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*Sokol Detroit presents*

**Sunday-November 5, 2017**

Doors open 1:30pm~6 pm



**"A Walk in Time"**



**Celebrating 50 years**

Of our

Sokol Cultural Center

23600 W. Warren

Dearborn Heights, MI

**Gift baskets raffeled  
all afternoon**

**Bring your family albums from Sokol events to share and reminisce!**

**\$20 per Adult.....\$10 children 12 and under**

Dinner ...Dessert...Drink... served: 2-4 pm

Beer ~ Wine ~ Pop included

***Enjoy Music & Dance with Millie's Polka Band***

Available for purchase ~ Czech/Slovak Crystal ~ Czech Crystal Jewelry

Czech Christmas Ornaments ~Czech/Slovak Boutique ~

& ,turnice , kolace & dumplings

For more details contact Renata Greene at [rzgreene@gmail.com](mailto:rzgreene@gmail.com)

August 2017

Dear Friends and Members:

As you know, Sokol Detroit is a multi-faceted organization, which has been providing unique intergenerational programs for families throughout Metro-Detroit for over 150 years. As one of Detroit's oldest non-profit organizations, its main focus is physical fitness for the family and the education of our members and the public to the history and culture of the Czech and Slovak people. In this way, we bring a diverse population together working toward the goal of an educated mind in a healthy body building a strong, cohesive community.

This year Sokol Detroit is celebrating 50 years in our current location and our Dinner Dance with the theme "A Walk in Time" will be held on Sunday, November 5nd. In our continuing efforts to ensure our existence, we are again featuring the All Day Basket Raffle. We will present a number of gift baskets of varying themes for raffle. As always, this event will be open to the public allowing us to educate and share some aspects of our Czech customs, music and traditional foods.

We would like to include **YOU** among our sponsors in this endeavor. We are asking for a cash donation to help offset the cost to create the baskets. Sponsorship will be prominently indicated in all advertising and the program. As always it is your generosity that is most appreciated.

Your support will enable Sokol Detroit to continue providing the much needed social, physical and cultural programs - which help bring families and friends together for a lifetime of activities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please send your tax deductible donation made out to SOKOL DETROIT to our Raffle Chairperson, Brigid Liska at:

33703 Macomb Avenue, Farmington, MI 48335

Brigid can be reached for any questions at 248.310.9983 or at [brigid@avalonfilms.com](mailto:brigid@avalonfilms.com).

Sincerely,

Renata Greene

President

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## Sokol Detroit Monthly Unit Meetings @ 7:00

- Sokol Hall:

November 7

December 5



**Annual Czech Dinner Party Date:** Sunday, November 5th at Sokol Cultural Center



**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](mailto:ptrpeska@gmail.com)**

## GYMNASTICS

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

Lots of information on the website:

**<http://sokolgymnastics.weebly.com/>**

**We are hiring Preschool, Gymnastics & Tumbling Coaches!** Please send your resume to [sokoldetroitgymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:sokoldetroitgymnastics@gmail.com) or bring it into the gym.

## Thank You—Dekuji

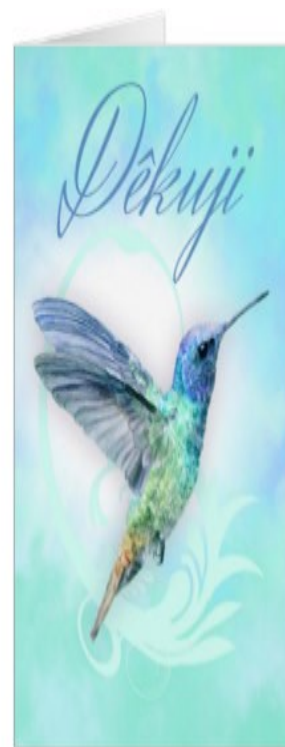
We had a work session on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon. I want to thank the work crew that helped clean out and organize several cupboards and shelving units.

