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140th
Anniversary

Serb Hall - 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Saturday, October 4, 2008
5:30 P.M.

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2008 - 2009



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Congratulations Sokol Milwaukee on Your 140th Anniversary

We are very proud to be a part of the history!

Men's Director - Gerald Novotny Women's Director - Jim Hron Jr.

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Sokol Gymnastics classes held Tuesday Nights Norway House

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Presidents of the Sokol Milwaukee Organization

1868	F. Steiger	1899-1900	Frank Moudry
1869	Frank Vina	1901	Anton Kohlman
1869	Frank Macek	1902	Frank Kus
1870	Joseph Kovas	1903	Anton Pittner
1870	M. Cada	1904	Anton Kohlman
1871	Joseph Satran	1905	K. Jiran
1872	Morie Polacek	1906	Frank Libra
1873	Joseph Satran	1907-1908	Anton Pittner
1874	Frank Kostlan	1909-1911	K. Klinka
1875	Vaclav Hruly	1912	H. Vrba
1875	Frank Mencl	1913	A. F. Shabart
1876	Frank Kostlan	1914-1917	Joseph Moravec
1876	Frank Mencl	1918-1923	Jan Zahorik
1877	Anton Kohlman	1924-1926	Frank Peters
1877	Jan Jambor	1927-1931	James Cerny
1878	Joseph Vasicek	1932-1941	Henry Zelenka
1879	Anton Kohlman	1942-1946	Frank Stepanek
1879-1880	Joseph Balaun	1947	Frank Ptacek
1880-1881	Anton Pittner	1948	Frank Stepanek
1881-1883	Joseph Balaun	1949-1951	Joseph Paul
1883	Jan Kralik	1952	Edmund Falarsh
1884	Joseph Balaun	1953-1954	Edward Pivonka
1885	A. Zajicek	1955	Edward Zaruba
1886-1888	Anton Kohlman	1956	Edward Porinsky
1889	Frank Kaplan	1957-1958	Henry Zelenka
1889	Frank Schissler	1959	James Hron
1890	Anton Pittner	1960-1961	Leroy Bauman
1891	Frank Eder	1962-1971	August Shabart
1892	K. Jiran	1972-1976	Rudy Richter
1893	Anton Kohlman	1977-1983	James Pilger
1894-1895	Jan Zahorik	1984-1987	Fred Stankovsky
1896-1897	Anton Kohlman	1988-1994	Earl Haertlein
1898	K. Jiran	1995-Present	Jerome Zelenka

History of Sokol/Sokolice Milwaukee

In 1862 the Sokol gymnastics society was founded in Prague. The Sokol ideal is “a healthy mind in a healthy body” but Sokol movement also promoted the education, culture and patriotism of the Czech people. Sokol Milwaukee – the 4th oldest unit the US – was founded in 1868. Through the years Sokols maintained their cultural ties with “the old country” while becoming patriotic Americans.

The Sokolice women’s gymnastics association was formed in 1890 and merged with Sokol in 1994.

Sokol grew rapidly and in 1891 along with two Czech fraternal lodges formed the Bohemian Hall Building Association. After it opened in 1895 Bohemian Hall became the focal point for Czech community in Milwaukee. Sokol Exhibitions, Grand Balls, plays, concerts, Czech classes, political meetings, union gathering and weddings were all held at the Hall.

The Hall was home to many Czech clubs affiliated with Sokol such as: the Hlahol Singing Society, the Besedni Sbor Kollar theater group, and the ladies sewing circle. Sokol still enjoys close associations with the Moja Vlast Czech-Moravian dancers and the Western Fraternal Life Association.

