

**UNIT MEETING and  
 CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008  
 Meeting at 6:30 pm  
 Pres. Michael Rokos's  
 2203 Mayfield Avenue**



## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

**Saturday, December 6, 2008 – Annual St. Nicholas Dinner Party.** 3:00 pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101. For information call (703) 759-1500 or email : [Sokol@sokolwashington.org](mailto:Sokol@sokolwashington.org)

**Sunday, December 7, 2008 – CSHA Singers** present their annual Christmas concert at 2:00 pm, St. Wenceslaus Church, 2111 Ashland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21205

### Donations to Sokol Baltimore

Ann & Frank Huber  
 Steve Askew & Joni Diedrich

### Happy December Birthday!

- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Ann Huber
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Hessenauer
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Marmie Aupperley
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – George Peroutka
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Mark Watkins
- December 22<sup>th</sup> – Susan Wolff
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – George Bata
- December 28<sup>th</sup> – Frank Huber
- December 30<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Watkins

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### Charitable Giving

If you're in a giving mood, the end of the year is a great time to consider donating appreciated stock to a qualified charity. By doing so, you avoid having to pay capital gains on the investment. And since the charity won't have to pay taxes when it sells the security, it will enjoy the full value of the stock sale. Meanwhile, you're allowed to deduct the value of the appreciated stock up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

### NEW LOCATION FOR MONTHLY UNIT MEETINGS

All future unit meetings, beginning with the January meeting, will be held at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1834 E. Joppa Road. A map and directions to the church will be published in the January Sokoletter. The meeting area is handicapped accessible.

The January meeting will be on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 February meeting will be on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 March meeting will be on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Sibrinky Dinner

Immediately after a short business meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, a Sibrinky dinner will be served. If you would like to appear in the newsletter wear a costume. Ticket price will be dependent on the

use or not of a caterer. More details in the January newsletter.

## Highlights from Sokol Baltimore's November Meeting 11/17/08

**President Rokos** reminded members of the significance of Nov. 17; it is the first gathering in St. Wenceslaus Square prior to the Velvet Revolution in 1989. Also, today was the first **Visa Free** air flight to arrive in the USA from Prague. Pres. Rokos will represent Sokol at a reception for Sasha Vondra at the Czech Embassy on 11/18.

**Second Vice President, William Kool**, attended the Woodrow Wilson's statue fundraiser on 11/12/08 in Houston, Texas. Brothers Kool and Rokos were the only representatives from Sokol in attendance. The fundraiser, including speakers and guests, was shared via a power point presentation by Br. Kool.

The following topics were discussed at the Board of Directors' Meeting held on 11/2/08: Šibřinky, investigation of new gymnasiums in the White Marsh area, and a business plan for additional gym programs. These topics will be reported on at the 11/30/08 Bd. of Director's Meeting.

Officers in attendance gave their reports.

**Education Dir., Anči Huber**, received Sokol Baltimore's 2008 NCSML's membership card. Sis. Huber reported on the CSPA open house at the National Bohemian Cemetery held on 11/9/08. The first cooking class will be held at **Sis. Marie Pokorny's** home on Saturday, 1/24/09. Rosemarie Cihlar Zeller gave sealed newspaper clippings to Sokol Baltimore's archives. The newspaper articles held historical data of the signing of the declaration for democracy by Slavic countries on Oct. 27, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA. The articles were shared at the meeting, 2 papers to be sealed in archival plastic, and all will be stored with Sokol's archives at the Madison Bohemian Bank.

**Br. Kool** showed an advertising DVD about the Slet in Texas and the senior calisthenics.

The scheduled December meeting at the White Marsh Library was cancelled and changed to **Monday, 12/8/08 at 6:30 pm at Pres. Rokos's Home, 2203 Mayfield Avenue, Baltimore**. It will be a Christmas meeting and a social event. Handicapped individuals should plan to enter through the back entrance. If directions are required contact Pres. Rokos at 410-366-6016.