Those members were: Maryann Fiordelis, Renata Green, Jerry Kalivoda, Nancy Ritter, Melanie Miley, Chuck & Sue Bares, and Alex Novacek.

It was noted that Tom Ouellette had come in earlier and organized the “baking cupboard”.

While they were busy cleaning Gorty Greene and Jim Kalivoda were cooking the meat for jetrnice.

Submitted by Sue Bares, Committee organizer



## In Observance of Veteran's Day,

### “Folding the Flag” Shared by Sue Bares

Have you ever noticed the Honor Guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but it's not. Read on to learn.

The 1<sup>st</sup> fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of his/her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4<sup>th</sup> fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war, for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decaur, “Our Country”, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, One nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the day of light.

The 9<sup>th</sup> fold is attribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11<sup>th</sup> fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12<sup>th</sup> fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13<sup>th</sup> fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto, “In God We Trust.”

After the flag is completed folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, Ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

(Credit to Nancy Rericha from the CSA Journal)

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# HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE

## PROFITS GO TO SOKOL DETROIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hearty double stem plants with 8 - 14 blooms for \$19.00 each

Orders and Money are due November 16, 2017

Pick up at Sokol Hall on Monday, December 4, 2017

3:30 to 4:30 & 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Make checks payable to "Sokol Detroit Scholarship Fund"

Return money & form to  
 Bruce Singley  
 150 S Silvery Lane,  
 Dearborn, MI 48124

Home; 313-563-7656

Cell; 313-418-9632

Email; [brsingley@comcast.net](mailto:brsingley@comcast.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	NUMBER OF EACH			TOTAL #	TOTAL No. x \$19.00 EACH
	WHITE	PINK	RED		
1					\$ -
2					\$ -
3					\$ -
4					\$ -
5					\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>					\$ -



## Sokol Detroit Donations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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In "Memory" or "Honor" of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please mail to:**

#### **Scholarship Fund Donations:**

Bruce Singley  
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Dearborn, MI 48124

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W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

#### **Building Fund and Camp Donations:**

Ann Marie Hurych  
13433 Mulberry Trail  
Taylor, MI 48180

## Sokol Detroit Unit Meeting Highlights

October 2, 2017

Meeting called to order by President, Sr. Renata Greene, at 7:01 p.m. 26 members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silence for Sr. Cheri Schlott. Br. Rod St. Thomas recovering from hip surgery, Br. Ron Jaroh had triple by-pass surgery, Br. Carl Fiordelis recovering from a fall, & Sr. Vera Liska is recuperating from an illness.

Thomas Houdek was initiated into our unit.

Newsletters from Sokol St. Louis, Greater Cleveland, Spirit -Brookfield, IL, Times-East Orange, NJ, & Postel; postcards of Sokol Minnesota 2017 fall events, and Sokol Greater Cleveland's Annual Holiday Fair, November 11, 2017; letter from Czech Catholic Union requesting names of Catholic churches, in the Detroit area, so as to advertise in their bulletins. Sr. Diane Balint will look into this matter. Sokol Baltimore requesting donations for their hall.

Education Director, Sr. Sue Bares, gave a brief history of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic which is celebrated on October 28, with this year being the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also had an article on *The Czech Answer to "Octoberfest"*: the annual Czech Beer Festival held in Prague.

Membership years recognized: 70 yrs., Brs. Frank & Jim Kalivoda; 60 yrs., Srs. Betty Jane Mackie & Shirley Taylor; 50 yrs., Sr. Marilyn Cortis & Br. Doug Mily; 40 yrs., Srs. Lisa Orbain & Carolyn Wolski; 30 yrs., Br. Carl Fiordelis & Sr. Theresa Simonds; 20 yrs., Br. Brett Jandasek, Br. Mark & Sr. Denise Couling, Br. Derek & Sr. Darlene Cresson, Sr. Amy Hollinshead; 10 yrs., Brs. Bob Rembo, Ken Molter, Thomas Tuskey, Srs. Kathy Martin & Melissa Hampton.

