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From Sr. Marsha Swinkey...



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

@ Sokol Cultural Center

January 3 7:00: Sokol Unit Meeting

January 15 Sokol Membership dues deadline!

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).

December 26 - 30, 2016.

January 2 - 6, 2017.

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 Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2016

First Vice President, Sr. Carol Brandon, called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Fourteen members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silent for deceased member, Sr. Mildred Link DiConti. Two members are recovering nicely from knee surgery - Srs. Renata Greene and Ann Marie Hurych.

Correspondence: Newsletters were received from Sokol Greater Cleveland and Sokol St. Louis. Also received were donation requests from Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library.

Educational Director: Because we are into the holiday season, Sr. Susan Bares gave us the history of reindeer, which were originally domesticated by the Lapps in the fifth century.

BOI: Sr. Sharon Stanek reported. The gymnastic program's Black Friday event was extremely successful. Thirty children attended - fifteen each for the full and half days. Camps are planned for the weeks between Christmas and New Year's Day and after New Year's Day.

UPC: Br. Alex Novacek reported on the last UPC meeting of November 17, 2016. Center: roof leak repaired and damaged interior ceiling tiles replaced. Camp: locked up and water turned off. Br. Novacek and the UPC were extremely pleased at the outstanding turnout this year for the Camp clean up. A separate recognition will be published in the Sokol Detroit News acknowledging the names of those who participated. New Business: Lot, dock and launch fees will be billed separately for the 2017 season. Fees remain the same as 2016. There is ongoing committee discussion regarding the issue of the excessive amount of items on some cottage properties. The next UPC meeting will be held via teleconference on December 14, 2016.

Scholarship: Br. Bruce Singley reported that sixty-two poinsettia plants were sold for the scholarship fundraiser - five more than last year.

Endowment: Sr. Brandon reported for Br. Gorton Greene. The committee will be turning over funds to the Treasurer early in January 2017.

Old Business. The revised and rewritten (October 2016) Sokol Detroit By-Laws are ready to be sent to the American Sokol Organization. Sr. Meg Novacek, as a member of the By-Laws Committee, will handle.

Northwestern District Meeting: Sr. Novacek has volunteered to review the American Sokol Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS).

Library Report: Sr. Diana Balint reported on the book donations from Br. Frank Raidl and the Balint family. She thanked Br. Raidl for the donation and also wanted to congratulate the many members who helped with the camp leaf clean up.

New Business: Dues letters are going out. Dues are due January 15, 2017. Members will face expulsion as of February 15, 2017.

Br. Novacek made an important request: all committee members should create positions for clean-up duty on their event volunteer list.

The November 2016 Unit Meeting Minutes were reviewed and corrected as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00PM on January 3, 2017, at Sokol Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Wiggle, Co-Recording Secretary



The UPC wishes to recognize the following members and friends of Sokol who came out for Camp Clean-up. The Camp looks great and your hard work was appreciated!

Diane Hurych/Event Chairman

Margarita Frommert

Marty Eisenstein

Vic Hurych Jr

Mitch Eisenstein

Chris and Lindsay Cortis

John Wheeler

David Bares

Matt Margarita

Tim and Patty Cashen

Marianne and Carl Fiordelis

Bruno and Mandy Jandasek

Jonathan Conrad

DJ

Ken Molter

Jim Kalivoda

Milo Eisenstein

Derrick Fair

Marty Eisenstein

Donald Fox

Mitch Eisenstein

Mark Couling

John Wheeler

Mark Christenson

Sokol Detroit Unit Property Committee Meeting Notes

November 17, 2016

Attending: Meg Novacek, Alex Novacek, John Michalek, Derrick Fair, Jonathan Conrad, Diane Hurych, Bruno Jandasek, Johanna Seidel

Excused: Chris Cortis, Lindsay Cortis, David Bares, Doug Mily, Milo Eisenstein

Guest: Margarita Frommert

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. September meeting minutes approved as emailed. Treasurer's report approved as read. UPC By-Laws and guidelines approved at the Annual meeting. New UPC members announced- Jim Michalek and Eric Singley will be joining; Bruno Jandasek and Chris Cortis terms renewed; Doug Mily and John Michalek resigning 12-31.

