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[Happy New Year 2016 - Message from President](#)



Dear Sokol members and dear friends of Sokol Washington,

I would like to wish you a healthy and prosperous 2016. We are one year older and perhaps a little bit wiser. My New Year 's letter that I wrote a year ago started with the same two sentence wish. I then wrote about our volunteering work and gave an example of how one person's volunteering work had a rippling effect on me personally and I think on many other people who had the privilege to meet and spend some time with that person. I did not write the name of that person. I think she knew I was writing about her and I am glad she did. That person is not among us anymore and I am sorry I could not express more of our gratitude for all the work she has done for our community while she was alive. That person's name is Lucia Maruska Levendis. She passed away in May 2015. We will always remember how much she has done for our Sokol community.

Dear Sokol members and dear friends of Sokol Washington I would like now to publicly express my gratitude to all of you who do not hesitate to help when help is needed and do it with pure intention to help without expecting anything back. Before I start writing the names of people that do a lot of volunteering work I would like to express our gratitude to organizations and governments that support our activities.

Dear government of the Czech Republic, dear government of Slovak republic, dear members of SVU Washington: I would like to thank you for your support of our organization through the financial grants that we receive from each of you primarily for our Sokol School activities. Thanks to your support we can afford to have more Czech and Slovak teachers, purchase more Czech and Slovak books and other school material which our teachers can then use to teach the children in our community our native languages, appreciation of our culture, and love for our Czech and Slovak heritage.

Many of you know that American Sokol celebrated 150 years of its existence last year (2015). Many of you know who Miroslav Tyrs was. My personal guess is that not as many of you would know when Sokol Washington was established and would be able to name the founders of our unit. I have designed a short quiz that I think might improve our knowledge about our Sokol unit and perhaps might be fun to do. If you decide to take that quiz, please take a piece of paper and a pencil so you can write the answers and then assign points for each correct answer. Scoring is simple: one point for each correct answer; half a point for each close answer and zero points for each wrong answer. If you don't want to use pencil and paper, you can easily count fingers on your hand while doing the quiz: one finger counts for one point, a bent finger for half a point. This is an open book quiz, so if you want to get full/maximum score take your time, do the research before you write the answer that you think is the correct one. I encourage you to take this quiz with your kids and send us the final score to our email address sokol@sokolwashington.org. We will post your answers either on our Facebook page or our website. If you disagree with any of my answers in the 'Correct answers' list please let me know about that. We will then post correct answers on our website:

www.sokolwashington.org or our Facebook page.

Note: Either ASW (American Sokol Washington) or Sokol Washington are correct names for our organization.

The quiz questions:

1. In which year was Sokol Washington established?
2. Name at least one of the Sokol Washington founders.
3. How many presidents has Sokol Washington had during its existence?
4. How many women have been presidents of Sokol Washington?

5. Can you name at least (3) directors of men (nacelnik) through ASW history?

6. Can you name at least (1) director of women (naceinice) through ASW history?

7. Who holds the record as the longest serving elected officer in ASW? You can choose among: Rose Friedrich, Gerta Manhal and Libuse Cerny.

8. Can you name all (5) women that are currently serving on the ASW board?

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15. Name at least (3) ASW auditors (past or current).

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19. Name the 2 ASW members who started to organize the winter ski camp in VT.

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21. Who started to organize the Summer camp in WV (two names please)?

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25. Another tricky one: would you know who, almost every Friday evening, brings their kids to Friday activities and then leaves the school facilities to play ping-pong at a nearby home so that if ASW organized a ping-pong tournament they would be among the finalists? Both names for full credit please.

Correct answers are on the bottom of this newsletter

If you get between **20-24** points I believe you are either a current board member or have ambitions to become a board member of our ASW unit. Can you please email me your name? Thank you.

If you get between **10** and **19** points you are good. You have good knowledge about our Sokol organization. I congratulate you on your score.

If you get between **1** and **9** points you have still good knowledge about our Sokol unit. Thank you for taking the quiz.

If you get **0** points please don't be sad. I know you are not. But just in case you are, if you would like to become more active in our Sokol please come join any of our activities. You would be welcome!

I had fun and learned a lot while working on this quiz. I hope you had fun too. I also hope you have learned something about our ASW unit and learned at least a few names of the Sokol members who do so much of the volunteering work.

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2016!

Milos Toth
President

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[Monthly Membership Meeting - January 6, 2016](#)



The January's monthly membership meeting will be held at the Bethesda Regional Library.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming dates:

2/3/2016 8:00pm-10:00pm @ [Potomac Community Library](#)

3/2/2016 8:00pm-10:00pm @ [Bethesda Regional Library](#)

4/6/2016 8:00pm-10:00pm @ [Bethesda Regional Library](#)

5/4/2016 8:00pm-10:00pm @ [Potomac Community Library](#)

6/1/2015 8:00pm-10:00pm @ [Bethesda Regional Library](#)

All are welcome, member or not!

