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AMERICAN SOKOL  
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9126 Ogden Avenue  
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**[ASO@AMERICAN-SOKOL.ORG](mailto:ASO@AMERICAN-SOKOL.ORG)**

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January 2021

Happy New Year!

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***The Sokol Eye – Sokolským Okem  
December 2020*****Jean Hruby – President**

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the American Sokol Newsletter! We had to discontinue the publication this past year because we had to suspend our Editor and make sure that your membership dues is being utilized within your Units. We promised to bring back a national communication and our National Secretary Lynda Filipello volunteered to create a smaller newsletter that will bring you updated information on a quarterly basis. We are seeking a volunteer Editor to bring back the formal publication and if we are able to find someone, we will be able to resume that format. Please let us know if you are interested! Thank you all for understanding and sticking with us through this difficult time.

American Sokol has been diligently working through the Covid pandemic offering assistance to our Units and recently received a \$100K donation that will provide grant money to our Units for Covid Relief. Our Board of Governors will be overseeing this process in two waves in order to accommodate all of the needs from now through June 2021. Thank you to all who have already donated to our Annual Sokol Seals program that will also provide additional support to our Units for Covid Relief.

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DONATIONS TO AMERICAN SOKOL		
January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021		
GENERAL DONATIONS		
2020 AMERICAN SOKOL SEALS		
	General Donations	
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Donations continued

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Tom Sotka
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Sokol Los Angeles

We sincerely thank all of you for your generous donations.

### **AMERICAN SOKOL FOUNDATION IN TERNAL GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2021**

The American Sokol Executive Board approved the Foundation committee budget for 2021 for Gateway to the Future and Unit Growth grants to units. Please find applications at the American-sokol.org website, backdoor, administrative, admin which are due April 1, 2021. Participation for both Foundation funds was very high in 2020 with \$12,000 given from the Gateway fund to eight units for various projects and \$10,378 given to 6 units from the Unit Growth fund. The program details were also announced in the December Directors Newsletter and via email to unit presidents and secretaries. In 2020 the foundation provided to 10 units a small assist of \$325 for COVID-open the gym.

### **American Sokol Library and Archives Fund**

#### **Education Committee**

In its over 150-year history, American Sokol has acquired a significant collection of treasures. This fund was established to financially support the cataloguing, preservation, and display of documents, photos, artwork, books, Slet memorabilia, Sokol manuals, and much more. With additional support from an internal Foundation Grant, Past Perfect software was purchased, and a part-time archivist was hired. This program has enabled us to store over 3,200 artifacts in a database. We have begun to upload pictures and information on the website: [americansokol.pastperfectonline.com](http://americansokol.pastperfectonline.com). With Czech Ministry Grants (2019 & 2020) additional archival storage & supplies have been purchased, prints have been archivally framed, and a retractable banner has been created. These ongoing projects require continued financial assistance. We wish to thank you for your contributions.

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As we move cautiously into 2021, we have many unanswered questions as to how we will initiate programs back into our gyms and what events we will be able to plan. We look forward to seeing our members again and celebrating the way only we know how in our Sokols. We have lost many Sokol members this year and we remember them as we end the year 2020 and keep their memory and love for Sokol to be strong in 2021. While we wait for better times, work on strengthening your relations, stay safe and do what is best for you and your families. We are going to be Sokol Strong again. Sokols Survive!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year!

At' žije Sokol!

Nazdar

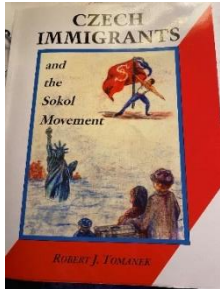
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### ***In Memory***



Mildred Bessie Homolka, aged 94, passed away peacefully at home Nov. 28, 2020. Milly was a proud Sokol member for 75 years. She started with Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs and then joined Sokol Tabor. She loved working in the kitchen during the Tabor rummage sales and loved participating in Sokol exhibitions. She also enjoyed traveling to the many Slets across America and internationally, especially to the Czech Republic. Milly's final resting place will be at Bohemian National Cemetery.

*Sokolice Tabor donated \$100 to the FSLF in Milly's memory.*



A current history of Sokol in America including a list of active and past units in the USA. Robert Tomanek, a lifelong Sokol, has compiled an accurate history based on historical documents from many sources. A must have for every Sokol member and supporter. You will be proud of the history of the Czech immigrants that expanded the Sokol idea of physical fitness in the USA since 1865.

Today we continue to bring these principles of A Sound Mind in a Sound Body as a worthy Goal.

To order this Book or to donate to Seals\*:

Checks payable to: **AMERICAN SOKOL, 9126 Ogden Av, Brookfield, IL 60513**

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