

NEWSLETTER

**AMERICAN SOKOL LITTLE FERRY
LITTLE FERRY, NEW JERSEY**



December, 2014

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2015, @ 7 p.m.

Please use the Kitchen Entrance

Refreshments will be served

HOLIDAY PARTY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

for members, their families, and friends will be held at Vitale's Restaurant, 293 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, beginning at 1 p.m. The dinner consists of an appetizer, pasta, salad, entrée (choice of chicken, steak, or salmon), dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost is \$27, including gratuities. Beverages will be available from a cash bar. Reservations must be made before January 7; a form is attached for your convenience. For additional information, call Sis. Blanche at 973-365-1111.

The Holiday Party is a popular event, for it is a relaxing afternoon spent with family and friends. As always, the food is delicious, and the service and surroundings are great. It's a wonderful after-Yule-time treat! We look forward to seeing YOU and hope you will join us.

ASLF'S EXECUTIVE BOARD ...

President Joyce Nasta

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... wishes you and yours the best of holidays and a bright New Year.



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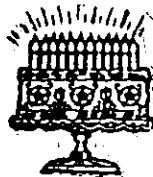
- Everyone is looking forward to the Gymnasts' Christmas Party on December 12 with D.J. Joe Genuario providing the entertainment and Bro. Bill Riedel's visit as Santa Claus.
- Registration for the new season will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 6 to 8 p.m.
- Gym classes resume on January 13 and 14, 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 20 MEETING

- Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed by Sis. Fran Garlicki and Joyce Nasta
- Sis. Blanche Bidnik discussed correspondence from Sis. Audrey Benda and various E-mails she received
- A BOI Report was given by Sis. Joyce Nasta and Blanche Bidnik
- Sis. Nasta showed a sample of the gymnasts' Christmas gift—water bottles with Sokol's logo
- Financial Secretary Cynthia MacPherson reported that eleven members paid their 2015 dues
- The Holiday Party at Vitale's Restaurant was confirmed by Sis. Bidnik; Sis. Garlicki paid the deposit
- Sis. Nasta requested bids from two companies re. snow removal
- At the meeting, Sis. Garlicki obtained members' signatures for registering our raffle with the State of New Jersey
- Motions made and passed to donate to Little Ferry Hose Company and to purchase a quarter page ad for Sokol St. Louis's 150th Anniversary Journal
- Sis. Bidnik discussed the Pork Dinner suggestions given to her by Sue Richards, a member of the cooking staff
- Sis. Nasta reported that our wooden dumbbells are worth \$48 a pair
- Because of Sis. Georgeanna Hall's absence from the meeting, Sis. Bidnik presented a \$100 donation from CSA Lodge No. 211 for the Gymnasts' Christmas Party
- Bro. John Chlodnicki reported on the status of the downstairs area: The bids received were \$40,000 over the amount of the grant. A meeting with the architect and other key members was planned later in the week to make changes and resubmit the bids to keep within the budget
- Maintenance: Because of leaks, the roofer was called to repair the flat roof; Bro. Chlodnicki obtaining bids for snow removal; very busy with a miscellaneous chores.
- Hall usage: Reservations have been made through December and some in January.
- Sunshine: Members signed a Christmas card for former member Carol Finke Setzer who is in a nursing home, recuperating from a stroke
- Bro. Craig Rogers prepared a financial report of Sokol's Haunted Hall; because of his absence from the meeting, Sis. Nasta presented it.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!"

Sis. Audrey Benda (7)
Bro. Ken Capek (3)
Sis. Emily Tuma Hoppe (7)



Sis. Madeline Olsen (7)
Bro. John Sadvary (24)
Sis. Evelyn Rehak Weed (30)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO

contact Sis. Audrey Benda for Sokol's 150th anniversary shirts, vest, and souvenirs. She can be reached at 540-296-0719 or 1126 Cranberry Court, Moneta, VA 24121.

AMERICAN SOKOL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

is being observed in 2015, and Sokol St. Louis will be the first to celebrate with a gala event on February 14. That's the actual date of the first Sokol meeting that was held in the United States in 1865. A special program begins at 3:30 p.m., dinner at 4:45, and dancing to follow. How should ASLF celebrate the occasion? Please send your ideas to Sis. Blanche Bidnik and offer your assistance to be on the committee.

PERSONALS

Sending get-well wishes to Bro. Nick Rogers who had four infected wisdom teeth removed. We wish you a speedy recovery, Nick.

Congratulations to Bro. Bill Riedel who was honored by a group of his sign-painter peers this summer. The event was held in Indiana and was attended by 200 sign painters who wore T-shirts with Bill's photograph on the front, honoring him for his 60 years in the business. He is one of the only sign painters his age who still climbs ladders to frightening heights to work on the murals! . . . Sending our warmest regards to Sis. Eva and Bro. Karl Rohlf. Bro. Karl was hospitalized and is currently in rehab, and Sis. Eva is awaiting knee replacement. We miss you at our membership meetings and hope you feel better soon.

Bro. John Sadvary was presented with a certificate honoring him as the 2014 Fraternalist of the Year by the President of CSA Lodge No. 211, Bro. Karel Choteborsky. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success, John. . . Sis. Cynthia Hartwick MacPherson spent several days in Chester (N.J.) visiting friends; they also celebrated her birthday. A belated Happy Birthday, Cynthia!

Instructor Kaela Wong is a member of the Ramapo High School gymnastics team. The group has been victorious in County and Regionals during the past four and five years, respectively. Sectional competitions are coming up, and we wish her good luck and continued success.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Bro. John Chlodnicki for his diligence in keeping our Sokol Hall in great shape. He spent the summer and early fall repairing, scrubbing, painting, and cleaning the hall, which now sparkles. It looks GREAT, and we thank you, John.

On a bus trip to Washington, D.C. this summer, Bro. Bill Riedel met a former Sokol member, Edie Novotny Cardell, who sat across the table from him at one of the dinners. During their conversation, they discovered they were originally from Little Ferry (Bill still resides there), Sokol members, and that they were related—Edie's great-grandmother and Bill's grandmother were sisters who arrived in the U.S. on the same ship from Czechoslovakia. Their last name was Wolf. In addition, Bill's friend Randi and Edie's husband Ron's grandparents are originally from Norway, so they have had many interesting conversations. Back home in New Jersey, they continue to visit each other and are learning more about their genealogy. Small world, isn't it?

WE CLOSE THIS YEAR'S VOLUME

of the ASLF Newsletter with a fervent wish: May your holidays be blessed with the warmth of home, the light of peace, and the love of family and friends.

NAZDAR!
Blanche

Merry Christmas!



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