

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."

They're Coming Down

The 2022 Quadrennial American Sokol National Convention is coming to Ennis, Texas June 10-12, 2022 and the Sokol KHB facility is the site. Delegates will be coming here from New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and California; as well as from our local Southern District units – KHB, Ft. Worth, West, Zizka-Dallas, Houston, and Yukon, Oklahoma.

This is a big undertaking for our unit and the Southern District. It has been in the planning stage for over a year. We want to showcase our facility and capabilities to the entire Sokol Community. There is much work to be done both beforehand to prepare and during the Convention itself to make things run smoothly. We will need "all hands-on deck", so please volunteer your time and talents.

2022 Officer Roster

Th following Sokol KHB officers below were elected at the December, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. Thank you for stepping put to provide the leadership Sokol KHB needs to flourish. Now let's all get behind these folks and provide the support and assistance they need and deserve.

President – Thomas Betik Secretary – Laura Trojacek Vice-President – Benny Trojacek	Public Relations Director – Michelle Slovak Membership Director – David Slovak Youth Ambassador - Joanna Wilson
Second Vice-President – Randy Owen Financial Secretary – Nannette Liska Treasurer – Ray Elleven	Auditing / Budget & Finance Committee - Mike Liska (Chair), Deanna Betik, Debbie Slovak
Editor of Newsletter – Chuck Kalat	Reconciliation Committee - John Marek Jr. (Chair), David Liska, Harold Corey
Bylaws Chairman - Rusty Liska	Delegates to Southern District - Thomas Betik, Debbie Slovak
Physical Director - Joanna Wilson Educational Director – Elizabeth Moucka	Delegates to National Convention - Thomas Betik, Laura Trojacek

SOKOL KHB ENNIS ANNUAL MERSERS DAY Congratulations to these members that received their

American Sokol Membership Awards at Sokol KHB Ennis Annual Members Day event December 4th, 2021

Nazdar!

Dlabaj, Dolores - 40 yrs	Matous, Stanley A 50 yrs	Pruitt, Rowdy - 30 yrs	
Hajek, Kim - 40 yrs	Matus, Harry - 10 yrs	Rayford, Sandra - 10 yrs	
Hamilton, Jay - 10 yrs	Matus, Wilma - 10 yrs Reeve, Chip - 15 yrs		
Hamilton, Pamela - 10 yrs	Mercer, Norma - 30 yrs	Reeve, Joyce - 10 yrs	
Harris, Keyna - 5 yrs	Mikula, Andy - 10 yrs	Slovak, Deborah - 20 yrs	
Jurcik, Charles L 65 yrs	Mikula, Sandra - 10 yrs	Slovak, John J 10 yrs	
Kalat, Christine – 25 yrs	Mitchell, Gary - 5 yrs	Soderquist, Bethany - 25 yrs	
Langer, Emily - 30 yrs	Morales, Cathie - 20 yrs	Strunc, Danny - 15 yrs	
Lanicek, Wesley Jr 45 yrs	Morales, Georgie - 20 yrs	Sullivan, Lisa - 15 yrs	
Larson, Nancy - 40 yrs	Morales, Pete - 65 yrs	Toth, Arthur - 50 yrs	
Laznovsky, Lori - 30 yrs	Moucka, Elizabeth - 15 yrs Valek, Benny - 30 yrs		
Liska, Debbie - 30 yrs	Navarro, Eudelia - 30 yrs	Vyers, Nathan - 15 yrs	
Liska, Nannette - 45 yrs	Novy, Theresa - 25 yrs	Walker, Charles - 10 yrs	
Liska, Russell - 10 yrs	Patak, Gayle - 25 yrs	Wester, Jo Ann - 40 yrs	
Macik, Debbie - 10 yrs	Petruy, Willie - 40 yrs	Wilson, Joanna - 5 yrs	
Macik, James - 10 yrs	Pleiner, Libby – 30 yrs	Zapletal, Madalyn - 10 yrs	
Marek, John Jr 15 yrs	Pochobradsky, Victor - 30 yrs	Zapletal, Patricia - 10 yrs	



Charlie Jurcik receives 65 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021 (Cousin Ray Elleven accepted on his behalf)



Nannette Liska receives 45 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



John Marek Jr. receives 15 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Debbie Macik receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Sandra Mikula receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Stanley Matous receives 50 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Lori Laznovsky receives 30 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Liz Moucka receives 15 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



James Macik receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Harry Matus receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Arthur Toth receives 50 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021 (Daughter Nannette Liska accepted on his behalf)



Benny Valek receives 30 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021 (Brother Larry Valek accepted on his behalf)



Rusty Liska receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Andy Mikula receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Pat Zapletal receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021 (Daughter Michelle Slovak accepted on her behalf)



r Membership Award y event Dec. 4, 2021 Johnny Slovak receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021



Wilma Matus receives 10 Year Membership Award at Sokol Ennis Members Day event Dec. 4, 2021

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 2, so the evening of March 1 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.

