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**UNIT MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008**  
**Meeting at 6:30 pm**  
**White Marsh Library**  
**8133 Sandpiper Circle**

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### Where Are You?

For the past two years now Sokol Baltimore has held monthly unit meetings at the White Marsh Library. It is easy to get to and is handicapped accessible. Where are our members who could not, or would not, journey to St. Patrick's in Fells Point?

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

**Saturday, March 8, 2008 – Eastern District Meeting, 11:30 AM @ “By the Docks”** seafood restaurant at 3321 Eastern Blvd. (410) 686-1188

**Monday, March 17, 2008 – Sokol Baltimore Unit Meeting – 6:30 pm @ White Marsh Library.**

**Sunday, April 6, 2008 – Board of Directors Meeting, 4:00 pm at Bro Michael Rokos’s house.**

### Donations to Sokol Baltimore

Rose Cervin  
Rose Marie Krajca  
Anton “Tony” & Marie Primus  
Olga Rosser

### Happy March Birthday!

- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Lillian Kamphaus
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Frank Pelz, Jr.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Valcik
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Kristen Cahlander
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Susan Ely
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – William Kool
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Robbins
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Betty Joy Kilian

### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on 2/17/08 at Br. Michael Rokos' home.

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### Please Support our Gym Program

As you all know, 2007 utility rates increased over 50%. This extra expense has pushed our gym program deeply into the red. We are asking you to make a donation of 20, 50, or 100 dollars to help mitigate the red ink for the current session. If you cannot afford a \$20 donation any amount is appreciated. Please send your check to the financial secretary at 514 Sellrus Ct., Fallston, MD 21047. Thanks to those who have made contributions:

Anton “Tony” & Marie Primus  
Rose Marie Krajca  
Ann & Frank Huber



### Sokol Baltimore Monthly Unit Meetings

Monthly meetings through April of this year will be held at the White Marsh Library. They will begin at 6:30 PM. The dates are: March 17<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UNIT MEETING

February 19, 2008

- < Meeting was well attended.
- < Payment of dues is slow.
- < Sokol Baltimore's bulk postage mailing was rescinded (to continue the cost to Sokol=\$100 per year).
- < Authorized \$35 for SVU (Czechoslovak Society for Arts and Science) dues and there are several books available through SVU at a fee.
- < Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky in Ennis, Texas will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary; Sokol Baltimore sent a ½ page congratulatory message.
- < **Sis. Betty Joy Kilian** reported an update of the Bohemian National Cemetery via Caryl Jeanne Taborsky.
- < Sokol Baltimore's Web site discussed; members voted to authorize reimbursement to **Br. Will Kool** for annual web fee of \$110.94. Check out [www.Sokolbaltimore.org](http://www.Sokolbaltimore.org).

### Vice President & Education Chairperson's Report:

- < Researched available grants at Target. We are not located in the specified area; so therefore, not eligible for the grant money.
- < Sokol Baltimore can use a private room at Golden Corral on Rossville Blvd. for unit dinner/meetings with the purchase of a lunch or dinner, Monday – Friday (cost for seniors: before 4 pm = \$6.19; after 4 pm = \$7.19 plus \$1.69 for beverage) adult non-senior evening meal \$8.19 plus beverage charge.
- < On Wednesday, 2/20/08 @ 10 pm there will be a partial eclipse of the moon.
- < The rejuvenation of the Grand Lodge of the ČSPS (see editorial elsewhere in this publication).

### Board of Instructors' Report, Sis Carrie Baker:

- < If possible, request bi-weekly payment to coaches
- < Montessori School has 16 children coming twice a week for 2 hours of gymnastics and fitness sessions.
- < Monday 3 to 9:30
  1. Gymnastics for home schooled students, 45 minute sessions.
  2. Day care tumbling & exercise with parent.
  3. Baltimore Health and Hygiene – Spanish speaking group, who receive gymnastics and communicate through an interpreter.
  4. Regular Sokol classes: Tots, Beginners, Intermediate and advanced.
- < Tuesday 4 pm – Gymnastics for home schooled students.
- < Wednesday – Tots class and Tumbling class.
- < Thursday – Sokol classes: Tots, Beginners, Intermediate and advanced.
- < Planned Fundraisers:
  1. Purse Bingo
  2. Dancing with Sokol in May – REQUESTING HELP FROM MEMBERS to teach polka, waltz, cha-cha, fox trot, jitterbug or swing. Gymnasts and parents will teach new dances to Sokol members. This is a

family fun time with prizes, good music, food and fun. Babysitting services to be provided by coaches.

### 3. Quarter Auction

4. Annette Festival – Gymnastic exhibition & Raffles (donations by local businesses). There will be a small entry fee (\$2 or \$3).

< Stephanie Ann Tucker as part of her education is doing grant researching, fundraising, marketing, and public relations and also, researching Under Armor garments for fundraising. She advertised (free) for Sokol gymnastics in the Quick Guide and Sokol received 25 calls from interested parties.

