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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.”

\$10K THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank the board, the volunteers, the ticket sellers, our sponsors, entertainers, cooks; especially Kirby Crow (printing the tickets), Sandra Mikula (table reservations), John Marek Jr. for handling the tickets, and Lori Laznovsky for helping me navigate my first \$10K fundraiser as president. With all of your help we were able to have a very successful SOLD OUT benefit.

Congratulations to the Winners:

- \$10,000 – Eric Toth
- \$ 2,500 – Ashley Harryman
- \$ 1,000 – Bob Podhrasky
- \$ 250 – Doreen Honza, Emilie Langer, Larry T. Valek, Angie Anderson
- \$ 150 – Trenton Green, Andrew Betik, Hejny Contracting, Corey Mikula, David Leach, David Reeves, Brad Jones, Shellie York, Gayle Patak, Bill Nash, Dominic Zmolik, Harold Corey, David Belew

Mark your calendars for next year’s \$10K benefit which will be March 2, 2024. Again, thank you all!

Michelle Slovak – President

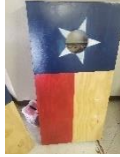
“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – Francis of Assisi

April, 2023

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gearing up for Southern District Slet! The competition will be on May 6, 2023 at Ft. Worth Sokol

We are doing a corn hole raffle for \$2 a ticket, a quilt raffle for \$1 a ticket and a fire pit for \$5 a ticket!



VOLLEYBALL REPORT

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 annual dues of \$65 are due

GET FIT WITH SARA REPORT

Sara Jakubik email at Jakubiksara4@gmail.com for more information.

POOL REPORT

Pool Grand opening is June 3, 2023 1pm to 5pm!
Live Music/DJ, Door prizes, and Food!

Soft opening of the pool sometime mid/end of April for all annual and daily entry fees.

Must be a silver or gold member to access, participate, or to rent the pool!

Water Aerobics will be free in April and May. Schedule/hours will be released closer to soft opening. Starting in June water aerobics will be \$5 a class! We will do morning and evening water aerobics.

We are still looking for applications for a licensed/certified swim lesson instructor.

Taking applications for lifeguards!

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, Raffle tickets, and swim passes you can email me at jnoplis80@gmail.com, 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!

Thank you, Joanna Wilson, Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager/Pool Manager Sokol KHB Ennis



Educational Director’s Report

This picture is an artist’s symbolism between the sunflower freedom and democracy. When the was organized in the USA in 1865, came also. The **“The Gift that Lives”** (1959-2021). The original is a 24 X 30 palette knife. Our Sokol KHB Museum copies of this artwork. On the back of by Rome, explaining the symbolism of



interpretation of the and Czech and Sokol love of American Sokol organization those same strong beliefs was painted by Rome Milan oil on canvas applied with a has a stock of post card sized the card is a sentiment written the painting.

“Symbolically: The Czech flag waves proudly with Red, White and Blue colors rich in the ideas of democracy. The flag contains a common gift, Sunflowers grown in regions of the Czech Republic. Sunflowers are known to rise up and look to the path of the sun following it as it progresses through time. These Sunflowers are not cut flowers, which could only be seen and admired for a brief time. These flowers are alive and are rooted. They can survive and flourish with care. Their roots are held tightly in a container which poses the brand of the Sokol Organization. There is significance to Sokol, in that Sokol holds dear these roots of Freedom, Family, Fitness and Fairness through democracy. This gift was planted in America in 1865. In times it has flourished spreading roots and seeding the land and in other times it has shown attrition. However, Sokol has never lost its roots; they have been securely planted in America. The small American Flag is placed in with these roots and ideas. The Sokol holds America dear containing a commonality with the Czech people as well as all peoples who desire Freedom, Family, Fitness and Fairness. NAZDAR!”

Rome Milan (January 29, 1959 - April 23, 2021). Rome, a native of Fort Worth, was born into Sokol, and made a huge imprint in the world of gymnastics and American Sokol. As an avid gymnastic historian, he curated a vast collection of vintage Sokol and Olympic memorabilia which he and his father, Jerry Milan, would pack up and take to gymnastic meets all over the country, educating the public about the Sokol mission and its history. They did this at their own expense. Two years ago this month, Rome lost his battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).



Stop by our Ennis Sokol Museum near the front entrance during our next special event to pick up copies of “The Gift that Lives” Sunflower card. Also learn about our local and Metroplex area Sokols who dedicated their lives to the organization. If you are new to Sokol, you can learn about those who our older members reminisce about.

Come visit our Sokol Ennis museum during our next Czech special event. Or call 972-765-3733 to schedule a private visit.

