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Hope you enjoyed the big game and had a Super Sunday because we have a Super February planned. January offered a little break in the game action for American Sokol, Washington DC, but February brings the non-stop action right back. Whether you plan to race down the mountain in the Annual Baca Cup International ski race (from beginner to advanced, young and old alike participate) or you plan to attend our annual fundraiser, Šibrinky, there will be plenty in February for members, friends and family of American Sokol, Washington D.C. See inside this month's newsletter for more details.

TEEN DANCE MEETUPS

Our teen night dance meetups are going well. Dance instructor Elena is leading our classes and can see great progress. Classes are currently ongoing and if you are interested contact Dasa for more information at events@sokolwashington.org.

A few words from one of our teen participants - Alexis Merka

Teen dancing has been really fun! My friends and I have been enjoying learning to dance from Elena, who's a great instructor. After only a few lessons, we know how to dance the polka, valčík, and the waltz! Also, we have even already learned a choreographed folklore group dance to a certain song. We have all been really enjoying it so far!

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

We hope to see you there. All are welcome to attend. Member and non-members included.

reminder**ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020****DUE TODAY**

DO NOT FORGET! The DEADLINE to submit [ASW membership dues](#) was **January 31, 2020**.

- \$40.00** Individual Membership (adult /voting)
- \$75.00** Two Adults Membership (both voting)
- \$50.00** Family Membership I. (one adult voting all dependent children up to 26 years and other non-voting adults)
- \$80.00** Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all dependent children up to 26 years)
- \$15.00** New Member One-time Administrative Fee

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You may also submit your annual membership payment through [ASW WEB](#) PayPal "[DONATE NOW](#)" button in the upper-right corner, and enter the "2020 ASW Membership Payment" under special instructions.

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Your membership in good standing guarantees you:

- Discounted tickets to Sokol activities;
- Insurance coverage at Sokol activities;
- Monthly Newsletters;
- Knowing that you enable all the wonderful programs you and your family enjoy;

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

42nd ANNUAL BACA CUP SKI RACE**FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

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Get ready to race down the mountain at the Annual "BAČA CUP" International Invitational alpine ski race for all ages and nationalities! ASW supports this event for years. [FB Baca Cup Event](#) and [Baca Cup website](#) and [Baca Cup FB](#) provide more information for the ski race participants.

The Bača Cup, for all ages and skill levels, is an international invitational alpine ski racing event dating back to 1979. Racers of all ages, nationalities, and skill levels are invited to participate as representatives from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, and the United States take part in this annual event that highlights the relationship between all countries and their shared love of the Nordic experience. Truly, the Bača's vision of cooperation, competition, and good fun is realized through all who choose to be involved.

"Ski Ya Soon!"

WHERE: Saturday, February 15, 2020. Race time is 11:30

Be sure to arrive early to get your discounted ski pass and get registered. Plus, you'll want to get some practice runs in. Your registration gets you skiing all day on the slopes.

WHERE: Blue Knob All Season Resort1

1424 Overland Pass • Claysburg, Pennsylvania 16625

<https://blueknob.com>

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American Sokol Washington, D.C. and the Embassy of the Czech Republic

Cordially invite you to

Annual Fundraiser SIBRINKY

CASINO NIGHT

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Bring your poker face and get ready for a night of:

- Dancing with live Music
- Roulette, Black Jack...play them all at your casino night event!
- Delicious Full Course Dinner
- Best Costume Prizes
- Silent Auction
- Raffle Drawing

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ONLINE TICKET SALES: sibrinky.eventbrite.com**GIFT CERTIFICATES SALE:** events@sokolwashington.org**\$80 American Sokol Members | \$90 Non-Members | Adults Only**

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NO TICKET SALE AT THE DOOR!**SEATING IS VERY LIMITED!****TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE** and are selling fast on a first-come, first-served basis.

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RSVP: sibrinky.eventbrite.com
by FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Event is Formal / Black tie optional/
Casino inspired masks

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WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 2020**WHERE:** [The Embassy of the Czech Republic • 3900 Spring of Freedom Street NW Washington D.C. 20008](#)

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GYMNASTIC CLINIC FOR CHILDREN IN BALTIMORE

FEBRUARY 23



[Sokol Baltimore](#) is graciously hosting members of American Sokol Washington DC to an open gym and tumbling clinic in their gym in Baltimore, MD. It is an excellent opportunity to learn or improve gymnastics skills at this free event! Gymnastics provides an excellent foundation for ALL sports and develops strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination.

There will be a tumbling/skills clinic for an hour, open gym time, and then pizza!

Look for the invitation, registration to participate, and more information to be sent via Czech/Slovak school.