## November 17

November 17 is a state holiday in the Czech Republic. It is symbolic of two events. On November 17, 1939, Jan Opletal, who was slain on Oct. 28, was scheduled to be buried. The demonstrators at the funeral were faced down by the Nazis. Consequently 9 student organizers were executed and 1,200 university students were sent to the Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg concentration camp. On the second anniversary of the 11/17 event a gathering of student delegates from 26 countries took place in Great

Britain. The manifestation declared Nov. 17 as International Students' Day.

The second event occurred in 1989 when students followed by teachers, actors and many others marched in remembrance of 1939 from Prague's Slavin Cemetery at Vyšehrad to Wenceslaus Square where they were attacked by the State Security Service. This was the beginning of the Velvet Revolution. Flowers and candles; hands forming "V" for Victory; ribbons of red, white and blue; shaking of keys; became symbols of the revolution. ([www.czech.cz/en/current-affairs/getting-to-know-czech-republic/in-the-footsteps](http://www.czech.cz/en/current-affairs/getting-to-know-czech-republic/in-the-footsteps). The official website of the Czech Republic.)

## Miroslav & Mirek Havel, Master Engravers

In 1947, Miroslav Havel, journeyed to Ireland to study with his mentor, Karel Bacík. Havel studied art and design at the Prague University and had mastered traditional glass cutting. In Ireland Havel traveled 30 miles by bike to his job, a closed factory known as Waterford Crystal. The Penrose family founded the Waterford Crystal Company in the 1800's but it had been closed since 1847. Havel designed the Lismore pattern for Waterford and in 5 years it became the number one selling pattern in the crystal industry. Waterford was a derelict building on the grounds of a mental asylum in 1947 and Havel became Waterford's first and only employee. Havel married Betty Storey and remained in Ireland; they had 6 children. Havel knitted the signature Penrose diamond shapes into a nested design called the Lismore Pattern. He also designed the Colleen pattern, with more tightly arranged diamonds; and a pointed-loop pattern called "Kildare." Havel designed the grand chandelier that hangs at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and chandeliers for London's Westminster Abbey. Miroslav Havel died in September of 2008.

Miroslav's son, Mirek, has followed in his father's footsteps. Mirek lives in BelAir and works at Smyth. Mirek has created pieces for Wimbledon's centennial, NFL Super Bowl trophies, an emblem of the armed forces for General Swarzkopf, and pieces for the Ravens. Mirek has perfected "copper wheel" engraving, one of the oldest skills in existence; using as many as, 200 kinds of wheels to make each mark on the crystal. It is a mixture of skill, patience, and art. As a Czech woman, I am in love with crystal. Personally, my favorite pattern is the 'Queen Lace Pattern.'" (*Adapted from an article in the Aegis, Nov 21, 2008. See [www.theaegis.com](http://www.theaegis.com)*)

## Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at President Michael Rokos's house on January 4, 2009 at 3:00 pm, 2203 Mayfield Avenue.



**Your dedicated Officers Extend a Hearty Christmas Greeting to ALL our Sokol Members in Baltimore and Everywhere.**

## CSPS Open House, November 9, 2008



The countdown has begun!

The Southern District of the American Sokol, USA Gymnastics and the City of Fort Worth are extremely excited to host the 2009 International Sport and Cultural Festival! With interest of individuals and groups from all over the United States as well as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Canada, Portugal, Germany, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Honduras, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and more, this is sure to be an unforgettable event. For up-to-date information, you can always visit:

[www.Usa-Gymnastics.org/gg](http://www.Usa-Gymnastics.org/gg)

[www.American-sokol.org](http://www.American-sokol.org)

We're waiting for you!

The 2009 American Sokol's 2009 International Sport and Cultural Festival are JUNE 23 - 28th located in downtown Fort Worth, Texas!



**SOKOL BALTIMORE**  
 P.O. Box 448  
 Perry Hall, MD 21128

DATED MATERIAL



**BSO Concert of Czech Music  
 @ the Meyerhoff on Friday, January 23, 2009**

Featured works are Dvorak's Slavonic Dances and Martinu's Oboe Concerto. Tickets for seats in the Center Terrace are \$30.00 each. These specially priced tickets must be reserved and PAID for by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to Margaret Supik and mail to 3805 Juniper Road, Baltimore 21218.

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