Sr. Lynn Conrad reported classes started September 11, 2017; need coaches; the new computer program is proving to be a valuable tool with registration & payment of fees. It will eventually have skill evaluations for parents to see the progress of their child.

Br. Alex Novacek's UPC report will be in the newsletter.

Sr. Marsha Swinky has placed the flyer for the November 5, 2017, dinner party on the internet, Facebook, & in local papers.

Librarian, Sr. Diane Balint, has contacted the Skala Bartizal Library at the Czech/Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids. Their website indicates the type of materials they are interested in whether it be Czech, Slovak, Ruthenian, or all languages & not necessarily Sokol in subject matter. She also requested to have a display table at the Czech Dinner Dance.

The hayride is Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Information on the 2018 Prague Slet is on the ASO website.



All officers will remain for the 2018 year, except Sr. Balint will be the Education Director. Other committee positions that were accepted: Br. Scott Brandon-Auditing; Br. Jim Mack & Sr. Sandy Mily-Endowment; Br. John Borowski & Sr. Jerry Kalivoda-Scholarship. UPC positions: Brs. Scott Brandon, Joe Dunlop, & Bruce Singley.

Any submission of By-Laws changes must be brought to our November 7, 2017, meeting. Sr. Meg Novacek, the NE District Constitution & By-Laws Committee representative, will submit the changes to the National Committee. Discussion & clarification on our unit's dues structure. The ASO Convention is April 26-29, 2018, in Cleveland, Ohio. Br. Novacek, Sr. Conrad, & Sr. Carol Brandon will be our unit's delegates. Alternates are Srs. Ann Marie Hurych, Melanie Mily, & Greene. Members on committees: Br. Chuck Bares-Foundation; Sr. Conrad, Sr. Sharon Stanek, & Sr. Mily-Membership; Br. Novacek-Budget & Finance; Sr. MaryAnn Fiordelis-Nominating; Sr. Brandon-Public Relations; Sr. Greene-Education; Sr. Novacek & Br. Eric Singley-By-Laws.

There will be a dinner at the center October 21, 2017, for those attending the Directors Conference.

The next unit meeting, November 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the center.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Beverly St. Thomas, Co-Recording Secretary

### **Address or email changes?**

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Dearborn Hts. MI 48127

### **Sokol Camp**

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South Lyon, MI 48178

## UPC Meeting Highlights, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Correspondence

Approved Frank Raidl request to build new shed.

Approved Kalivoda request another plastic storage cabinet next to cottage.

Meeting minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer report approved as submitted: Plaza meter showing ~30% reduction after 6-weeks with new walk in cooler refrigeration unit.

### Center report

New stove and ovens delivered, installed, look great, and work well.

Note: Stove has traditional always-on pilot – will need to turn off gas during periods of extended non-use to avoid waste of gas and excessive heat (pilots put off a lot of heat).

Thanks to Jim Michalek for installing electrical outlets for convection feature of new ovens.

Old stove/ovens being listed for sale.

### Camp report

Caretakers (Joe & Di) left early to tend to their house following Hurricanes Irma. Volunteers are needed to cover caretaker duties for remainder of the season responsibilities (primarily trash collection from clubroom & camp)

Camp Clubroom will be open through hayride 10/14; then closed for season.

