of October 7, 1941, the "Sokol Action" was launched by a decree of Nazi Reinnhard Heydrich, acting Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia. The decree's orders were to arrest and subsequently deport Sokol representatives to concentration camps and to paralyze the organization's resistance activity. On that day hundreds of Sokol members were arrested, the organization was dissolved, and its property was confiscated.

Throughout the Second World War, Sokol was among the most prominent sources of resistance. Over 3,000 Sokol members were executed during the Nazi totalitarian regime and another 8,000 were imprisoned.

In addition to physical fitness, the Sokol ideal embraced the founding of an independent Czechoslovakian nation rooted in freedom for the Czechs and Slovaks during the Austro-Hungarian Empire before World War I. So, it was natural for the Czech Sokols to rebel against the Nazis in the days before and during World War II.

During 2018, the Civic Democratic Party of the Czech Republic proposed the inclusion of Sokol Memorial Day (Pamatny den Sokolstva) as an "Important Day" of the Czech Republic. In January 2019, the Senate of the Czech Republic approved October 8th to be recognized as Sokol Memorial Day. President Milos Zeman signed this legislation.

At the October 22, 2019 Executive Board meeting of American Sokol, a motion was approved that American Sokol will observe Sokol Memorial Day. We share our roots with Sokols and together we will always remember October 8 with Sokols around the world.

At present, the World Sokol Organization represents 13 Sokol organizations from 18 countries worldwide.

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

Swimming Pool Future

One of the hot topics at the Annual Membership Meeting will be future of the Sokol swimming pool. The pool has been closed for two years because of the needed repairs. The gunite is flaking and in some places, it has worn to the ground. The pool lighting is not safe and cannot be used at night.

The bids to repair the pool has varied from \$50,000 to \$70,000 and quite honestly, we do not have money to repair the pool. Compounding the issue, the last two years of operation the pool barely made a profit and the City of Ennis is planning on building a water park within the next five years. This competition may cost us customers - hurting our swimming pool revenue.

So, what do we do with the pool? Have fund raisers for repairs? If we repair the pool, will it lose money with the city's water park opens? Should we fill it in? We are paying liability insurance for the pool even if it's not being used. Think about it and bring your suggestions, questions, and comments to the Annual Membership Meeting on December 4, 2021.

GYMNASTICS / VOLLEYBALL REPORT

The gymnastics season started September 13, 2021. We are still taking registration for new/past students.



Three KHB coaches attended the Gymnastics Association of Texas Annual Coaches Conference in Austin on Labor Day weekend.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT



Adult Volleyball free play is Wednesday 7:30 till around 10. Must be at least 17 years old for these teams! A one-time \$15 insurance fee per season and adults have to have a gold membership with Sokol and that is \$80 and then every January dues of \$65 are due.

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 5:30pm-6:30pm and Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm.

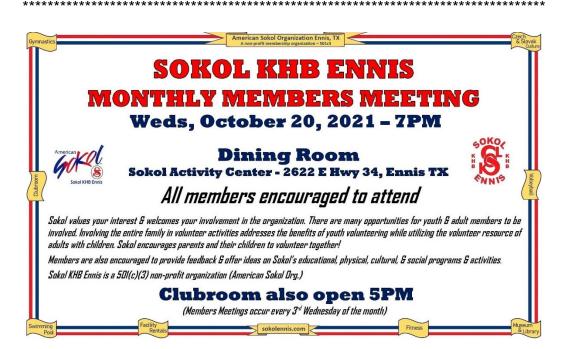


GYMNASTICS / VOLLEYBALL REPORT (continued)

Sokol Gymnastics Program Lawn, Tool, and Garden Raffle 8 Prizes, \$25 a ticket or 5 for \$100 1. John Deere Riding Lawn Mower S100 17.5HP 2. Husqvarna Gas Leaf Blower 125B model 3. Craftsman Gas Weed Eater 4. Craftsman Power Tool Set 5.Dewalt Power Tool Set 6. Kobalt Wheelbarrow/ Shovel Set 7. Black&Decker 68Piece Tool Set 8. Honda HRN Self Propelled Gas Push Mower Starting in October, we are doing a Lawn, Tool, and Garden Raffle -- 8 Prizes -- \$25 a chance or 5 chances for \$100 to raise money for the gymnastic program.

