

## AMERICAN SOKOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2007, 8:00 P.M.

at

# LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY, 5501 MASSACHUSSETTS AVENUE, BETHESDA, MD

After a short business meeting, join us for conversation during a traditional social hour with soft drinks, coffee and snacks. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE STAROSTA

I would like to remind all of you that Sokol Washington D.C. is a not profit organization and that all of its officers are volunteers. That's why it's important that all members and friends, al least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol thrive. The organization can be only as good as the members participation in its activities.

At the same time, I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend our regular monthly meetings at Little Falls Library in Bethesda. I know that among our members are many well skilled and talented individuals with great ideas. Come and share them with us, since we will have to make a final decision concerning the **60th Anniversary of Sokol Washington**. We will need many volunteers to make the celebration a success.

**E-mail Address** – Our E-mail address is <u>sokol@sokolwashington.org</u>
Please send us your E-mail address so we can start E-mailing you our monthly flyer.

#### MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Thanks to all Sokol Washington members who already submitted their 2007 dues. The membership dues are \$29.00 per member and the deadline to submit ASW membership dues was March 31st. New members also pay a one-time administrative fee \$5.00

Members, who did not pay the dues to date, please make your check payable to Sokol Washington, and mail it at your earliest convenience to our Financial Secretary:

Br. Tibor Bartalos 1001 3rd St., S.W., Apt. 705 Washington, D.C. 20024

Your contributions to Sokol Washington may be tax deductible. Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your end-of-year contributions. The United Way CFC designation code for our unit is 7151.



#### **MAY EVENTS**



Volleyball: Mondays, May 7, 14, 21 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Gymnastics for Children: Fridays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

and Adult Aerobics:



Volleyball, Gymnastics and Adult Aerobics are taking place at Wood Acres Elementary School, 5800 Cromwell DR, Bethesda, MD.

For more information call Br. Pavel Klein – (301) 424.1658 or Br. Milos Toth - (301) 585-8534

SOCCER – Sunday pickup games at 5 o'clock at Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, VA.

If interested, contact Br. Kristian Hegedus at kris hege@hotmail.com

May 13th: Jiri Vaclav Parma Memorial Tennis Tournament - an annual sporting event, usually starting at 9am and attracting local & out of town participants. If interested, contact Br. Igor Labuda at <a href="mailto:islabuda@msn.com">islabuda@msn.com</a>

**Memorial Day weekend** - traditional early summer canoeing trip outing. 3days event on the Southern Branch of the Potomac in Monangahela National Forest in West Virginia.

For more information contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658 or at <a href="mailto:kleinp@epilepsydc.com">kleinp@epilepsydc.com</a>

**May: Whitewater outing** – traditional whitewater outing for beginners and mid-advanced in PA State Park.

For more information contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@gmail.com

#### **FUTURE - PLANNED EVENTS**

**June: Canoe Trip** - Traditional early summer outing event.

For more information contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@gmail.com

August: Summer children's camp - The "Blue Rock" camp by the Potomac River in West Virginia. For more information contact Br. Pavel Klein at 301.424.1658 or at <a href="mailto:kleinp@epilepsydc.com">kleinp@epilepsydc.com</a>

# October: 60th American SOKOL Washington anniversary

DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE PLANNED EVENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS FLYER AND ON THE SOKOL WEBSITE.

www.sokolwashington.org



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### Detska hodina/Childern's Hour"

If you have any children between the ages of 12 and 30 months and are interested in an invitation to "Detska hodina/Children's Hour", e-mail Sabina at detskahodina@yahoo.com

Sabina has a little boy herself and it would be her pleasure to organize a monthly gathering of children and their moms/parents. There would be a lot of singing Czech songs, dancing, fairy-tale reading, etc. In your e-mail, please state the number of children you would like to bring as well as their ages.

**Czechoslovak Happy Hour** – a social gathering of Czech and Slovak community and friends Feel free to obtain more info at <a href="http://cshappyhour.net/index.html">http://cshappyhour.net/index.html</a>

We would like to call your attention to two significant events:

#### The Gregor Mendel exhibit: "Planting the Seeds of Genetics".

Gregor Mendel was a former high school teacher in Brno, his experiments were ignored by the scientific community for decades. Mendel also made contributions to bee keeping, grape growing, astronomy and mathematics. This exhibit and its national tour were developed by The Field Museum, Chicago in partnership with The Mendel Museum, Brno and the Vereinigung zur Forderung der Genomforschung, Vienna.

This traveling Exhibit is currently in The National Museum of Health and Medicine, the Museum is an element of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology located on the campus of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, phone (202) 782-2200. The Museum can be reached by Metro Bus and Subway, and is open 7 day a week, to be admitted a photo ID (driver's license) is required.

Corcoran Museum of Art at 17th Street NW and New York Avenue, very close to the White House, has a TATRA automobile on display in their lobby. The automobile on display is in mint condition and was manufactured in Czechoslovakia in 1938. Some of the younger generation will remember the car (Tatra) as Model 603 (sestsettrojka), a limo used by the communist big wigs between the years 1948 to 1989. It's amazing how few changes and modifications to the automobile were made in all tose years. Definitely worth the visit for anyone interested in cars.