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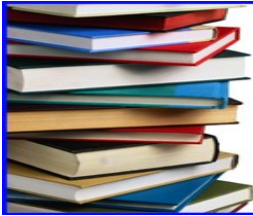
**On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance to balance you.
And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window
and the ghost of loss gets in to you,
may a flock of colours, come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.**

**When the canvas frays in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.**

**May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.
And so may a slow wind work these words
of love around you, an invisible cloak
to mind your life.**

— John O'Donohue,

Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom



Scholarship Opportunities



To apply for a Sokol Scholarship, please request an application from Debbie Scott at debbie.sscott.659@gmail.com or Bruce Singley at brsingley@gmail.com.

Applications are due by May 15.

**Czech Language
Classes every Saturday
morning - for all levels.**

**9:00 to 12:00 at Sokol
Cultural Center
Clubroom**

Petr Peska 313.295.4328



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 20** Sokol Cultural Center Club Room open @ 7:30! Contact Eric Singley for more information.
- March 1** Annual meeting @ Sokol Cultural Center 7:00
- March 12** 4th annual St. Patrick's Day Gymnastics Family Fun Fundraiser
- May 21** NE District Slet Competitions held at Bounce Gymnastics, Hartland, MI
- May 29** Scholarship Pancake Breakfast @ Sokol Camp from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30
- June 12** Summer District Gymnastical at Sokol Detroit Camp
- June 29-July 7** 2016 USA Slet in Pittsburg, PA Hosted by Sokol USA
- July 16-17** Czech-Slovak Festival @ Sokol Cultural Center
- August 6** Annual Golf Outing @ Fox Hills
- September 4** Scholarship Pancake Breakfast @ Sokol Camp from at 8a.m. to 9:30
- November 6** Annual Czech Dinner Party @ Sokol Cultural Center

GYMNASTICS

We will be offering a spring break camp! Check www.sokoldetroit.com for the dates and forms!

Open Gym Fridays! February 26th, March 18th

April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

May 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Bring your kids, neighbors, grandkids, & check out SOKOL gym today!

We are hiring Preschool, Gymnastics & Tumbling Coaches! Please send your resume to sokoldetroitgymnastics@gmail.com or bring it into the gym.

Would you like to participate in a class not offered here? Let us know! Together we can grow, and make Sokol Detroit your cultural, community, fitness organization—fun for the whole family.

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SOKOL DETROIT UNIT MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2016

First Vice President, Sr. Carol Brandon, called the meeting to order at 7:06PM. This was Sokol Detroit's first teleconference meeting, and eight members from Florida, including Sr. Renata Greene, and eleven members at the Sokol Center were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sunshine Lady, Sr. Helen Turchan, reported that a get well card was sent to Br. Petr Peska.

Applications for Membership: No applications presented.

Bills and Correspondence: Newsletters received from Sokol St. Louis, Sokol Greater Cleveland, "Posel," the Czech Catholic Union publication, and a brochure listing the Winter 2016 Events for the Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia, which is located at the University of Michigan.

Executive Reports:

First Vice President: Sr. Brandon attended the successful membership social in the Sokol Detroit Clubroom on Saturday, January 23. Thirteen people attended.

Second Vice President: Br. Eric Singley also reported on the Clubroom social on January 23. The event went extremely well, and another is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016. Darts and Euchre will be on the agenda.

Treasurer: Sr. Ann Marie Hurych gave her report. She also reported for Sr. Kirsten Conely, Sokol Detroit Financial Secretary, that membership dues are coming in and asked that a reminder be inserted in the *Sokol Detroit News* for those members who are late.

Educational Director: Sr. Sue Bares reported on National Anthem Day, March 3. The Star-Spangled Banner, the lyrics written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 during the War of 1812, was recognized for official use in 1889, made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931, and signed by President Herbert Hoover.

UPC: Since Br. Alex Novacek is away and there no other members of the UPC present, it was decided to table the approval of the 2016 UPC budget until the return of Br. Novacek. Only one line item, the tree removal at the Camp, needs to be completed in February. Sr. Jerry Kalivoda made a motion to accept the tree removal cost for February and table the remainder of the budget until Br. Novacek's return. The motion was seconded by Sr. Maryann Fiordelis. Motion passed.

BOI: Sr. Sharon Stanek reported. During the Christmas Holiday season, gymnastic camps and a mock meet were held at the Center. The first competition of 2016 will be held at the Downriver Gymnastics on February 21, 2016. The annual St. Patrick's Day Sokol Detroit event is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Sokol Detroit Librarian: Sr. Diana Balint reported. The large table hindering work on the books has been removed. Assistance was given to a family that wished to donate a family bible that they thought was in the Czech language. It was determined to be in Serbian and in a Cyrillic language. At the current time, there is not enough space to accept family bibles as donations. Other arrangements can be made. Sr. Balint asked and received permission to pursue the feasibility of digital use in the library.

The use of SignUpGenius, digital sign-up for events, will be discussed with Br. Novacek when he returns, to be ready for July's Sokol Czech-Slovak Festival.

Sr. Cheryl Singley and family are planning a large family reunion this year and asked the membership for any Sokol Detroit stories, photographs, documents, etc., that the family may use for this celebration.

Sr. Hurych reported on the *Sokol Detroit News* mailing. The printer is paid for January-March 2016 and will use postage that was donated from the stamp club.

The cost for non-members will be raised this year. Sokol Detroit will not accept new non-member subscriptions for hard copies.

Sr. Hurych also reported that the CSA Bowling Tournament, originally scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016, was cancelled and rescheduled for March 18. Please contact Br. Jeffery Teichman for more information.

The January 2016 Unit meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Sr. Brandon reminded members that all Annual Reports shall be submitted to Sr. Rose Wiggle as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held at Sokol Center on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Rose Wiggle, Co-Recording Secretary



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