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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past year, the Polish Home has undergone a renaissance of sorts, and we can really be proud of our accomplishments. Many, many people have "come home" to the Polish Home after many years, and we also have welcomed hundreds of new members. However, a small handful of people are doing the lion's share of the work. We are asking all members to help in some way to share your talents and expertise to help keep this club running smoothly. There is much work to do around our building and helping run our various programs.

A few weeks ago the IJ Paderewski Choir of Sacred Heart prepared and served our Saturday night Polish dinner. Once again, they did a fantastic job. This past week there would have been no dinner at all without the hard work of Bill Stankewicz, Jr., Steve Synakowski, Matt Olszewski, Andre Siok and Jeff March, who were "slammin" in the kitchen for over three hours. Special thanks also go to my grandmother, Lottie Synakowski, who at 92 years of age prepared the homemade noodles for the over 50 people who attended our meal. Thank you, Thank you to all of you. If anyone would like to help as well, it would be greatly appreciated.

We will once again have a booth at the Polish Festival. Volunteers will be needed to help make pączki 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.

We are still planning to hold our Sunday afternoon café if we find the volunteers to help us. Also, this fall a Polish Home Golf Tournament is being organized, and in October we plan to hold a *Taste of Polonia* to benefit the extensive repairs that are necessary to our building.

Once again, thank you all for your support and we always welcome more volunteers.

Robert Synakowski, President



Future member Annabel

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

Our May 3rd, 2006 Polish Constitution Day celebration was very well attended. Present were: Syracuse Mayor Matthew Driscoll, Mrs. Sue Tormey, Onondaga County Executive Communications Director, Rev. Peter Gleba, Rector of Sacred Heart Basilica, Rev Thomas Kobuszewski, Pastor of Transfiguration Church, WW II Veterans, under the direction of the NYS Vice-Commander Bob Jachim.

Also present were the combined choirs of the Sacred Heart Basilica, under the direction of Martin Ucen along with the Lasowiacy Dancers, Polish Heritage Club, White Eagle Club, the Sacred Heart/St. Stephen's seniors and friends.

This year, Mayor Driscoll and Mrs. Tormey presented the Polish Day Proclamation to Rev. Thomas Kobuszewski, to the delight of his parishioners and friends.

The choirs sang the American and Polish National anthems as well as *Maryjo Krolowo Polski* and *Trzeci Maj* in honor of the occasion.

Our emcee was Bob Pietrucha, a former president of the Polish Home, who along with his wife, Virginia, has hosted a Polish Radio program for over 45 years.

Special thanks to all who made the delicious desserts: the Polish Home Ladies' Auxiliary and others.

Many thanks also to all who attended and helped make this a memorable event.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAY PARTY



The April Birthday Party was held Sunday, April 23, 2006, with 86 people attending, 9 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Henry Dudzinski, Christine Witkowski, Helen Sawka, Allen Czelusniak, Don Guckert, Kari Gunson, Jim Newton, Marion Dombroski and Julie Dubiel. Maria Bakowski and Małgorzata Świętoń were the main cooks, assisted by Jane Szul, Helen Sawka and Elaine Grudzinski. Servers were Virginia Getek, Jane Szul, Pam Newton and Elaine Grudzinski. Christine Witkowski once again served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill. The menu consisted of sirloin beef stew with mushrooms and gravy, buttered noodles, garden salad, pickles, bread & butter, cake, coffee, tea.

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, MAY 28th, at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY MAY 22nd BY CALLING 471-9348. THANK YOU.

*Lillian Sadlocha,
Birthday Party Chairlady*

SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND IDEAS

Please let us know if you have expertise in any area that may benefit our Polish Home.

Thanks to Stella Piłat for her recent donation of several photo albums chronicling the history of the PNA Dancers from their early years to recently.

The photos are displayed in the "Founders' Room".

+IN MEMORIAM+

*Harriet Bordynski
Florian Jarka*

BINGO NEWS

April Report: 581 Admissions;

\$15,318 total receipts; \$12,000 total prizes

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN UP AND REPAIR AND MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY AND RUN OUR MANY PROGRAMS.

For more information call Rob at 471-9708.