Many more details about Czech Masopust can be found on-line:

- www.myczechrepublic.com/czech_culture/czech_holidays/easter/masopust.html
- theculturetrip.com/europe/czech-republic/articles/how-to-celebrate-masopust-in-prague
- www.rferl.org/a/czech-republic-masopust-carnival-shrove-tuesday-lent/29037419.html
- www.lidovakultura.cz/customs-and-traditions
- www.expats.cz

Na Zdar!

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

Sokol Ennis Scholarship

The Sokol Ennis scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are current members of Sokol Ennis or has a parent/legal guardian that is a current member of Sokol Ennis. Two - \$250 scholarships will be awarded. Completion of the attached application, essay and Sokol Ennis questionnaire are required to be considered for the scholarship. The scholarship deadline is May 16th with the scholarship recipient to be announced no later than June 1st. All applications should be mailed to Sokol Ennis, PO Box 205, Ennis, Texas 75120, postmarked by the 16th. No late applications will be accepted. Nazdar!

Scholarship donations:

- \$300 was received from two football boards we had at Thanksgiving & Christmas strictly to raise money for the scholarship fund.
- \$200 was received from the 50/50 at our New Year's Eve dance strictly for the scholarship fund.
- We have a Superbowl board for \$25 a square which \$500 will go toward the scholarship fund. Squares still available which can be purchased in the clubroom.

GYMNASTICS / VOLLEYBALL REPORT

GYMNASTICS REPORT

- Our gymnasts team was in the Parade of Lights on Dec. 2. Float was decorated by parents and staff.
- We had our Christmas Program Dec. 4. The kids had a blast performing 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!
- We will have a booth at the Czech Music Festival February 19.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

- 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.

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!









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

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

Feb 3 - Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: Larks on a String - Clubroom 5pm

- Feb 6 Sunday Football Watch Party Clubroom 12pm-8pm
- Feb 7 Chili Feast Fundraiser Dining Room 5pm
- Feb 13 Sunday Superbowl Party Clubroom 12pm / David Slovak & Friends 2pm
- Feb 16 Monthly Members Meeting Dining Room 7pm
- Feb 18 PolkaOn! Pre-Party for Ennis Czech Music Fest Clubroom 5pm / All Around Czechs 7pm
- Feb 19 Ennis Czech Music Festival Main Hall 1pm
- Feb 26 Ennis Chamber of Commerce Auction & Mardi Gras Main Hall 5:30pm

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

Mar 11 - Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm

Mar 25 - Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm

May 27-29 - National Polka Festival - Main Hall

June 10-12 - American Sokol National Convention - Entire Facility



"Sokol KHB now has poker chips that can be purchased and redeemed for drinks in the clubroom. These chips were generously donated by Larry Trojacek, Benny Trojacek, Christopher Trojacek, Thomas Betik and David Slovak."

"I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DIRECT THE WIND, BUT I CAN ADJUST THE SAILS"

Building Upgrades

A few members came together January 28 and 29 to make a few improvements to the hall. First was installing a new 82-inch Smart Television in the club room. It was paid for by donations for the members. Michelle Slovak took the lead to collect donations and purchase the television. The new television replaces one of the existing that will be on the patio enhancing viewing of sporting events and Czech Movie Night. Now we can get Ranger baseball games this season on the Smart TV.

The most notable improvement to the hall is painting the stage a marron color. Ryan Waedekin of Sherman Williams Paint Store in Ennis donated paint and supplies for this and few more projects. The lower wall in the service area was painted a brown color and the rest of service area lower walls will be painted at another date.

The crew rented a scissor lift to help with the painting and replace 39 ceiling tiles that fell victim to volleyballs gaining altitude at a high velocity. We recently had an Ellis County fire inspection and were required to replace the broken tiles. Ceiling tiles help slow the migration of smoke in the event of a fire.

In addition to thanking Sherman Williams Paint Store and Michelle Slovak, we'd like to thank the others who contributed to these projects: Benny Trojacek, Chris Trojacek, David Slovak, Larry Trojacek, Mike Liska, Randy Owen, and Rusty Liska. Be sure and thank these individuals when you see them.

More painting projects and upgrades are in the plans. Watch for a "Call for Volunteers" so you can help too!

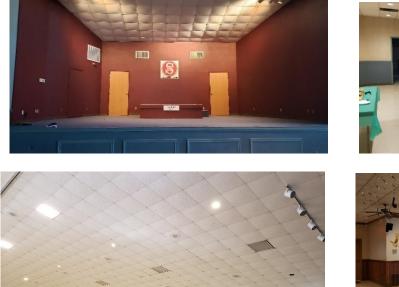
Captions

Picture 1 – The stage was painted maroon.

Picture 2 – One lower wall in the service area was painted brown. The remaining service aera lower walls will be painted in the near future.