If interested in Registering for classes, new membership to Sokol, and Raffle tickets, please email me at <u>inoplis80@gmail.com</u>, come to the gym Monday 5pm to 8:30pm, Wednesday 5 to 7, or Thursday 5 to 6:30pm ... or come by the clubroom Monday or Wednesday!

Nazdar !! Joanna Wilson Physical Director





Independent Czechoslovak State Day, also known as Czech Independence Day, is celebrated annually on October 28. This special day marks the creation of the Czechoslovakia republic in 1918 when it declared its independence from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Although Czechoslovakia no longer exists today, Czechs still view October 28 as the day of their national founding and celebrate the creation of independent Czechoslovakia.

OCTOBER IS CZECH HERITAGE MONTH IN TEXAS!



CZECH & SLOVAK HERITAGE DAY PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN CZECH CULTURE SOCIETY AND ITS MEMBER SOCIETIES SOKOL DALLAS, SPJST, WFLA, KJT, KJZT, VH CZECH SCHOOL OF DALLAS, AND RVOS

OCTOBER 17 2021

11AM - 6PM

Sokol Dallas 7448 Greenville Ave Dallas, Texas 75231

SILENT AUCTION BENEFITING CZECH MORAVIAN BENEVOLENCE FUND on behalf of tornado victims in Czech Republic

Donations and for more information contact Czech Honorary Consul Brian Vanicek texas@honorary.mzv.cz Czech Moravian Benevolence Fund c/o The SPJST Foundation; P.O. Box 100 Temple, Texas 76503

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Opening Ceremonies Dallas Czech Orchestra Vaclav Havel Czech School of Dallas Kolache Eating Contest Polka Jam Session Live Czech Band "Czech And Then Some" Cash Bar Czech Food available all day Children's Activities Throughout the Day 50/50 Raffle Silent Auction Family time!



For more information, contact - Bob Podhrasky eventinfo@sokoldallas.org Nina Marcussen czechschoolofdallas@yahoo.com • Lynda Novak magiclady_46@hotmail.com

Happy Birthday!!!!!

Month	Date	Last	First	Month	Date	Last	First
October	1	Lanicek	Wesley	October	27	Wilson	Joanna
October	1	Morales	Trenton	October	28	Vondra	Barbara
October	1	Block	Marilee	October	28	Laznovsky	Lori
October	1	Gonzales	Ricky	October	31	DeCapua	Roger
October	1	Liska	Russell	October	31	Gilburt	Christopher
October	2	Kalat	Patti	November	1	Hernandez	Lezlee
October	4	Wilkins	Jessica	November	1	Matous	Joseph
October	5	Ozymy	Patricia	November	2	Walker	Jennecia
October	5	Sobczak	Holly	November	2	Hambrick	Tricia
October	8	Almond	Kalea	November	3	Liska	Michael
October	9	Larson	Nancy	November	5	Grover	Martin
October	9	Langer	Emily	November	6	Morales	Calleigh
October	9	McGuire	Johna	November	8	Green	Caitlin
October	11	Liska	David	November	8	Espino	Lorean
October	12	Liska	Kyle	November	9	Trickett	Benjamin
October	12	Slovak	Anna	November	9	Bouska	Loraine
October	13	Liska	Nannette	November	9	Liska	Stanley
October	15	Valek	Matt	November	9	Marek	John
October	15	Hickman	Michael	November	12	Matus	Wilma
October	16	May	Marla	November	14	Valek	Jerry
October	16	Hernandez	Joel	November	15	Maloney	Matthew
October	16	Englehart	Can	November	15	Martinez	Ezekiel
October	17	Mikel	Steven	November	15	Clark	Brian
October	18	Slovak	Jennifer	November	17	Reeve	Chip
October	19	Valek	Benny	November	18	Bacak	Deborah
October	20	Houdek	David	November	19	Betik	Thomas
October	20	Frossard	Dianne	November	20	Thomas	Holderman
October	20	Tamez	Dvidio	November	23	Spurgeon	Lisa
October	21	Matus	Harry	November	23	Zembala	Dennis
October	21	Ledesma	Eddie	November	24	Johnson	Wyatt
October	24	Potter	Candice	November	27	Bragg	Connie
October	25	Houdek	Jim	November	27	Barak	Marita
October	27	Morales	Georgie	November	28	Elleven	Raymond
October	27	Langtry	Annette	November	30	Delacruz	Adelina

