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2015 Membership Dues are NOW PAST DUE

2015 Sokol KHB membership dues are now PAST due. MOST of you have already responded to the dues payment request letters mailed out to all members in late November or mid January.. THANK YOU! But MANY members (OVER 60) have not yet responded. The Membership Director is now making a last ditch effort to contact those people via email and telephone. **As of April 1st, any member not paying their 2015 annual dues will be dropped from the membership roles.** Children in gym classes whose parents have not paid their 2015 membership dues obligation will NOT be allowed to continue in class. "Dropped" members who wish to rejoin later, will have to pay the extra \$15 initiation fee. Any dues/membership related questions may be directed to the Financial Secretary, Chuck Kalat, at ckalat@aol.com or 972-644-0738. We are discouraged that so many people have chosen not to pay their 2015 dues and have not even had the curtesy to contact us and let us know their decision.

On The Other Side of the Coin

Congratulations to our Sokol KHB Longevity Honorees of 2015

5 YEARS: Alexandra Betik, Dana Collins, Keith Kapavik, Sheryl Maddox, Dennis Reno Jr., Darren Slovak, Judi Tabb, William Vitovsky; **10 YEARS:** Dennis Hajek, John Marek Jr., Barb Vondra; **15 Years:** Freida Bain, Retta Chandler, Dusty Laurence, John Laurence, Frank Vrla III; **20 YEARS:** Jim Houdek, Lisa Jakubik, Christine Kalat, Danny Zapletal; **25 Years:** Leonard Dlabaj, Thomas Pelzel; **30 YEARS:** Sammy Pleiner, Bennie Welch; **35 YEARS:** Stephen Chudej, Joseph Matous Sr.; **40 YEARS:** Rita Holland; **45 YEARS:** William Hejny, Alphonse Krajca, Raymond Marak, Adell Valek; **50 Years:** Charles Bouska; **65 Years:** Libbie Vrla, Marie Vrla.

EDUCATIONALY (Vic Pochobradsky) SPEAKING

May 8, Liberation Day

Liberation Day is a national holiday celebrated in the Czech Republic on 8 May each year. This is the same date as the celebration known as V-E Day, VE Day or Victory in Europe Day that is celebrated across much of Europe.

As the 'Victory in Europe' name suggests, the day signifies the victory of the Allied forces against the Axis forces at the end of World War II in 1945. In particular, the Czech Republic celebrates Liberation Day as the day they were freed from Nazi rule. In the Czech Republic, the day was originally celebrated on 9 May, but this was changed in 1989 to 8 May. Some people call the holiday Liberation from Fascism Day.

Czechoslovakia was an amalgamation of Czechs and Slovaks until they separated in 1993. Deaths in Czechoslovakia from WWII, including military deaths and deaths by military action, numbered over 300,000 people. American and Russian forces liberated Czechoslovakia from German occupation.

On 8 May, it is a day of memorials and celebration in the Czech Republic. Many towns hold parades including at Karlovy Vary and Hradec Kralove and, of course, Prague. The president and prime minister join crowds at the National Memorial on Vitkov Hill to lay wreaths and observe a one-minute silence.

The people of the Czech Republic, especially in towns like Plzeň, also celebrate the holiday with concerts and fireworks. On this day, all schools and government offices are closed and most businesses. In other parts of the world, sometimes wreaths are laid on behalf of the Czechs. For example, in 2008 the Ambassador of the Czech Republic laid a wreath in Canberra, Australia, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

President Vaclav Havel Honored by United States Congress

The United States Congress approved the placement of a bust to honor President Vaclav Havel's legacy as a champion of human rights. The dedication took place in November of 2014.

The project marked the 25th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution that led not only to the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia, but also the creation of democracy and the advancement of human rights. Only three other international figures have been so honored in the Capital Building i.e. Winston Churchill, Raoul Wallenberg, and Lajos Kossuth.

President Havel was an honorary member of the American Sokol.

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24th Annual \$10K Giveaway Fundraiser

February 28th saw another successful Sokol KHB \$10k giveaway fundraiser event -- all 400 tickets were sold. Thanks to all who pitched in in any way. It would be impossible to list here all the people that played a hand in its success. – YOU ALL KNOW WHO YOU ARE – YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED.

Here are the individuals and companies that stepped up and served as sponsors for the event, allowing us to maximize the funds raised:

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The lucky winners who took home the cash were:

- \$10,000 – Richard and Patricia Holy
- \$2500 – Robert Slovak
- \$1000 – Barbara Vondra
- \$250 – Kirby Crow, Traci Lord, Dustin Gadberry, Andie Henning
- \$125 – Sam Smith, Emil Martinek, Ron Chardwell, Chris Ivey, Joe Kostak, Micheal Law, Ray Elleven, Vernon Smith, James, Valek, Ryan Hollingsworth, Glen & Fedra Chervanka, Rusty and Mary Liska, Stehanie Patak

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Sokol KHB Sponsors College Scholarship

Attention all parents of high school seniors!!

