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UNIT MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009

Meeting at 6:30 pm

St. Margaret's
Episcopal Church
1834 E. Joppa Road

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, 1834A E. Joppa Road. The meeting area is handicapped accessible. Directions to the church:

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is at 1819A East Joppa Road between the overpass that is the bellway over Joppa Road and Perring Parkway. The church entrance is on the north side of the road marked by an Episcopal Church sign. Take the driveway to the top of the hill. The church is handicapped accessible. We are very near Jerry's Chevrolet. (See page 3 for Google map)

The January meeting will be on Monday the 19th.

**February meeting will be on Monday the 16th.
March meeting will be on Monday the 16th.**

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Sunday, January 11, 2009 – Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 pm. President Michael Rokos's house, 2203 Mayfield Ave. 21213

Donations to Sokol Baltimore

Frank & Ann Huber
Marie Kohl in memory of all the departed Sokols
Christopher Nenadal in memory of his parents
Frank & Marie Vitak

Happy January Birthday!

January 1st – Rose Marie Krajca
January 2nd – Joseph Vrzalik
January 3rd – Patricia Watkins
January 9th – Anton 'Tony' Primus
January 12th – Slavoj Vanicky
January 15th – George Mojzisek
January 15th – Carrie Ann Baker
January 17th – Marie Pokorny
January 22nd – Evelyn Manning

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Please remember to pay your 2009 membership dues!!

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December unit meeting and party

Sibrinky Dinner

Immediately after a short business meeting on February 16th, a Sibrinky dinner will be served at 7:30. Music will be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure. If you would like to appear in

the newsletter wear a costume. Ticket price will be between \$10 and \$15. Final details in the February newsletter. Contact Frank Huber for current information @ (410) 877-0534.

Highlights from Sokol Baltimore's

December Meeting 12/8/08

A Christmas social gathering & meeting was held at Pres. Michael Rokos' home. The members in attendance enjoyed Br. Michael's hospitality and all the delicious desserts. Everyone is looking forward to future meetings because our new president wants members to enjoy our new & long term friendships, as well as take care of Sokol business.

The following business was quickly & efficiently covered:

Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Betty Joy Kilian presented: Markel Insurance bills, MD Assoc. of Non-profit Organizations (MANO) membership, and other unit newsletters.

Recording Secretary, Sis. Marie Pokorny, to read the October, November & December meeting minutes at the January Meeting.

Treasurer: No report.

First Vice President, Br. Bohus Bata, attended the Board of Governors' meeting and discussed Executive Director, Greg Harris, and the excellent job he is doing. Mr. Harris plans to visit the Eastern District. He will be at Sokol New York in January. Hopefully, we can invite him to attend a Sokol Baltimore and Sokol Washington meeting.

Second Vice President, Will Kool discussed the Slet in Texas. Due to a foot injury, Br. Will was unable to run the Philadelphia marathon.

Br. Richard Lund reports that he is teaching the Tuesday gym program from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and there are presently 15 to 18 students. A committee (**Br. Will Kool, Sis. Kristen Cahlander, & Br. Rich Lund**) was formed to discuss issues at the gym.

Financial Secretary, Kristen Cahlander, reported on members who have not paid their 2008 dues.

President, Michael Rokos hopes to have a January 19 social and business meeting, February 16 meeting is planned to be a Šibřinky dinner with music and costumes to celebrate the beginning of Lent. President plans a children & parents invitation to the March or April meeting and in May a gymnastic exhibition at the Bohemian National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

An invited guest, Joe Shimek, met the members & requested membership. Joe's great-uncle, Col. Václav J. Šimek, was the president of Sokol for 6 different terms. Also, Sokols used Šimek Hall for their gymnastic program. There will be more history to follow.

Philadelphia Marathon Report

Dear Sokol Baltimore members and friends,

On Sunday, November 23rd was the Philadelphia Marathon. Due to a foot injury, I was unable to participate in the event. I sustained the injury during a training run about a week and a half before the event. The pain was so intense I had to go to the emergency room to have it examined. The x-rays were negative, but I was given crutches for a week anyway. When I was finally able to see an orthopedic surgeon, the diagnosis was either a partially torn plantar fascia or perineal tendon. I am disappointed that I was unable to race, but thank everyone for their generous support. Since I was unable to even start the race, everyone who pledged \$1 per mile (or otherwise) is now off the hook. If you would like to make a donation to Sokol Baltimore's New Building Fund anyway, I would still be grateful on behalf of Sokol Baltimore for your support. I am also grateful that I just received clearance from my doctor to resume physical activity, but I will have to carefully consider if I will attempt this marathon feat again. This is the hometown of Michael Phelps. Perhaps my future events will be in swimming!