“Slets” are celebrations of the Sokol idea. These festivals include competitions and exhibitions of mass calisthenics. Milwaukee Sokol has a long history of participation in these regional, national and international meets. Milwaukee was represented at



**Moja Vlast Folklorny Subor Czech-Slovak Dancers
in front of Devin Hrad(Castle)**

Moja Vlast Folklorny Subor Czech-Slovak Dancers

Moja Vlast Folklorny Subor was founded in 1945 in Milwaukee, WI in order to preserve homeland customs from generation to generation. Authenticity is a key aspect of the director's vision. Under the direction of Sonka Suva-dova Tostrud and Sonia Riecan costume choices to music selection, dance steps and choreography, Moja Vlast seeks to accurately portray and preserve the folk traditions of its ancestors and has been warmly received all over the United States and in the Czech and Slovak Republics. Moja Vlast is also a student organization at Marquette University since 1997 and a proud member of Sokol/Sokolice since 1945.

Moja Vlast's dance repertoire consists of dances from the Czech Republic, Moravia and the Slovak Republic. In 1992 Moja Vlast was the honored group in the City of Michalovce in the Slovak Republic and spent 10 days touring and performing in the Czech and Slovak Republics. In 2003 Moja Vlast performed in DNI Pre Zahranicnych Slovakov for 12 days and danced in many beautiful, historical cities such as Ostrava, Helpa, Trencin, Banska Bystrica, Plzen and Detva.

Moja Vlast means "my homeland" and in its 63 years of existence has received several prestigious awards for the interpretation and authenticity of the dances and costumes, both nationally and internationally. Prestigious award such as Miss International Holiday Folk Fair 1996, the First Miss Czech-Slovak Wisconsin State Queen 1999-2000, 2nd place in the United States, Miss Czech-Slovak State Queen 2000-2001, Miss Czech-Slovak State Queen 2005-2006, Miss Czech-Slovak State Princess 2001-2002, and Miss Czech-Slovak State Princess 2008-2009, have been proudly attained by Moja Vlast's members.

Moja Vlast rehearses on Sundays at Marquette University and is always looking for new members. For more information or to have us perform call Sonia Riecan @ (414) 313-3063 or visit us online at mojavlast@aol.com.

the 5th Slet in Prague in 1907.

During World War 1, Sokol joined the Czechoslovak National Alliance to promote the independence of Czechoslovakia and raised money for war relief. Sokol Milwaukee competed at the 1929 and 1933 National meets in Chicago, the 1935 National meet in Cleveland and in 1932 at the 9th Slet in Prague

As in the 1st World War, WWII saw Sokols serving the armed forces and at home raising money for the war effort and relief aid.

In 1944, Vlasta Vojta, of Sokolice and the International Institute, was instrumental in launching the first Holiday Folk Fair and Sokol members have participated every year since then. In 1979 the Czechs were the Honored Group at the fair.

1967 saw Sokol move out of a deteriorated Bohemian Hall. Since then gymnastics classes have been held at the International Institute; at Elm Brook Middle School; and since 2000, at the Norway House. In a sad ending to its 70-year history, the Bohemian Hall was destroyed by fire in 1969.

Cultural and educational efforts of Sokol include the annual Czech Jaternice dinner and a scholarship program. In 1999 our Seniors performed at the Phillips Czech Festival and at the 2001 National Slet in Detroit. Sokol has also contributed support for the European Village at the Milwaukee Public Museum, the Sisel Shoe Shop at Old World Wisconsin and Masaryk Memorial in Washington D.C.

PROGRAM

Czech-Slovak Dancers

Address & contact information

WELCOME ADDRESS

Jim Hron & Sonia Riecan Master & Mistress of Ceremonies
Jerome Zelenka President of Sokol Milwaukee
Tom Pajer Central District President

Sonka Suvadova Tostrud *Director*
Sonia Riecan *Director*

DANCERS

Sonka Suvadova Tostrud Mark Tostrud
Sonia Riecan Jason Ottmann
Krista Johanek Ryan Wiseman
Jennifer Sutton Tina Sutton
Jessica Howie

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF SOKOL MILWAUKEE

Gerald Novotny Director of Men's Gymnastics

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

Marcella Wenzel Financial / Membership Secretary

CLOSING REMARKS

John Kozlik 1st Vice President of Sokol Milwaukee

PERFORMANCE BY THE CZECH-SLOVAK DANCERS

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT by SLOV CZECH TRIO BAND

Band

Slov Czech Trio

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Band Member - Katarina Vilimova

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