

# Syracuse Polish Community Home

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all our volunteers who help this place run smoothly. Our Saturday kitchen has enjoyed the culinary talents of many people over the past few months. Among those who have cooked are: Steve Synakowski, Matt Olszewski, Małgorzata Świętoń, Theresa Kociencki, The Paderewski Choir from Sacred Heart, and also special thanks to Lottie Synakowski, who recently made *zrazy*, or beef rollups. Allen Czelusniak, who had been cooking almost every week until recently, is now cooking on the last Saturday of each month.

As you know, over the years rainwater has done considerable damage to our foundation. Engineers are assessing the damage and determining the course of action we will need to take. This project will probably entail quite an expenditure, so a fundraising committee has been formed and will be developing various programs to raise money to keep your Polish Home standing for at least another 85 years. Stay tuned for more information.

The county has not yet informed us of their decision in the proposed sewer pipe trunk line for Park Avenue. As soon as we find out, we will pass on the information.

We will once again have a booth at the Polish Festival this year will. Volunteers will be needed to help make *paczki* and to staff the booth. The festival will be held on June 9, 10 and 11 at Clinton Square and promises to be another unforgettable festival. Check out the PSF website at: [www.polishscholarship.com](http://www.polishscholarship.com) for the music line-up.

*Robert Synakowski, President*

## +IN MEMORIAM+

*Chester Preble*

*Peter Zalewski*

## POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY FLAG RAISING AND PROCLAMATION



Everyone is invited to participate in the 213<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Constitution at a ceremony on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:00 A.M. at the Polish Home.

Represented will be the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV), World War II Veterans, The combined choirs of Sacred Heart under the direction of Martin Ucen, The Lasowiaczy Dancers, the White Eagle Club, Sacred Heart/St. Stephen Seniors, Sacred Heart's Revs. Peter Gleba, Stanley Dudkiewicz, Stanislaus Matula, Transfiguration Church Pastor, Rev. Thomas Kobuszewski. Also, the Officers and members of the Polish Home. Our elected officials participating will be Syracuse Mayor Matt Driscoll, County Executive Nicholas Pirro, as well as their staff members.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Bob Pietrucha, former President of the Polish Home.

A reception will follow in the Polish Home ably prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary with many delicious desserts donated by members and friends. For information call Connie at 488-4079.

*Poland's constitution is the oldest written constitution in Europe. While it has been said that much of Poland's constitution was based on the US Constitution, much of the US Constitution was based on the works of Poland's philosophers at that time.*

## MARCH BIRTHDAY PARTY



L to R: Katie Cahill, Joe Baraniewicz, Eleanor Tuttle, Bernice Bach, Charles Lukasiewicz, Mary Anne Ziegler, Marietta Mancini, Leon Zabinski, Helen Minasian, Zofia Polkowski, and Matt Olszewski

The March Birthday Party was held Sunday, March 28, 2006, with 80 people attending, 11 of whom celebrated their birthdays: J. Baraniewicz, Bernice Bach, Eleanor Tuttle, Zofia Polkowski, Charles Lukasiewicz, Leon Zabinski, Mary Anne Ziegler, Katie Cahill, Helen Minasian, Marietta Mancini and Matt Olszewski. Theresa Kociencki and Hank Sienkiewicz were the main cooks, assisted by Jane Szul, Maria Bakowski and Elaine Grudzinski. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Pam Newton. Dave Bagenski and Jim Newton also helped out. Christine Witkowski once again served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and Jeanne Stogsdill. The menu consisted of spaghetti with meatballs and sausage, mixed Italian vegetables, garden salad, Italian bread & butter, cake & coffee. (All this for only \$5.00, BUT if you're a member of the Polish Home and it's your birthday month, you don't have to pay.)

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

**THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> BY CALLING 471-9348.**

## CLEAN UP DAY AT PH Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Stop down and help with Spring Cleaning from 9am to??

*Kiedy lipa w maju kwitnie, to w ulach miód zawiśnie  
Kto się w maju urodzi, dobrze mu się powodzi*

## LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

The Polish Home's Ladies' Auxiliary wishes to thank the following friends and members for their hard work putting on our March 24<sup>th</sup> Pierogi Supper: Fred Rogusz, Henry Sienkiewicz, Richard and Paul Szymanski, and Leon Zabinski who lent their muscle in rolling our pierogi dough.

Our female members Helen Baginski, Dottie Bielak, Bernice and Mary Medyn, Janina Kiedyk, Jane Plis, Jeannette Szymanski, Jeanne Stogsdill, Jane Szul, Christine Witkowski and Emilia Zychowicz. Also friends, Joyce Black and Barbara Maczonis. Thanks for your hard work. Also, to all those who donated a lovely dessert.. We couldn't have any of this work without the help. Also, to our wonderful supporters who attended our dinner and enjoyed the fruits of our labor.

*Connie Wierz, President,  
Polish Home Ladies' Auxiliary*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Elise Tartaglia for placing 2nd in the Polish National Alliance Spelling Bee, which was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Chicago Illinois. Elise represented District IV in this event. Elise is a member of Lodge 2517, and Council 44 sponsored the local event held at the Syracuse Polish Home.

**WANTED:** Garage to rent for one year to store furniture. Call 471-9708 or 422-6887.

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.polamjournal.com>

[www.polishamericanstudies.org](http://www.polishamericanstudies.org)

[www.polishnews.com](http://www.polishnews.com)

[www.polorg.com](http://www.polorg.com)

Mały domek do wynajęcia bliźutko kościoła.  
Small house to rent near the church. Call 471-9708



## FROM OUR HISTORY



Sacred Heart Church Choir - circa 1914?

*Front row: Frank Synakowski, Marian Tański; Second row in the center in black dress: Mary Mach Synakowski; Fourth row on the left: John Gimiński; sixth person: Anna Gimińska Diligent; Fifth Row on the left: Kalixt Synakowski. (courtesy of Pauline Kotas)*

## PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

If you have any old photos of any events of the Polish community whether events held at one of the clubs or even at homes, we would be glad to help preserve and show the extent of the Polish-American community both now and in the past. Either consider donating your originals or we will gladly scan them and return them to you.

Thank you,  
Rob Synakowski



*Polish American Veterans 1960's*



*Polish Falconettes 1920's*

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*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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Heritage:** Polish ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsored by (regular member)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ♦ Saturday Night Dinners – every Saturday at 6pm
- ♦ Święconka Easter Dinner – Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm by White Eagle Club
- ♦ Birthday Party – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm
- ♦ Polish Constitution Day – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am
- ♦ Birthday Party – Sunday, May, 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

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**MONDAYS 7 PM** at the Polish Home.

Kitchen opens at 5 PM

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!**

**2006 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

*only \$15 per year*

Thank you to all 469 people who have promptly renewed.