< The National Congress of Gymnastics will be held June 19 – 21, in Philadelphia and the registration fee is \$100 less if one registers before March 1, 2008. A motion was made and approved to pay for 2 instructors to attend the gymnastic weekend and to pay for it in advance to save \$200. The fundraising events at the gym will cover this expense at a later date.

### President Bo Bata:

< Reported on the events discussed at the Board of Directors' Meeting.

### New Business:

< Four delegates were chosen to attend the Eastern District Meeting on March 8, 2008. They are Sisters: Marie Pokorny, Betty Joy Kilian, Leilani Sain and Br. Dave Cahlander. Sis. A. Huber to send a packet containing prior district information so that the delegates will be informed.

## NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

**Br. Anton Primus** has a collection of U.S. postage stamps from 1871 to 2007. He also has some foreign stamps. If anyone collects stamps and would be interested in his stamps, please call Anton (Tony) or the editor.

**Sis. Marie Primus** has been ill. Tony takes care of her along with help from Stella Maris Hospice care. Marie's friend Pat Trabing (who was a member of Sokol) is still living in a nursing home in PA. Pat and Marie are both 92. Marie and Tony will celebrate 70 years of marriage this June.

**Sis. Lillian Kamphaus** is still ill. Keep her in your prayers.

**Sis. Ruth Bata** is home from the rehab hospital after breaking her hip. We hope she is on the mend and we will be seeing her at the meetings. Keep exercising Ruth!

**Sis. Dot Sanchez** has started working at the Veterans Administration on Greene St. in Balto. She is an Operations Clerk in Canteen Services. She finds the work very rewarding.

**Abbie Baker, Sis. Carrie Baker's** daughter, representing Harford Gymnastics, came in 4<sup>th</sup> place all around, competing in Level 4 in the 6 year old age group at the Evergreen Invitational Gymnastic competition in Landover, MD on Jan. 5 – 6, 2008. Congratulations we are sooooo proud of you.

**Sis. Anči Huber & Br. Frank Huber** are finally becoming grandparents in June. **Sis. Holly Huber**, a Lieutenant Colonel at age 41, is pregnant.

*Please E-mail or call the editor if your child or someone in your family has achieved or received recognition for something, or; just to bring us up-to-date on something happening in your life.*

### **The Green Growing Ring**

*One of the wonders of Yosemite National Park in California is a grove of ancient, giant sequoia trees. Sequoias can live for thousands of years. Their bark is full of acid so they resist insects. Their roots stretch out in all directions so they find water even in arid conditions. And they can be struck many times by lightning and still live.*

*One of the most extraordinary of these trees, called the Telescope Tree, is completely hollow. Visitors can enter the tree near the roots and look straight up and see nothing but sky. Yet the tree survives because the thin ring near the bark of the trunk is green and alive. That thin ring is more important than the bulk of the trunk.*

*Some trees demonstrate an amazing hardiness. They bud, flower, and grow, even when reason seems to say they ought to be dead. The same can be true of organizations. A small number of determined members can bring life to the whole group. Even when we feel discouraged about Sokol, by the power of our insight and vision we can be the green, growing ring that brings life and growth to the whole organization. **Each of us can bring life to Sokol Baltimore.***

Credit to the thoughts of Frank Ramirez (Pennsylvania) in the January – February 2008 issue of The Upper Room

### **The Grand Lodge of the Č.S.P.S. - Česko Slovanska Podporujici Společnost**

Received and E-mail from Caryl Jeanne Taborsky that the Grand Lodge of the Č.S.P.S. has been revived. There is a newsletter and I have taken the opportunity to share some of the information from their paper. The Grand Lodge of the Č.S.P.S. of Baltimore City is a Czech benevolent society that was formed by Bohemian immigrants to facilitate their socialization in the United States. At the Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 26 at 11:00 am, Č.S.P.S. is hoping to open the festivities with a ribbon-cutting rededication ceremony of the Grand Lodge. Ms. Czech-Slovak USA will be the special guest. They plan to have an historic tour of the cemetery, music by the Czech Slovak Singers, dancers, refreshments, craft and food tables. The organization has worked very hard restoring the cemetery and plan to use the house for a display of the early history of the Bohemian Cemetery, the lodge, and the memories of early Bohemian settlers in the Baltimore Area. If you are interested in joining the organization and receiving their newsletter, contact Louise Taborsky at 410-825-1161 or Jeanne Taborsky at 410-309-3145.



### **Dvorana Dance Seminar in the Czech Republic**

Anyone interested in dancing and going to the Czech Republic? On August 9 -15, Dvorana has a dance workshop in Prague and August 15 -20, a folklore festival in Pisek, South Bohemia. This can be a two part program; web site: <http://www.dvorana.cz/>.



Red hat is Albert Hybl. Lois is next to him and then Rose Marie Krajca. Across from Rose Marie is Kathleen Kaspar-Paty (from Washington Sokol).

Sibrinky 2008 at Sokol Washington

**Remember: Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk – Born March 7, 1850.**

He was the president and known as the father of Czechoslovakia, established in 1918. He was a humanitarian, a scholar, and a statesman. More to follow at the March Sokol Meeting.



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Turn your clocks ahead one hour on  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 AM.

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Brother Will Kool

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