"Learn from Yesterday Live for Today Hope for Tomorrow"

Jhonamy Gallardo

CALENDAR – ONGOING ACTIVITY

Gymnastics -- Monday -Thursday 5:30pm Get Fit with Sara Jakubik -- Mondays 5pm & Wednesdays 6pm Volleyball -- Wednesdays - Youth 6pm & Adult 7:30pm Clubroom -- regular business hours are 5pm to 11pm Mondays & Wednesdays Swimming Pool CLOSED 2021 for renovation Museum & Library -- open for special events and by appointment Membership meetings -- every 3rd Wednesday of month in Dining Room 7pm Czech Heritage Society of Ellis County Social/Czech Movie -- 1st Thurs of month at 7pm \$10K Giveaway Building Fund Benefit -- annually the first Saturday of March Annual Members Day / Christmas Celebration -- first Saturday of December Ennis Czech Music Festival -- annually the Saturday following Superbowl (February) National Polka Festival -- annually Memorial Day Weekend (May)

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

Oct 7 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: Boys of the Mountain - Clubroom 5pm Oct 8 Sokol Memorial Day (No Event for 2021)

Oct 9 Saturday Night Party - Clubroom 5pm / The Barflies Band 7:30pm-11:30pm

Oct 11 BBQ Sandwich & Chips Feast Fundraiser - Dining Rm 5pm / Mon Night Football-Clubrm Oct 17 ACCS Czech & Slovak Heritage Day - Sokol DALLAS 11am

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Oct 20 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm

Oct 23 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm / Lost Money Band - Clubroom Patio 7pm-11pm Oct 25 Feast Fundraiser (Menu TBD) - Dining Room 5pm / Monday Night Football-Clubroom Nov 4 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: (TBA) - Clubroom 5pm

Nov 6 Southern District Annual Meeting & Elections - ZOOM 10am

Nov 8 Feast Fundraiser (Menu TBD) - Dining Room 5pm / Monday Night Football-Clubroom Nov 13 Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament - Main Hall 12pm-?

Nov 17 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm

Nov 22 Feast Fundraiser (Menu TBD) - Dining Room 5pm / Monday Night Football-Clubroom

Dec 2 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: (TBA) - Clubroom 5pm

Dec 4 Annual Members Day / Christmas Celebration - Main Hall 10am-5pm

Dec 12 Annual Ellis County Toy Run - Main Hall 12pm

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Dance w/ The Moravians Band - Main Hall 8pm

2022

Jan 5 Annual Executive Board Meeting - Dining Room 7pm

Feb 11 Pre-Party for Ennis Czech Music Festival - Clubroom 5pm

Feb 12 Ennis Czech Music Festival - Main Hall 1pm

Feb 26 Chamber Auction 2021 All American Bash - Main Hall 5:30pm

Mar 5 \$10K Building Fund Benefit - Main Hall 6pm

May 27-29 National Polka Festival - Main Hall

June 9-12 American Sokol National Convention - Main Hall









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