WHEN: Sunday, February 23, 2020, from 3 pm to 5 pm

WHERE: [Where: 3218 Noble St, Baltimore, MD 21224](#)

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The Czech/Slovak school is an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn Czech and Slovak languages and cultural heritage. Plus, the children will have plenty of opportunities to perform what they learn at Sokol events throughout the year. For adults, there are opportunities for those looking to learn or advance their Czech/Slovak language skills.

There will be an activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the adults while we actively wait for the children and their lessons. In addition, following school, there will be Music/Culture/Folklore and athletics/gymnastics.

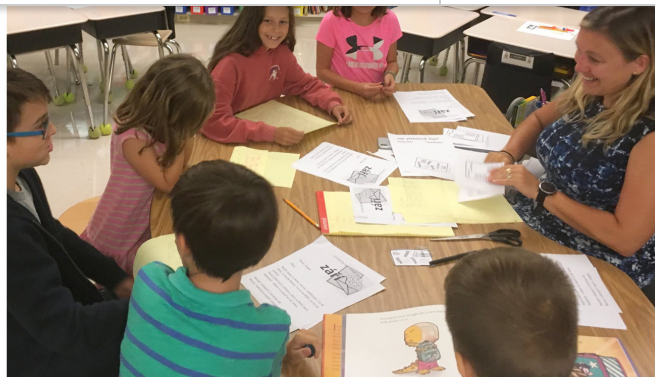
Children attending school will need to **bring**: a folder, a composition book, a pencil case filled with pencils, pens & crayons.

Please enter through the door facing the parking lot. School begins at **6:45**. All children will be escorted to the class by their teachers. If you are late, please escort your children to the class. If you are new to the school, there will be plenty of parent volunteers to assist you.

WHEN: Friday, February 7, 14 & 28 • 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

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

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss or Lucie Berankova
at school@sokolwashington.org

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Czech and Slovak School - Youth

6:45 – 8:00 pm

Czech and Slovak Preschool

6:45 – 8:00 pm

Music and Folklore - Youth

8:15 – 9:00 pm

Adult Czech and Slovak Classes

8:00 – 9:00 pm

Youth Gym Activities

8:15/9:00 – 10:00 pm

More information about our school [CLICK HERE](#)

MASQUERADE BALL FOR LITTLE AND TALL-ON ICE**MARCH 22, 2020**

Masquerade Ball on Ice. There will be games on ice to practice your skills and have a parade of goblins, bunnies, princesses and other creatures to that special award. There will be a creative costume competition you can participate in that best incorporate their safety helmet into the costume.

WHEN: March 22, 2020 • 4:15-6:15**WHERE:** [Cabin John Ice Rink • 10610 Westlake Drive • Rockville, MD 20852](#)**MORE INFORMATION** and tickets will be available at maskarnalede2020.eventbrite.com

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RS](#)**39TH ANNUAL SOKOL EASTERN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, APRIL 4****WHEN:** Saturday, April 4, 2020 • 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM**WHERE:** [Luther Jackson Middle School](#) • [3020 Gallows Rd. Falls Church, VA 22042](#) • [jacksonms.fcps.edu](#)**CONTACT:** Peter Knapp sports@sokolwashington.org[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)<https://www.facebook.com/events/174517450284174/>**SPRING FLING - JOSEFSKA****SATURDAY, APRIL 4***A traditional celebration for all ages!*

For hungry and thirsty, goulash and world selection of Czech beers will be served

For the party animals, music and dance

Volleyball Tournament Prize Award Ceremony

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Events Around the Czech and Slovak Embassies

Check out these Czech & Slovak events sponsored by the Embassies of the Czech Republic and Slovakia
Please check the location. Not all events are at the Embassies:

Czech Embassy

https://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/culture_events/culture/index.html

Slovak Embassy

<http://www.mzv.sk/web/en/news>

ORIENTEERING

[Quantico Orienteering Club](#)

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.

Feb. 9 Sun.	Pohick Bay Regional Park, Camp Wilson, Lorton, VA	Classic
Feb. 23 Sun.	Patapsco Valley State Park, Glen Artney, Catonsville, MD	Classic
Feb. 29 Sat.	Seneca Creek State Park, Smokey Glen Farm, Gaithersburg, MD	Bumble & Winter Meeting

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Check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. www.qocweb.org

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org

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Please check out American Sokol, Washington D.C. on Facebook: [See us here](#)

If you have a cultural, folk, educational or sporting/athletic event you would like to share with our members, please

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We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. American Sokol. That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol Unit thrive. Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.

Special Thanks to Antonin Svehla a Jana H. Svehlova for their generous donation to the Czech and Slovak School.



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We value you as our audience! Stay engaged and informed about our oncoming an educational, cultural, folk or sporting events and do not miss our MailChimp campaigns. Please make sure that our e-mail sokol@sokolwashington.org is included in your Contacts/Mailing list and does not end up in your Spam or Trash box.

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