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are current members of Sokol Ennis or have a parent/legal guardian that is a current member of Sokol Ennis. The maximum scholarship amount to be awarded is \$500. Completion of the application, essay and Sokol Ennis questionnaire are required to be considered for the scholarship. The necessary application materials can be found at the 'membership' tab on the sokolennis.com website. The scholarship application deadline is May 15, 2015 with the scholarship recipient to be announced no later than May 30. All applications should be mailed to Sokol Ennis, PO Box 205, Ennis, Texas 75120, postmarked by the 15th. No late applications will be accepted. Nazdar!



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF SOKOL IN AMERICA -- 2015

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

USE PAPER RECYCLE BINS AT THE EAST END OF THE PARKING LOT

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GYM PROGRAM

PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES UP TO DATE

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SOKOL KHB ANNUAL EXHIBITION

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

Location – Sokol KHB

Entrance to exhibition is free.

11:30 Lunch (Stage Side)

We ask each family to bring a covered dish.

Sokol will provide the meat.

12:30 Pictures (Gym Side)

Gymnasts wear your Sokol uniform.

Shoes/socks are optional.

Girls – hair pulled up-no hair ornaments or jewelry allowed.

1:00 Program (Gym Side)

Grand march in, membership awards and an exhibition.

Come out and support our students as they exhibit their skills they have worked hard for all year long.

Any questions, please contact Kim or Lisa.

Nazdar!

Social Club News

NEW SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
 BRONZE (clubroom access) - \$20, SILVER (clubroom and pool access) - \$45,
 AND GOLD (full Sokol associate membership) - \$55 (+\$15 initiation)
 Check with the Clubroom Staff for Details and Applications

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sokol Clubroom open Mondays & Wednesdays 5PM – 11 PM

We now have karaoke on Wednesday nights in the clubroom!

Doors open at 5:00pm; karaoke starts at 7:00pm. Come out & enjoy!

Sokol Museum – open for special events and by appointment

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Apr 17	EPD BBQ Cook-off		
Apr 18	ECB & Fritz Hodde & The Fabulous Six	Hall	7:00PM – 11:00PM
Apr 19	Sokol KHB Annual Exhibition and Membership Recognition	Hall	
May 2	Sokol Strong Garage Sale	Hall	8am – 1pm
May 22	National Polka Festival		
May 23	National Polka Festival		
May 24	National Polka Festival		
May 27	National Senior fitness Day		
June 12-13	Southern District Slet	Corpus Christi	

Be sure to keep up to date on events through our website, Facebook, & Twitter

Tune in to KBEC Polka Party every Sunday morning 9 to 11 on 1390 AM.

The gym classes will participate in the Polka Festival Parade as well as have a water booth downtown and a souvenir booth at the Sokol hall. Further details about the parade lineup and worker sign-up sheets & times for the water & souvenir booth will be available at a later time.

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ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE



The Sokol Strong gymnasts will be selling chances on this beautiful handmade quilt that was made and donated by the ladies of The Ennis Sewing Circle. The quilt can fit up to a queen size bed. The chances are \$1.00 each. The proceeds are used to offset the expenses of gymnastic competitions. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Clubroom or from class members. The quilt will be given away during Polka Festival weekend. Thank you for your support.

SOKOL STRONG GARAGE SALE!!!

WHEN: Saturday May 2, 2015 -- 8am-1pm

WHERE: SOKOL KHB Ennis, Texas

Any and all donations will be accepted!!

Please Call or Text Lisa Binford, Program Coordinator,
(972-921-5848) to arrange drop off!

All proceeds will go directly to SLET 2015!



Spend Summer in a Smaller Size with



Mon 5/4 6-7pm		Wed 5/6 6-7pm	Thurs 5/7 6-7pm	
Mon 5/11 6-7pm	Tues 5/12 6-7pm	Wed 5/13 6-7pm	Thurs 5/14 6-7pm	Sat 5/16 8:30am
Mon 5/18 6-7pm	Tues 5/19 6-7pm	Wed 5/20 6-7pm	Thurs 5/21 6-7pm	
Mon 5/25 6-7pm	Tues 5/26 6-7pm	Wed 5/27 6-7pm	Thurs 5/28 6-7pm	Sat 5/30 8:30am



Is EGG cited about Exercise



Mon 3/30 @ 6-7pm	Wed 4/2 @6-7pm	Sat 4/4 8:30am
Mon 4/6 @ 6-7pm	Wed 4/8 @6-7pm	
Mon 4/13 @ 6-7pm	Wed 4/15 @6-7pm	Sat 4/18 8:30am
Mon 4/20 @ 6-7pm	Wed 4/22 @6-7pm	Sat 4/25 8:30am
Mon 4/27 @ 6-7pm	Wed 4/29 @6-7pm	Sat 5/2 8:30am

*Toning added to classes with toning sticks for EVERYONE!

Punch card \$30 for 8 classes, SOKOL members \$25!



Sara Vorderkuntz

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