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## UNIT MEETING

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**

**Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**White Marsh Library  
8133 Sandpiper Circle**

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

**Saturday, June 7, 2008** – Jitro children’s choir will perform at 3:00 pm. At National Shrine in DC. For information call (410) 662-6094.

**Monday, July 7 – Monday, July 21, 2008, American Sokol Instructor School at Sokol Greater Cleveland.**

**Sunday, July 27 – Sunday, August 3, 2008, National Sokol Summer Camp at Sokol St. Louis.** Info. and forms at [www.american-sokol.org](http://www.american-sokol.org).

**Friday, August 8 – Sunday, August 10, 2008, Sokol Woodlands Annual Clambake Weekend.** Email reservations to: [SokolWoodlands@yahoo.com](mailto:SokolWoodlands@yahoo.com) or call Brandi Kovac at (908) 400-2169.

**Saturday, November 1, 2008 – Annual Vinobrani** (Grape Harvest) **Dinner 6:30 & Dance 7:00 – 11.00.** **Music by Joy of Maryland.** At the American Turner’s hall. For reservations call Frank Huber (410) 877-0534.

## Donations to Sokol Baltimore

Rose Marie Krajca

### In memory of Anna Mentlik

Marie Pokorny

Bernardine Wittman

### In memory of Rose Cervin

Violemarie and Robert Moon  
Mary Parizek Family  
Rose Cihlar & Rosemarie Zeller

Lois Hybl  
Betty Joy Kilian  
Brenda Moon

Eileen & Harry Head  
Mildred Bara  
Joni Diedrich & Steve Askew  
Norma Zabka  
Mary & John Kendall  
Marie Pokorny  
Linda & Ray VandenBosche

Emily Vojtech  
Dorothy Delp  
Lillian Sonberg  
Irene Vincent  
Mildred Vrzalik  
Donald Otenasek  
Olga Rosser

### In memory of Rose Cihlar

Ann & Frank Huber

### In memory of Arlene “Penny” Jackson

Ann & Frank Huber  
Cathy & Michael Schleupner  
The Acquaviva Family  
Bill’s friends at the mall: Jack, Charlie, Bob, Joe, John, Norm and Paul

Patricia Fedeli  
Joann Adkins  
Cathy Werner

### In memory of Lillian Kamphaus

Ann & Frank Huber

Helen Hejny

## Happy June Birthday!

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gloria Durham  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – William Rokos  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – John Cervin, Jr.  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – Susan Watkins  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – Marie Neuman  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – Edward Makowski  
June 10<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Sanchez  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Joni Diedrich  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – Kelly Ryan  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – Eileen Head  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Donna DeLuca  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fred Marsik  
June 25<sup>th</sup> – Charles Chalone  
June 25<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Belbot  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Bata  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – Ron Zoubek  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – Robert Katz  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – Dolores Gentes

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## Sokol Baltimore Directory Update

Sister **Kristen Ehrenberger** and her husband, Michael Hammer, have bought their first house. Their new address, as of June 16<sup>th</sup>, will be 2203 Rodney Drive, Champaign, IL 61821-5443.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UNIT MEETING

May 14, 2008

Meeting was held at the Golden Corral at 6:30 pm and 12 members were present (more in attendance than the last several meetings.) It was very pleasant and the members enjoyed each other's company. A moment of silence in remembrance of Sis. Rose Cervin was observed; following the pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were postponed until the June meeting.

- **Pres. B. Bata's** report: American Sokol has scheduled a Membership Committee tele-conference call for May 20, 2008 at 8:30 pm. Pres. will meet at the cemetery 5/20/08 in the afternoon to gain access to the storage area and remove some chairs to be used by the C.S.P.S. Lodge for Memorial Day.
- Corresponding Secretary, **Betty Joy Kilian**: 1.A \$100 donation is to be sent to the Bohemian National Cemetery on Homers Lane. 2.Contact the C.S.H.A. (410-662-6094) to attend the National Shrine in Washington on 6/7/08 at 3 pm to hear the Jitro Choir. They have performed in Baltimore in the past and the music is beautiful as well as the Shrine. 3.A gymnastic supply magazine, as part of its advertising, had a red ribbon with American Sokol written on the ribbon. 4.South Dakota will be celebrating its Czech Festival .
- Financial Secretary, **Frank Huber**: Thirteen members have not paid their dues. American Sokol's third quarter report for 2007 is past due. Two new applications for membership, voted on. The two new members were present and they were sworn in at the meeting and received their Sokol pins. The new members are: Sisters **Sarah Pokorny and Jennifer Riegel**. Received a substantial donation from Sis. **Rose Cervin**.
- Educational Director, **Anči Huber**: Sokols in the Park, 5/17/08, was cancelled. Plan to have cooking classes at Sis. **Anči Huber's** house with instruction by Sis. **Marie Pokorny**; hopefully in late summer or very early fall. In the fall when daylight is short, plan to show Czech and Slovak movies with English subtitles on a Sunday afternoon at Anči's house. Popcorn and socialization to be provided. An exhibition from the Dept. of Multimedia Communications, Tomas Bata University, in Zlin will be shown at the Czech Center in N.Y.
- Ways & Means Committee to be reactivated. **Vinobrani** is scheduled **Nov. 1, 2008**, Joy will be the orchestra. Start inviting friends and reserving tables.
- Nomination Committee presented a slate and the officers will be voted on at the June meeting:  
President – Michael Rokos  
First Vice President – Bohus Bata  
Second Vice President – Will Kool  
Recording Secretary – Marie Pokorny  
Corresponding Secretary – Betty Joy Kilian  
Treasurer – Steve Askew  
Financial Secretary – Kristen Cahlander  
Education – Anči C. Huber  
Board of Directors: Bo Bata, Ed Foreman, Frank Huber, Joseph Ehrenberger, Lee Sain, Bob Romadka, Josef Kokes, Donald Otenasek, and Pres. Michael Rokos.  
**Committees and Chairman** to be appointed by the President.