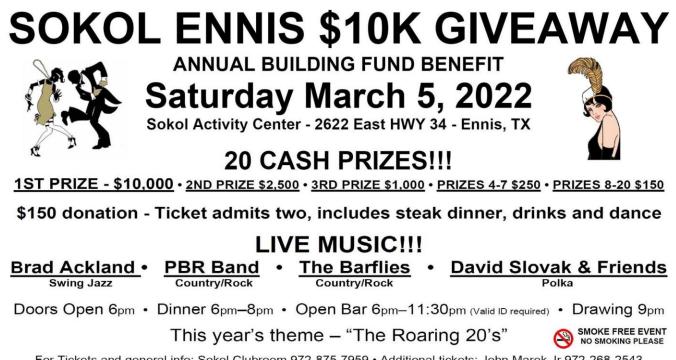
Picture 3 – 39 ceiling tiles were replaced in the volleyball aera of the gym.

Picture 4 – Members watching the NFC AFC Championship games on the *NEW* 82-inch Smart Television. Donations from Sammy & Libby Pleiner, Mike & Nannette Liska, Chuck & Jan Kalat, David & Michelle Slovak, Rusty & Mary Liska, Larry Trojacek, James & Debbie Macik, and Randy & Debbie Owens made purchase of the new TV possible.









For Tickets and general info: Sokol Clubroom 972-875-7959 • Additional tickets: John Marek Jr 972-268-2543 Tickets also for sale Monday & Wednesday evenings in the Clubroom • Email: fundraising@sokolennis.com • Mail: P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120

Ellis County Czech Heritage Society Czech Movie & Social Thurs. February 10, 2022 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: "Larks on a String" 7pm

Old members, new members, friends and neighbors are all invited to the social & 1969 Czech movie:

"Larks on a String"

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.

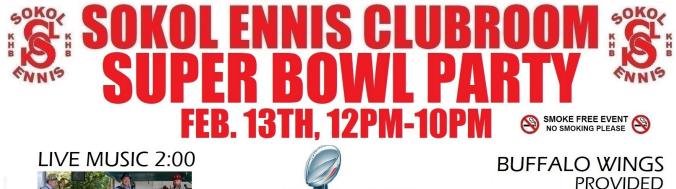
Pizza, chicken strips, com dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles & snacks available at bar.



Czech Title: "Skřivánci na niti" Larks on a String is a comedy / drama / romance film directed by Jiří Menzel. It was banned by the Czechoslovak government but was later released in 1990 after the fall of the Communist regime. It tells the stories of various characters considered bourgeois by Czechoslovakia's communist government in the 1950s, who have been forced to work in a junkyard for the purposes of reeducation.

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







DAVID SLOVAK & FRIENDS

Pizza, Chicken Strips, Corn Dogs, French Fries,

Cheese Sticks, Jalapeno Poppers, Fried Pickles

& Snacks available for purchase at bar

SUPER BOWL GAME TIME 5:30

CLUBROOM REGULARLY OPEN MON & WEDS 5PM

BRING A COVERED **DISH IF**

YOU LIKE

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



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





Market Price per plate TBD Child plates available





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





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 ENNIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name of Applicant	Sex					
Home Address Date of Birth						
Social Security #						
Father's Information: Name:						
Address:						
Employer/Occupation:						
Mother's Information: Name:						
Address:						
Employer/Occupation:						
Financial Information						
Parent/Parents Gross Income Range (Whoever claims you as a dependent for income tax purposes)						
Below \$10,000\$11-20,000\$	21-30,000					
\$31-49,000Over \$50,000						
Number in household Number in household in college						
School & Non-School Activities & Honors						
Please fill out carefully. Include club membership, office held, extract school. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.	arricular activities and honors outside of					
SCHOOL YR. <u>ACTIVITIES/CLUB/ORGANIZATIONS</u> HONORS/AWARDS	S/OFFICE COMMUNITY/CHURCH					

Work Experience							
Do you work? Y	es No I	f yes, where?					
Work Supervisor:							
Number of hours p	er week						
		College Informatio	on				
Best SAT Score:	V M	Date Taken:			-		
Best ACT Score:	ENGLISH READING						
Grade Point Avera	ge		Rank				
What is your antici	ipated college major?						
What is your antici	ipated college minor?						
College (s) applied	to:				Accepted:		
1			Y	(es	No		
2			Y	(es	No		

Essay

You will not be considered without completing the essay. The essay must be a minimum of 500 words, double-spaced, typed, on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this application. Essay title: **"Youth Membership:** How to attract new membership from a youth perspective"

Student Signature

Date

Sokol Ennis Questions

1. Are you or a member of your family a current member of Sokol Ennis? If so, who is the member?

2. Explain how you or a member of your family have been involved in Sokol Ennis.

3. As you become an adult, do you plan to become a member of Sokol Ennis separate from your parents? Do you feel that you could be an active member of the organization?