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Dear Sokol Friends,

Thank you for your kind words of condolence upon the passing of our mother, Louise Kovar. She was a kind and gentle woman who loved spending time with her Sokol friends. So many great memories of dances at the old hall, dinner parties at the new hall, and playing Euchre with her friends in the Sokol Camp Clubroom.



Thank you, too, for your donations to Sokol in her memory—a great way to honor a life well-lived by donating to an organization that carries on the traditions of our Czech and Slovak culture.

Nancy Kovar-Ritter, Rosemary Rodgers, Carol Brandon



Sokol UPC Meeting Highlights

December 14, 2016

Members Present: Alex Novacek, Doug Mily, Chris Cortis, Milo Eisenstein, Meg Novacek, Jonathan Conrad, John Michalek, Derrick Fair, Diane Hurych, Dave Bares

Excused: Johanna Seidel

New Member: Jim Michalek

Meeting, conducted via conference call, was called to order at 7:08 p.m. The UPC wishes to thank Doug Mily and John Michalek for their years of service to the UPC. Eric Singley and Jim Michalek will be joining the UPC starting in January 2017. It has been confirmed that it is OK to be a member of the Executive Board and serve on the UPC per our Unit By-Laws. November meeting minutes approved as distributed. Treasurer's report approved.

UPC reviewed a draft list of projects to provide the basis for the 2017 budget as well as to make sure no key projects are missing and timing is appropriate. UPC members will review the list and suggest changes if desired at the February meeting. Alex will arrange for a Port-a-Jon to be delivered to the Camp for sledding parties but it will not be serviced until May.

Old Business:

General docks – Caretakers can use the day dock or temporarily use a cottage dock that is not in use. Per the by-laws, there will not be an assigned spot for the caretaker. Dock usage for the 2016 season was reviewed. Correspondence sent to the two cottage owners currently without dock space to determine if they are interested in a dock. If any other dock spaces are made available, per the By-Laws, the UPC will alert the general membership of the temporary availability on a season by season basis. General dock billing, including dock fees to all cottages, will be sent out since the list has been finalized.

Letters will be sent out to cottage owners that currently have excessive items on their property requesting that said items cleaned up/removed.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next meeting, via conference call, to be held Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.



Monthly Unit Meetings: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00

@ Sokol Cultural Center

February 7 Unit Meeting

GYMNASTICS

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

Open Gym - Friday Nights 7 to 9 p.m.

Must have parent forms on file at the gym. Download them and bring them with you or parents can fill them out at the gym (forms are on the Gymnastics page)

GYMNASTICS CAMP

9am to 5pm - Parent Forms must be on file.

Cost is \$35 per day or \$150 per week (5 days).

April 3 - 7, 2017.

We are hiring Preschool, Gymnastics & Tumbling

Coaches! Please send your resume to
sokoldetroitgymnastics@gmail.com or bring it into the
gym.

Sokol Detroit Unit Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

President, Sr. Renata Greene, called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Twenty-one members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silence for deceased member, Br. Frank Turchan, Sr.

Correspondence: Newsletters were received from Sokol Greater Cleveland, Sokol St. Louis, Sokol Spirit, Sokol Sydney, and Sokol USA Times.

Treasurer's Report: Sr. Ann Marie Hurych reported on the December 31, 2016, account balances.

Financial Secretary: Sr. Kirsten Conely reported that Sokol Detroit received a letter of resignation from Sr. Barbara Sefcovic.

The issue of work hours and the tracking of work hours will be included on the February 2017 unit meeting agenda.

Membership: Sr. Melanie Mily replaces Sr. Rose Wiggle as Membership/Interviewing Committee Chair, effective this month. Sr. Greene passed around a copy of the new membership application, which was revised at a recent meeting.

UPC: Br. Alex Novacek was excused, but he sent in the UPC 2017 Budget/Forecast. Br. Patrick Conely made the motion to approve the standard expense Operating Budget, Sr. Carol Brandon seconded, and it was approved by membership. Next month, the 2017 Budget Forecast for future projects will be reviewed.

Sr. Jeanne Heilman reported that she had difficulty finding a place on the Sokol Detroit website to use PayPal for paying her 2017 dues. Br. Brian Fair, Sokol Detroit Webmaster, will be notified.

Sokol Detroit News: Sr. Heidi Turchan was complimented on her job as editor of the newsletter. There remains the issue of some of the members not receiving their newsletters via USPS. It was suggested that Sr. Carolyn Wolski, who is the member responsible for subscriptions and who already knows the members and others who pay for subscriptions, might be able to handle the job of mailing hard copies. Sr. Greene will contact Sr. Wolski. A notice will be published in the newsletter asking members who wish to receive a hard copy to contact Sr. Wolski.