When

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 8 PM

Where

[Bethesda Regional Library](#)
[7400 Arlington Rd.](#)
[Bethesda, MD 20814](#)

Contact

Bro. Milos Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org

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Please DO NOT FORGET that the DEADLINE to submit [ASW membership dues](#) is March 31, 2016.

- **Individual Membership** (adult /voting) \$40.00
- **Two Adults Membership** (both voting) \$75.00
- **Family Membership I.** (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults) \$50.00
- **Family Membership II.** (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years) \$80.00
- **New Member One-time Administrative Fee** \$15.00

Please make your check payable to "American Sokol Washington, DC and mail it at your earliest convenience to:

American Sokol Washington, D.C., Inc.
c/o Br. Tibor Bartalos
1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704
Washington, DC, 20024

Please remember, you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting(s) and consent to take the Sokol oath.

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[Sokol School - January 15, 2016](#)



The Czech & Slovak School/Preschool 1st semester fees and registration forms are due ASAP.

School Fees: **\$60/1 child, \$80/2 children, \$100/3 children, \$120/4 children** per Semester

Please make your check payable to "ASW, DC School Fund", and mail it to:

American Sokol Washington, Inc.
Michaela Kiss
4439 Ellicott Street NW
Washington, DC 20016

We accept registrations for children (ages 6 & up) and adults for Czech and Slovak classes, Czech & Slovak Preschool (ages 2 to 5), and children's gymnastics, for 2016.

<http://www.sokolwashington.org/about-us/join-us/>

Schedule:

Czech and Slovak School - Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Subscribe	Past Issues	<div> <div>Youth Gymnastics</div> <div>8:15 - 10:00 pm</div> </div> <div> <div>Adult Slovak Classes (in "Band Room")</div> <div>7:00 - 8:00 pm</div> </div>	Translate ▼
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Yoga for adults 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Folklore starting mid-October

Here is the Czech & Slovak School Library link. Let me know if you wish to borrow any books.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Xvs2_N-JLnZ1g_Euo8RyggAeOWKJ_aG9eAogOEvN4c/edit#gid=0

Reminders

PARENTS:

- children must be supervised at all times!
- no running in the hallways
- no eating anywhere, except the All Purpose Room
- no sitting or standing in the hallways; you can do so in APR
- only use bathrooms in the hallway; don't use bathrooms in classrooms
- **at least one parent (or designated parent who has agreed to play the parental role) should stay for the duration of gymnastics as this is a parent participatory program, and given the large size of the class we require BOTH parental "activity assistance" to run a good program and parental availability on the sidelines for good behavior.**

TEACHERS:

- after each class, you are responsible to WALK children back to All Purpose Room. No unsupervised children in the hallways.
- please do not let children out of classroom before 8pm; the only exception is bathroom use.

Preschool - parents must pick their child/children up at the classroom at 8pm and walk them to APR, gym or leave.

When

January: 15, 22, 29

Where

[Carderock Springs Elementary School,](#)
[7401 Persimmon Tree Ln,](#)
[Bethesda, MD 20817](#)

Contact

Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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[38th Annual Bača Cup International Ski Race - February 13, 2016](#)

The Bača Cup International Invitational Ski Race is closely connected to our Unit and every year many of our members delight in attending this event.

The Bača Cup alpine racing event first started in 1979. Racer of all ages and nationalities are invited to participate, as representatives from Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, and the United States take part in this annual event that highlights the relationship between all countries and



More Information is coming soon on [Baca Cup website](#) and our [Facebook](#).

When

Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 11 AM (TBD)

Where

[Blue Knob Ski Resort](#)

Blue Knob, PA

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through a tax-deductible donation

Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your [charitable contributions](#).

All your contributions to the American Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization,

are tax deductible.



If you are contributing through the United Way, our **CFCNCA** designation code is **93300**.

Your support will directly benefit all our activities and is greatly appreciated!

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[Volleyball Mondays](#)



We encourage new volleyball players to check out our competitive volleyball Monday group. Due to the group large size and skill level, new players might get limited volleyball play time.

<http://www.sokolwashington.org/activities/sports-activities/volleyball/>

When

January: 1/4, 1/11, 1/25

February: 2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 2/29

March: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21

Where

[Bannockburn Elementary School,](#)

[6520 Dalroy Lane,](#)

[Bethesda, MD 20817](#)

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We are no longer playing on Tuesdays.

Contact

Bro. Miloš Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org or Vladimir Kovac at tysesty@gmail.com

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[Orienteering](#)



New Orienteering season starts September 5th! Come and enjoy this family friendly sport. Events are organized by the local orienteering clubs and offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

January 3 - [Fountainhead Regional Park, Main parking area, Clifton, VA](#)

January 10 - [Patapsco Valley State Park, Avalon area, Elkridge, MD](#)

January 10 - [Laurel Ridge State Park, PA](#)

January 24 - [Quantico Marine Corps Base \(MCBQ\), Combat Village](#)

January 31 - [Greenbelt National Park, Sweetgum Parking, Greenbelt, MD](#)

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check website for changes due to the weather.