**Reminder:** Gymnastic Directors and slate of officers voted on in June and sworn in at the annual meeting in September. The new president will ask for individuals to support him and take positions on committees. Please show interest and support. Hopefully a 50/50 to be mailed over the summer.

### Rose Kortus Cervin's Life

October 8, 1912 - April 26, 2008

Rose Kortus Červín was born on October 8, 1912 in Chicago, Illinois, to Rose Rosalie Voldřich Kortus and Jan Kortus. She was the third of six children. She attended Hiawatha School through eighth grade and then went to Morton High School for only a short time. Rose remembers throwing a snow ball at Hiawatha School that resulted in her receiving three days of suspension.

Rose worked at Western Electric for about a year 1928-October 1929. She lost her job after the stock market crash. Around the age of eighteen, she entered cosmetology school. She worked at Ms.

Flinks Beauty Shop and had side jobs waitressing at the corner tavern "Štola's". While at Štola's Tavern, a tall gentleman, John Cervin came in to celebrate the victory of his gymnasts at a Sokol competition. John and Rose dated briefly; went to Jackson Park, on Lake Michigan; then John returned to Baltimore. John and she corresponded for a time. Rose and a girlfriend, Vera Klein, planned a visit to John in Baltimore. Vera backed out at the last minute but Rose went.

John and Rose were married August 18, 1934, in the vestibule of a church on Washington Street. Attending the wedding were the following individuals: John, Laura, and Joanne Kortus and Frank and Helen Pelz. A reception was held at Kašik's shore in Holabird. John's mother prepared a dinner of duck (kachna), sauerkraut (zeli), and dumplings (knedlíky) and beer (pivo) of course.

John and Rose lived in a row house at 420 Streeper Street in East Baltimore where they raised their three children: Rose Marie, John, and Ann. In 1945 they purchased a shore on Back River that brought joy to John. John's dream was to have a property on the water where he could be close to the beauty of the river and fish. The kids spent their summers at the shore; running barefooted, fishing, and playing in the sun and the river.

John's profession was tailoring as was his father, Frank. His mother worked in the tailor shop with her son and then Rose took over her job. Rose was a quick learner. Her stepfather had taught her carpentry, plumbing, painting, and various handyman jobs. She followed in her mother-in-law's footsteps helping John in the shop; Rose was a fantastic seamstress. After marrying John she started going to the Sokol Gym with her husband and scored very well in gymnastic competitions.

Rose loved to sing and dance, including tap dance. Her energy and enthusiasm for life spilled into everything she did, and it touched the lives of everyone who was fortunate to be in her company. She was a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother to her family and to their friends. Rose died, April 26, 2008 and she will always be loved and appreciated. She had been a member of Sokol Baltimore for 74 years.

### **Rose Jaros Cihlař**

June 18, 1913 - May 21, 2008

According to daughter, Rosemarie Zeller, Rose Cihlař died the morning of May 21, 2008. She is to be cremated and her ashes will be placed at the Bohemian National Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at that time. Rose was 94 years old and she was a Sokol member for 75 years. As a child she attended the Masaryk celebration in Philadelphia in 1918. She was from a Sokol family in Pennsylvania. She met and married Tony Cihlař and relocated to Baltimore. She and Tony had one daughter, Rosemarie Cihlař James Zeller and two granddaughters: Sharon and Susan James. Rose will be missed but her joy, optimism, and dedication to Sokol will be remembered. A more complete write-up will follow the memorial service in honor and memory of Rose Cihlař.

### **Lillian Kamphaus**

March 8, 1922 - May 26, 2008

Lillian died on 5/26/08. She left a son, Eric Kamphaus, and grandchildren. Lil had been a member of Sokol Baltimore for 69 years. Her body was left to science and a memorial service will be held in the future. After the memorial service, a detailed article to follow.

### **Arlene M. (Penny) Rebbert Jackson**

March 29, 1939 - May 17, 2008

Penny married her childhood sweetheart, Bill Jackson, and they had 5 daughters: Carolyn A. Drumgoole, Laurie A. Jacobs, Lisa A. Krieg, Jennifer A. O'Neill and Arlene A. Harper. She was a grandmother to eleven grandchildren. There are so many memories of Penny's parents, dancing down the gym on Madison Street and her daughters and their activities at the Sokol gymnasium during their childhood and teens. There are so many treasured memories. Those of us that remember this time in our lives feel thankful to this family and especially to Penny. Thank you for remembering Sokol Baltimore.



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DATED MATERIAL



**FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14th!**

### **Sokol Baltimore Monthly Unit Meetings**

Monthly meetings through December of this year will be held at the White Marsh Library. They will begin at 6:30 PM. The dates are:

Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>;  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 9th



**Miss Czech-Slovak with Brother Michael Rokos at the Bohemian National Cemetery on May 26, 2008**

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