Scholarship Committee: Br. Bruce Singley reported on the profit from the 2016 poinsettia sales, which were somewhat higher than last year's. The geranium and poinsettia flower sales are now the major sources of funding the Scholarship Committee, as donations from other sources have not been significant for several years.

Sr. Greene suggested that the method of donation collection be streamlined beginning this year. Instead of sending checks to Sr. Carrie Tuskey, they will be sent directly to the committee chairs for deposit, making sure that Sr. Heidi Turchan receives the donor names for publishing in the Sokol Detroit News.

Northeastern District: Sr. Greene reported on the proposed movement on the national level to have a Hall of Fame, where districts nominate someone to be included. Sr. Greene and members of the Northeastern District believe that this is not a good idea. Deceased past members were never honored - never felt the need to be honored because they believed that it was their responsibility as Sokol members to always do a good job. The consensus at tonight's meeting was agreement with Sr. Greene.

The Czech School will begin soon on Saturday mornings.

Czech Dinner Party: A successful event, and the profit was approximately the same as the 2015 Dinner Party.

Br. Victor Hurych made the motion that the December 2016 unit meeting minutes be accepted. Br. Thom Ouellette seconded, and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Sr. Carol Brandon will replace Sr. Hurych as the member who will be responsible for getting the name plaques engraved for the donation wall in the Center's lobby.

Sr. Hurych is requesting someone - either a CPA or someone else who can be responsible - to file Sokol Detroit's Internal Revenue Form 990 - Return of Organization Exempt from Tax Income (for non-profit organizations). The due date for the 2016 report is May 15, 2017.

Sr. Greene requested that all committee 2016 annual reports be submitted to Sr. Wiggle by January 31, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM. The next meeting will be held at 7:00PM on February 7, 2017, at Sokol Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Wiggle, Co-Recording Secretary



Sokol Detroit Donations

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address (receipt will be sent electronically):

In "Memory" or "Honor" of: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Please mail to:

Scholarship Fund Donations:

Bruce Singley
150 S. Silvery Lane
Dearborn, MI 48124

Endowment Fund Donations:

Gorton Greene
7325 Cold Spring Ln.
W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

Building Fund and Camp Donations:

Ann Marie Hurych
13433 Mulberry Trail
Taylor, MI 48180

THANK YOU

From Bruce Singley, Donations to the Scholarship Fund:

Victor Hurych in honor of Millie DeConti Link, \$25

Renata & Gorton Greene in honor of Frank Turchan, \$100

Bruce & Cheryl Singley in honor of Louise Kovar, \$25

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Join Petr Peska on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Sokol Cultural Center Club Room!

**Email Petr if you have questions:
ptrpeska@gmail.com**



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SOKOL DETROIT CONTRIBUTIONS

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Louise Kovar

Chuck & Sue Bares	100
Jim & Jerry Kalivoda	25
Libbie Pelc	50
Rosemary & Jim Rogers	250

In Memory of Mildred Link

Rosemary & Jim Rogers	25

Sokol Detroit

Carl & Maryann Fiordelis	40
Ken & Sherry Locke	10
Marie Delores Hausch	100

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Louise Kovar

Joe & Diane Dunlap	30
Don & Evelyn Fergle	30
Maria Ellis & Family	50
Scott & Carol Brandon	250
Sokol Detroit	50
Bruce & Cheryl Singley	25

In Memory of Frank Turchan

Chuck & Sue Bares	50
Sokol Detroit	50
Jim & Brigid Liska	50
Tom, Carrie, Cara Tuskey	50
Gorton & Renata Greene	100
Bruce & Cheryl Singley	100

In Memory of Mildred Link

Jim & Jerry Kalivoda	25
Victor Hurych Sr.	25

ENDOWMENT FUND	
<u>Sokol Detroit Donation</u>	
Marty & Marie Gabriel	50
<u>In Memory of Mildred Link</u>	
Sokol Detroit	50
<u>In Memory of Jerry Fiema</u>	
Sokol Detroit	50
<u>In Memory of Steve Chapo</u>	
Sokol Detroit	50
SOKOL CAMP FUND	
<u>In Memory of Louise Kovar</u>	
Helen & Richard Phillips	100
Rosemary & Jim Rogers	250
Betty Mlinek &	
John and Nancy Wheeler	100
<u>In Memory of Frank Turchan</u>	
Jim & Rosemary Rodgers	25
<u>Sokol Detroit</u>	
James & Lisa Hurd	25
Frank Kominek	20



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