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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope that all have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas Holiday Season and wish all the best in the New Year. This year 2006 promises to be even better for the Polish Home thanks to the untiring efforts of many of our members. Many thanks to all who do so much for the Polish Home.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the I.J. Paderewski Choir of Sacred Heart will have prepared and served a great dinner on Saturday, January 14th; our main kitchen will be professionally cleaned and painted thanks to our Ladies' Auxiliary; and many smaller jobs around the Polish Home will soon be completed.

Thank you to Jeff Pensabene for the recent donation of cocktail tables, chairs and barstools.

Our Bowling alley/foundation project is still in the works and we hope that work on the foundation will begin soon. The Veterans' Room has been painted and is now the home for an extensive display by Marian Poczobutt outlining the role of the Polish Second Corps during World War II and the 1956 visit of Poland's General Anders to Syracuse and the Polish Home!



Steve Synakowski taking down the old paneling

Our Polish Language Classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 25th for our intermediate group. Also we are starting a beginning group with classes tentatively set for Tuesdays. Once again our teacher will be pani Eleonora Duchań.

The Polish Home Annual Meeting will be on Thursday Jan, 26th at 7 pm.

We will have a Super Bowl Party, on Sunday, February 5th. Come down and watch the game and have some good food and fun.

Our Annual Membership Party will be held on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 2p.m. It promises to be a good time. Food and draft beer will be free to members. Bring some new members!

Hope to see you all there!

Robert Synakowski, President

January Birthday Party Sunday, January 29th

For many years the Polish Home has celebrated our members' birthdays by sharing a home-cooked meal, and birthday cake, and perhaps a few cocktails. Each member receives the meal for free during the month of their birthday. All others pay a nominal fee of only \$5. Join us for a great Sunday afternoon.

THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th at 2:00 p.m. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 25TH BY CALLING 471-9348.

<u>BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:</u> Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items, which are delivered to the food pantry at Sacred Heart Basilica.

+IN MEMORIAM+

James Abbatiello Freda Kusnierczyk

BINGO!

Play for big money! — \$3,000 No game under \$175! Plus 1 - 60/40, Share the wealth & our weekly bonanza -

Play every game for as little as \$5.00 Last coverall pays \$1,000

7 PM MONDAYS at the Polish Home.

Kitchen opens at 5 PM



New Year's Eve 2005 at the Polish Home

November & December Birthday Parties

The November Birthday Party was held Sunday, November 30th, with 80 people attending, with only 4 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Stella Przekwas, David Bagenski, Arthur Dzierzawski and Barbara Maczonis. Christine Witkowski was the main cook, assisted by Jane Szul, Helen Baginski, and Gwendolyn Doherty. Servers were Virginia Getek, Fran Obrycki, Marion Osinski, Jim and Pat Newton and Connie Wierz. Our president. Rob Synakowski served as our bartender. 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill. The menu consisted of sauerbraten with noodles and gravy, red cabbage, chunky apple sauce, bread & butter. Desserts were furnished by Christine Witkowski, Rosemary Lazarski, Stella Kushin and Mary Ann Sakowski.



Barbara Maczonis, David Bagenski, Stella Przekwas and Artur Dzierzawski

UNDER THE WINGS OF THE WHITE EAGLE

Polish American Heritage in Rochester Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester Fredric Skalny (585-467-7405) Until March 2006 The December Birthday Party was held Sunday, December 18th, with 75 people attending, with 8 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Helen Zabinski, Reggie Rubacha, Mary Medyn, Connie Wierz, Jadzia Dzierzawski, Felix Mazur, Felicia Gmyr and Jane DeSocio. Jadzia Kaminska was the main cook, assisted by Nella Kalinowski, Christina Kalinowski, Jane Szul, Elaine Grudzinski, Pauline Kotas and Lillian Sadlocha. Servers were Virginia Getek, Fran Obrycki, and Marion Osinski. Christine Witkowski once again served as our bartender. The menu consisted of pork tenderloin, au gratin potatoes, buttered green beans with bread crumbs, apple sauce, and bread & butter. Desserts were furnished by Christina Kalinowski. 50/50 raffle was collected by Jean and Ray Stogsdill. The table decorations of poinsettias were also raffled off.



Felicia Gmyr, Helen Zabinski, Jane DeSocio, Connie Wierz, Felix Mazur, Jadzia Dzierzawski, Regina Rubacha, Mary Medyn

"Polish" your Polish

For several months through the courtesy of Tad Szyszka we have been receiving many copies of the "White Eagle" a bilingual newspaper from the Polish Community of Boston. Stop down and pick up a copy. Articles are in both English and Polish.

FROM OUR HISTORY



1926 Klub Wolnej Polski - "Free Poland" Club

This photo was taken in front of the Polish Home. Note the "storefronts" on either side of the main entrance. Among those in the picture: Aleksander Rutkowski, 7th from left in first row; and Kalixt Synakowski, 6th from right in the second row.



Happy Hearts Club ca.1946 Photo courtesy of Edmund "Keggy" Romocki

PIWO POLSKIE

We proudly serve the following beers from Poland. Dojlidy Magnat, Dojlidy Żubr, EB, Harnaś, Kujawiak, Leżajsk, Okocim, Okocim OK, Okocim Mocne, Piast, Warka, Złoty Kur, Żywiec and Żywiec Porter.

IT'S TIME FOR 2006 DUES Only \$15 per year

Polish Home Soccer Team wins again!!

Once again the Polish Home soccer team has brought us a trophy honoring their successes. They have been playing every Sunday evening on Jones Road in Baldwinswille. Call for game times and watch a good game.

Styczeń - stykać means "to meet" - "to join" since the old year "meets": the new year in January



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If your name on the address label is followed by "06", we thank you for joining or renewing your membership in the Polish Home.

Please consider becoming a dues-paying member of the Polish Home, or renew your membership for 2006. Your membership ensures that the Polish Home will continue to fulfill the mission for which it was founded – to be a center for Polish culture in Syracuse. Please fill in this form and send it in or drop off at the Polish Home. Thank you.

| APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Syracuse Polish Community, Inc. Annual dues are only \$15 per person Name |
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| Address |
| |
| City Zip |
| Date of BirthPhone |
| Ethnic Heritage: Polish Other |
| Signature |
| Sponsored by (regular member) |
| E-mail address: |

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!
2006 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
only \$15 per year
Thank you to all who have promptly renewed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Saturday Night Dinners every Saturday at 6pm
- ◆ <u>Annual Meeting</u> Thursday, January 26th
- ♦ Birthday Party –Sunday, January 29th at 2 pm
- ♦ Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 5th
- ♦ Membership Party Sunday, February, 12th
- ♦ *Karnawal* Saturday, February 25th
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- ◆ *Pierogi Supper* Friday, March 25th