<http://qoc.us.orienteering.org>

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org or Radka Herndon at Rradunka@aol.com

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[Kids 4th and 5th Grade Ski Free in Pennsylvania](#)

If you have a 4th or 5th grade child, please check this program out: <https://skipa.com/deals/4th5th-grade-program/getting-started>

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[Sokol Washington, D.C. Facebook](#)



Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional way for the members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters. Bro. **Tibor Bartalos** has been exceptional at leading this effort.

Please bookmark and check our unit's Facebook page on regular basis

Quiz correct answers

1. In which year was Sokol Washington established?

1947

2. Name at least one of the Sokol Washington founders.

The founders were John Valters, Frank Rosner, Zdenet Ptacek, Jerry Friedrich, Mildred Barcal, Frank Kracek, Jerry Kroutil

3. How many presidents Sokol Washington have had through its existence?

(10) John Vaters, Matthew Neuman, Jaroslav Kaspar Paty, Tanja Sturman, Vaclav Slovak, Miroslav Neomesky, Jan Kocvara, Lucia Maruska Levendis, Pavel Klein, Milos Toth

4. How many women have been presidents of Sokol Washington?

(2) Tanja Sturman, Lucia Maruska Levendis

5. Can you name at least (3) directors of men (nacelnik) through ASW history?

The complete list is: Jerry Friedrich, George Soltis, Frank Stovicek, Frank Arient, Pat Logsdon, George Toulas, Anton Bartos, Milos Toth, Pavel Klein, Miroslav Honzak

6. Can you name at least (1) director of women (nacelnice) through ASW history?

The complete list is: Monica Rokus, Helenka Splichal, Dagmar Fiala, Mildred Barcal, M. Soltis, A. Dankulik, J. Mach, G. Toulas, M. Manon, S. Dillon, C. Hall, G. Dohnal

7. Who holds the record as the longest serving elected officer in ASW? You can choose among: Rose Friedrich, Gerta Manhal and Libuse Cerny..

Gerta Manhal served 35 years as financial secretary, corresponding secretary and recording secretary; Libuse Cerny served for 34 years as a recording secretary; Rose Frederich served 31 years as a Treasurer.

8. Can you name all (5) women that are currently serving on the ASW board?

Michaela Kiss serves as a Director of education; Radka Herndon is the Deputy Director of education, Dagmar Merkova is our Treasurer, Monica Rokus serves on the board of trustees and helps us with web and flyer design, Cara Honzak serves as our Facilities coordinator.

9. Who was in charge of this year's Mikulasska Nadilka party?

Helenka Kanownik and Zuzana Steen

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Peter and Rita Kukura

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Danka Sablikova

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Pavla Cervenkova, Jarka Zolmanova, and Rita Kukurova

13. Here's a tricky one: name at least five ASW volleyball players who in 1995 won the Montgomery County division league.

The ASW team that year was Jarda Vondrich, Vojto Kebis, Jirka Splichal, Jozef Kadlec, Katka Dubjelova, Milos Pivarnik, Vaclav Slovak, Igor Labuda, and Milos Toth

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Vlada Kovac

15. Name at least (3) ASW auditors (past or current).

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A partial list includes Dagmar Merkova, Radoslav Kohlmayer, Milos Toth, Peter Kukura, George Barak, Vaclav Slovak

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The team is Peter Knapp, Jonathan Altman, Monica Rokus, and Tibor Bartalos

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Tibor Bartalos, Pavel Klein, Dagmar Merkova, Radka Herndon

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Pavel Klein, and Eva Majerova

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Ondrej Schneider, and Michaela Erbenova

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Pavel Klein, and Miroslav Honzak

22. Who has been organizing the Annual Sokol tennis tournament for at least the past 15 years?

Bonus question: who is the tournament named for?

Igor Labuda is the organizer. The tournament is named for past member Jiri Parma

23. Name at least two volleyball tournament organizers in recent ASW history.

Some of the recent organizers include Pavel Tojzl, Jirka Danihel, Robert Sestak, Milos Toth

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Michal Jarník

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Robert Rehak, and Peter Knapp

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Thank You



We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. We can't thank you enough, each and every member of our community.

Many visitors of St. Nicholas Feast (Mikulašská nadílka) enjoyed Czech, Slovak and Moravian carols presented by Sokolik, our children folklore chorus, on

December 5, 2015. Thank you to St. Nicholas Feast organizers Helena Kanownik and Zuzana Steen, and all volunteers, without your dedication and hard work, this event would not flourish and we would not be able to continue this great tradition.

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