Camp Cleanup – Sunday after hayride (10/15)

UPC/Bill O'Reilly will send email blast notification of large scale leaf parties

Standing guidance for anyone cleaning leaves on their own initiative:

No burning leaves – leaves should be hauled to the woods (add to past piles)

Clean/clear only what you can complete – don't make a pile and leave

Old business: UPC secretary – Johanna Seidel gave up position – Dave filling in for now

### New business

#### UPC elections

Five UPC positions opening – four at end of term (Alex, Meg, Johanna, and Milo) with one willing to continue (Alex) – one other member resigning (Derrick)

Nominations discussed – two members agreed to nomination (Scott Brandon and Joe Dunlap) – three others either no-reply or no firm commitment to date

Initial brainstorming and brief discussion of upcoming projects and topics

Additional beach sand

Telephone conference and/or video conference capability

Declutter shoreline, camp, and woods

Next meeting is Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Sokol Camp. November meeting TBD

**From Marsha and Larry Swinkey:** What a neat honor! Robert Fox is from Monroe, is Czech and a classmate of Larry. He comes every year to our events; videos the festival; makes copies on DVDs for anyone who wants them.

### **Local aviator recognized for 50-year career**

[By Danielle Portteus](#)  
Monroe News staff reporter

As a young boy growing up on an Ida farm, Robert Fox would watch planes fly overhead. Flying was always part of his plan. "I did my first solo flight on my 16th birthday," Fox, 66, said. The flight was May 13, 1967, in a Musketeer N1474L at Toledo National Airport, which no longer exists.

After taking that first solo flight, he knew he wanted to be a pilot. His first airplane ride was in August 1963 in Ken Hoyt's TriPacer at Monroe Custer Airport. He was 12. By 17, he was a licensed private pilot. The Brownstown Township resident, who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a pilot, was honored Sunday by the Federal Aviation Administration. "He received the Master Pilot Award for flying continuously for 50 years without any accidents," said Jerry Delaney, Custer Airport's manager who nominated Fox for the award. To receive the honor, Delaney had to collect flight records, get letters of recommendation and submit the information to the FAA.

Fox's interest in flying increased around the same time Sputnik was launched into orbit and the Space Race was all over the news. "Everyone was talking about space travel," Fox said. "It drove me to want to know more about flying. It also gave me the incentive to do well in school, especially in math and science." Growing up, Fox would read often about flying. Even before he graduated from Catholic Central High School, he was up in the clouds. "Aviation drew me in," he said. Fox had his instrument, commercial, flight instructor and instrument instructor licenses before he received his bachelor's degree in science aerospace engineering from St. Louis University. During college, he even worked for a Cessna dealer. "Going to school and flying was all I did," Fox said.

As the Vietnam War was ending, the demand for commercial pilots was filled by military pilots. The oil embargo in 1973 caused high fuel prices and airlines cut back. So instead of working for an airliner, Fox used his engineering degree in the energy field. He worked at a plant in Akron, Ohio, before earning a job as an engineer at DTE Energy in Detroit where he worked 25 years. "Even though I had a full-time job, I would teach people how to fly before work and after work," he said.

His special connection to the first plane he flew caused Fox to purchase a Beachcraft Musketeer that seats four in 1986. Flying has changed significantly in 50 years, 45 of which he spent as a flight instructor. "I remember when I used to fly to Chicago and you would lose radio coverage so traffic control couldn't see you," Fox said. "Instead, people used maps with pushpins to track you.

"Safety has always been the pilot's top priority, Fox said. "Every two years I get a biannual flight review," he said. "I go up with an instructor and that person makes sure I can still fly safely. "In all, Fox has logged 4,300 hours in the air. In recent years, he has developed his love of photography into snapping images of the world below. "Lately, I've been taking shots of the algae on Lake Erie or the (Monroe County) Fair or just flying over people's houses," he said. "Flying is very stable. I just set up my tripod and take pictures. "He flies about 30 to 40 hours a year, often by himself. "The feeling is kind of exhilarating," Fox said.

As long as he stays active and in good health, Fox plans to continue soaring with the birds. "I want to fly as long as I am able," Fox said. "I can't really imagine life without it."

**LINK TO THE ARTICLE/PHOTOS:** <http://www.monroenews.com/news/20170920/local-aviator-recognized-for-50-year-career>



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