Na zdar! Sis. Liz Moucka Krajca

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**“Success is not final; failure is not fatal.
It is the courage to continue that counts.”
– Winston S. Churchill**

April, 2023

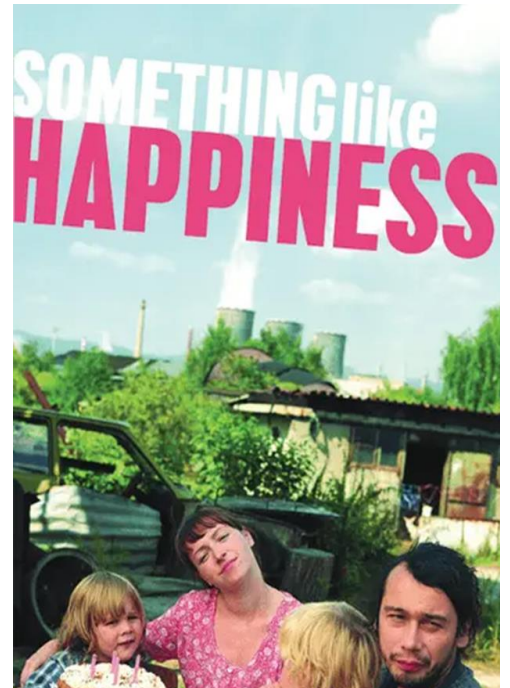
Chicken Fried Steak Feast & Live Music by Studebakers April 28th

We will have a Chicken Fried Steak Feast fundraiser on Friday, April 28th, 5pm-7:30pm in the Dining Room. Price per plate to be determined which includes mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, dessert & tea. Here or to-go. Also, live music at Clubroom Patio 7pm-11pm by the Studebakers. No cover charge. Doors open 5pm. There will also be a 50/50 raffle (\$1 ticket / must be present). Non-smoking event (smoking allowed outside). For questions & ideas, email fundraising@sokolennis.com.

Monthly Czech Movie & Social April 6th & May 4th

The next Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, April 6th in the Clubroom. Doors open 5pm. Accordion music by David Slovak at 6pm. The featured film is "Something Like Happiness" at 7pm (in Czech w/ English subtitles). About the film: A drama about three young adults in Most, Czech Republic that sort out feelings and responsibilities: Monika's boyfriend has left for the States, her mother wants her to join him there, and if the invitation does come, what should she do? Toník is a nice guy, his love for Moni is unrequited. He's trying to rebuild his family's crumbling house; a nearby factory has made an offer to buy the land. With Moni, he watches out for the two young sons of Dasha, their friend who's in a hopeless long-term affair with a married man: Dasha is at once unstable, unrealistic, neglectful of her boys, and cruel to those who help. For whom is this something like happiness?

Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles, onion rings, bread pretzels & snacks available for purchase at bar. Non-smoking event (smoking allowed on patio). Czech Movie & Social occurs monthly on the first Thursday by the Ellis County Czech Heritage Society. All Sokol members welcome.



Monthly Members Meeting April 19th & May 17th

Our next monthly members meeting is Wednesday, April 19th at 7pm in the Dining Room. 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 occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Sokol Ennis Scholarship

The Sokol Ennis scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are current members of Sokol Ennis or have a parent/legal guardian that is a current member of Sokol Ennis. Two - \$250 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship application for 2023 can be found online at www.sokolennis.com/other. Completion of the application is required to be considered for the scholarship. The deadline is May 15th. 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 16th. No late applications will be accepted. Nazdar!

Cornhole Set Raffle



Raffle tickets for the Cornhole Set are available in the Clubroom Monday & Wednesdays 5pm-10pm, or you can buy from members in the gymnastics and volleyball programs. Tickets will also be available at Sokol during the National Polka Festival May 27 & 28.

Drawing will be May 28 during the Fest and you need not be present to win. The price is \$2 per ticket. The Cornhole boards are handmade and includes Sport Beats Cornhole Bags with portable carrying bag.

For questions email fundraising@sokolennis.com.

Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets for the Quilt Raffle are available in the Clubroom Monday & Wednesdays 5pm-10pm, or you can buy from members in the gymnastics program. Tickets will also be available at Sokol during the National Polka Festival May 27 & 28.

Drawing will be May 28 during the Fest and you need not be present to win. The price is \$1 per ticket. The quilt is handmade by the Ennis Ladies Sewing Circle.

For questions email fundraising@sokolennis.com.



Czech Beseda Dance Lessons

Dance lessons for the Czech Beseda (folk dance) will begin soon at Sokol Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to join. If interested, contact Diane Liska at 214-205-7610 or dldoherty30@hotmail.com. For more info about the Czech Beseda, visit www.sokolennis.com/other.



CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

- Apr 6 CHS Social & Czech Movie: "Something Like Happiness" 7pm – Clubroom 5pm
Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
- Apr 19 Chicken Fried Steak Feast & Live music by Studebakers – Dining Room 5pm – 7:30pm
- Apr 28 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm

- May 17
- May 26-28 National Polka Festival - Main Hall www.nationalpolkafestival.com
- Jun 3 Grand Opening of Swimming Pool 1pm-5pm / Poolside Live Music (TBA)

Gymnastics

American Sokol Organization Ennis, TX
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Czech & Slovak Culture



SOKOL ENNIS SWIMMING POOL

NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS

\$15 per hour

Lifeguard Certification Required
 (Certified or be in Red Cross class to get certification)

Contact Joanna swim@sokolennis.com

Swimming Pool

Facility Rentals

sokolennis.com

Fitness

Museum & Library

“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don’t turn up at all.” – Sam Ewing

April / May Member Birthdays

April	1	Wastoskie	Jana
April	2	Strunc	Danny
April	8	Petry	Willie
April	11	Slovak	John Paul
April	15	Mullican	Ryan
April	17	Washburn	Rosemary
April	21	Kalat	Charles
April	24	Havel	Victor
April	24	Laza	Hilary
April	25	Koss	Tiffany
April	25	Mikula	Edwin
April	26	Macik	Debbie
April	27	Kapavik	Keith
April	27	Zabojnik	April
April	29	Slovacek	Shannon

May	2	Pelzel	Thomas
May	2	Wilson	Janice
May	2	Slovak	Daniel
May	3	Stout	Ellene
May	6	Harvell	Donna
May	11	Gora	Tammy
May	13	Pruitt	Rowdy
May	14	Ramirez	Alejandro
May	16	Mullican	Mayfair
May	17	Laney	Heather
May	18	Ege	Carla
May	19	Phillips	Rebecca
May	27	Alvarado	Christina
May	27	Sylvester	Tina
May	30	Zabojnik	Jimmy
May	31	Macik	James
May	31	Smith	Amy
May	31	White	Ricky

DONATIONS

Sokol Ennis always appreciates donations to our organization, whether they be “In Memory” of a deceased member, or simply because you are able to help continue the Sokol mission. We have different areas, or accounts, where your donation can be applied. Therefore, it would be helpful to let us know in a note accompanying your donation, how you wish us to apply your generosity.

- General Fund (operations, dues support, etc.)
- Building Fund (improvements, maintenance, etc.)
- Scholarship Fund
- Swimming pool
- Gymnastics
- Museum - Education

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

**“If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself.”**

– Henry Ford

April, 2023

NATIONAL POLKA FESTIVAL 2023 SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, MAY 25, KJT #35 Bar

7:00pm - 11:00pm POLKA PRE-PARTY - CZECH AND THEN SOME

FRIDAY, MAY 26, KJT #35 Hall

6:00pm – 7:00pm STŘIBRŇANKA (from Czech Republic)

7:30pm - 11:00pm CZECHAHOLICS

9:00pm KING & QUEEN DANCE CONTEST - Sponsored by SPJST Home Office

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:00am - 7:00pm Downtown Ennis - VENDORS & PIVO (BEER) PAVILION

10:00am Downtown Ennis - POLKA PARADE

11:00am - 1:30pm Sokol Hall - VANEKS OF WEST

11:30am - 3:00pm KJT #35 Hall - MARK HALATA & TEXAVIA

11:30am - 12:30pm SPJST #25 Hall - STŘIBRŇANKA

1:00pm - 3:00pm SPJST #25 Hall - PRAHA BROTHERS

12:00pm - 3:30pm Downtown Ennis - TEXAS SOUND CHECK

1:00pm Downtown Ennis - KOLACHE EATING CONTEST - Sponsored by KJT Home Office

2:30pm - 5:00pm Sokol Hall - TEXAS DUTCHMEN

4:00pm - 7:30pm KJT #35 Hall - JODIE MIKULA ORCHESTRA

4:00pm - 7:30pm SPJST #25 Hall - FRITZ HODDE & FABULOUS 6

4:30pm - 7:00pm Downtown Ennis - ALPENMUZIKANTEN

8:30pm - 12:00am KJT #35 Hall - BRAVE COMBO

8:30pm - 12:00am SPJST #25 Hall - ENNIS CZECH BOYS

8:00pm - 12:00am Sokol Hall - COUNTRY CONCERT: MIKE RYAN / special guest ALEX MEIXNER

SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:00am St John Church - POLKA MASS

10:00am - 1:00pm KJT #35 Hall - DUJKA BROTHERS / LIVE BROADCAST KBEC POLKA PARTY

11:00am - 5:00pm Downtown Ennis - VENDORS & PIVO (BEER) PAVILION

12:00pm- 3:30pm Downtown Ennis - JERRY HAISLER & THE MELODY 5

11:30pm - 12:30pm Sokol Hall - STŘIBRŇANKA

1:00pm - 8:15pm Sokol Hall - CZECH & THEN SOME / ALEX MEIXNER

1:30pm - 4:30pm KJT #35 Hall - THE MORAVIANS

9:00pm - 11:30pm Sokol Hall - BRAVE COMBO

More info can be found at www.nationalpolkafestival.com

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