Correspondence:

Bares/Wheeler dock modification approved

Mike Cortis boat storage request denied.

Center Report:

Roof leak repaired. Bill O'Reilly has replaced damaged interior ceiling tiles.

WiFi outage to be repaired on 11/23 by AT+T.

Camp Report:

Entrance gate to Camp will be locked beginning 11-29.

Water at Camp to be turned off November 18.

Diane Hurych reported a great turnout for Camp Cleanup. Special thanks to all who participated. A separate recognition will be published in the Sokol Detroit News acknowledging those who participated.

Old Business:

Next steps on general dock issue deferred to the December meeting. The UPC is asked to review Camp policy on this issue prior to the meeting.

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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**



New Business:

- Lot, Dock and Launch fees will be separately billed for the 2017 season.
- Ongoing discussion regarding excessive amount of items on various cottage properties and how it pertains to safety for all will be continued at the December meeting.

Alex discussed that physical location of winter meetings be more centrally located for the majority of the group. Derrick Fair will look into teleconference/Skype via phone as an option.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14 via conference call.

Respectfully submitted:

Johanna Seidel/Secretary

Br. Gorton Green would like to recognize the major donations to the Endowment fund:

Doug and Sandy Mily - Donation amount: \$2500.

Nick and Joan Spiroff - Donation amount \$2000.

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by the 15th of each month to:

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From Sr. Renata Greene: It is with sadness that we inform the membership of the passing of Frank Turchan Sr. on Friday, December 16th.

Frank was a treasured member of Sokol Detroit. Br. Turchan held the position of Recording Secretary as well as the Presidency. He is best remembered for supporting the youth of Sokol Detroit by starting the Scholarship Fund.

We offer the family our deepest condolences as they begin to start a new chapter in their family history. Sr. Helen Turchan would like you to know that although the date has not been set, there will be a memorial service in the spring.



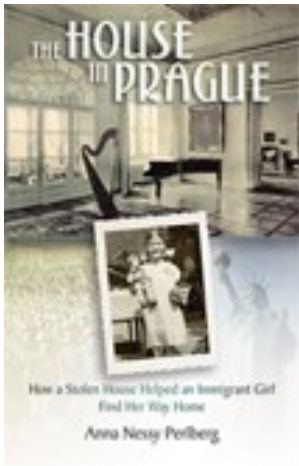
Frank Turchan Sr.
10/23/36 -12/16/16

From Sr. Greene:

MY STORY by Anna Nussy Perlberg

When I was a child, my family lived in a beautiful house near Prague Castle (na Hrdčanech).

My mother, Julia, was an opera singer; my father, Pavel, a lawyer. Both were close friends of the children of President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk. When President Masaryk's son Herbert died, my father was one of the lawyers charged with protecting the wellbeing of Herbert's widow and two daughters. My mother was a lifelong friend of the President's daughter, Alice.



In 1939, Hitler invaded our country, bringing our life of privilege to a halt. We abandoned our lovely home to escape Nazi persecution and find our way to America.

My Book, [The House in Prague](#) tells the story of those beginnings and of our post-war life as immigrants in New York City. Three cherished Holocaust survivors returned to us, helping us reweave the fabric of our family.

After the Velvet Revolution of 1989, we learned that we could sue for the return of our home in Prague. But would we prevail? And if we did, what then?

If this story interests you, I would be grateful if you would have a look at the book by going to the links listed below.

With all good wishes,

Anna Nussy Perlberg

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Purchase *The House in Prague* at [Amazon.com](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Indiebound](#), [Books a Million](#), [KOBO](#), or [contact the publisher](#) for discounted bulk orders.

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