Respectfully Submitted, William Kool

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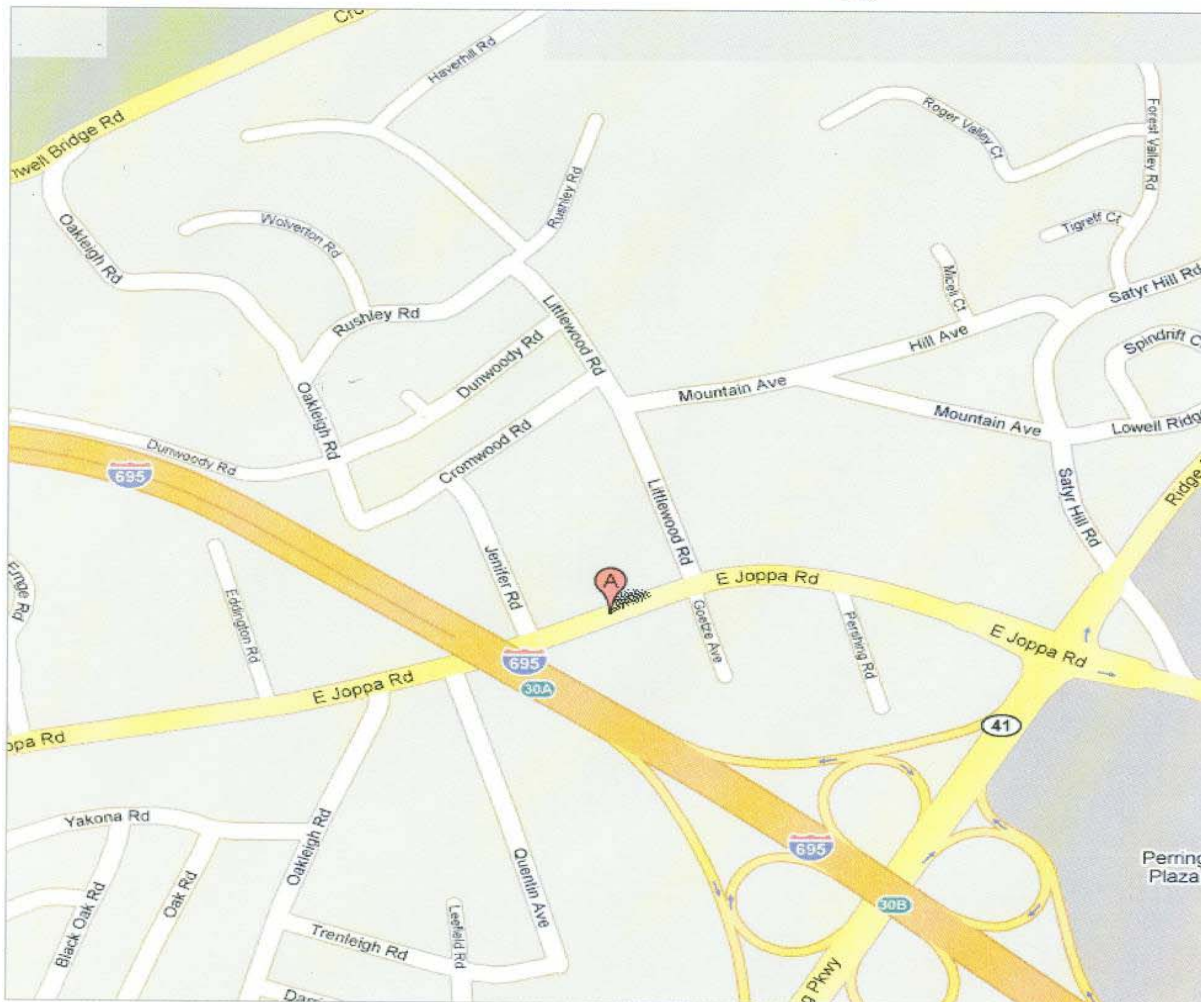
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NEW CZECH CULTURAL CENTER OPENS IN NEW YORK

On October 30, 2008, the Bohemian National Hall (BNH) in New York City was reopened. It was originally built in 1896 by the Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Assoc. (BBLA), an umbrella organization at that time representing 80 Czech cultural, political, sports and business groups. BNH played a significant role in the lives of the new immigrant community. The original construction was financed by donations from the community, similar to the building of the National Theater in Prague. In the 20th century the Czech community of Manhattan slowly relocated to the suburbs and the building fell into disuse and neglect. Unable to finance the renovation the BBLA deeded the building to the Czech Republic for \$1.00 with the understanding that the Czech government would renovate the building and along with the BBLA promote Czech heritage, culture and business for years to come. Today the BNH houses the Czech consulate in New York, the Czech Center, and the BBLA. It has a magnificent two-level ballroom, several conference rooms, galleries, a sophisticated screening room, and a roof terrace. In the near future it will also have a small Czech restaurant.

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