BINGO WORKERS ARE NEEDED

Only once a month

Please consider donating one evening of your time once each month by volunteering for our bingo program. The proceeds from bingo help keep our doors open. We are in dire need of more volunteers as many of the current workers are on in years and could use some support. There is a job for everyone in the kitchen or in the bingo game. Stop down on a Monday and check it out!! Thanks.

GOOD LUCK PANI ELEANORA

Best Wishes to Pani Duchań, who has been teaching our Polish language classes for the past two years. She is relocating to North Carolina. We will miss her. Classes will resume in the fall with a new teacher.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

This may be your last newsletter!

In the past, we have continued sending newsletters to members who have not paid their dues for one or two years. Due to increased publication and postage costs, however, we can no longer continue this practice. Starting this year, anyone who has not paid dues for the last two years will be dropped from our membership list.

You can determine whether or not your membership is current by the year that appears on your mailing address.

If you are a current paid member, that date should read '06. Remember that the membership period is from January 1 to December 31. If you have any question regarding your dues, please contact Theresa Kociencki at syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com or 471-9708, or send a note to the Polish Home, 915 Park Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204. Thank you.

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

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Small, well-maintained house to rent –
near the church.
Call 471-9708*



The 52nd Annual Polish Festival

June 9, 10, & 11, 2006
Clinton Square
Syracuse, NY



52nd Polish Festival 2006

June 9, 10 & 11 - Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY

What: 52nd Syracuse Polish Festival

When: June 9 to 11

Where: Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY

Admission: Free

Friday, June 9

4 p.m. — Ashley Cox—Winner of SAMMY for Best New Artist
5 and 9 p.m.—Joe Stanky & His Cadets—recording artists
7 p.m. — Alizma—triplets Aleksandra, Izabela and Monika, violin
6, 8 and 10 p.m. — Kava 4.2—Polish rock group, from Toronto

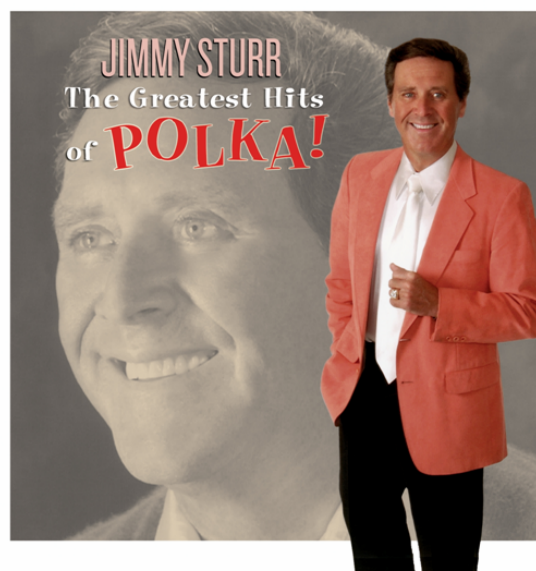
Saturday, June 10

Noon — Punani Cin Cin Band
1 and 4:30 p.m. — John Stevens Doubleshot—Pennsylvania Band
2 p.m. — Little Poland Dance Ensemble—Utica, NY
3 p.m. — Ashley Cox—Winner of SAMMY for Best New Artist
3:45 & 7:15 p.m.—The Tatry Polish Folklore Ensemble—Montreal
5:30 and 8:15 p.m. — Lechowia Dance Company —Toronto
6:15 p.m. — Pole of the Year 2006 announcement
6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:40 p.m.—Jimmy Sturr & His Orchestra
9:15 p.m. — Anya— Polish young singer, rising star

Sunday, June 11

Noon — Salt City Brass Band
1 and 3 p.m. — Lechowia Dance Company—Toronto, Canada
1:45 p.m. — Scholarship awards announcement
2 and 4 p.m. — Maestro's Men—Grammy Nominee band
3:45 p.m. — Miss Polonia awards announcement

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Join us at the Polish Home booth, where we will be serving our delicious home-made *paczki* jelly doughnuts.

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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.

Don't forget to pay your 2006 dues! Next to your name on your mailing label is a year that refers to the last year for which your PH dues have been paid. Please don't forget to renew your membership!

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
- ◆ Birthday Party - Sunday, May 28th at 2 pm
- ◆ Polish Fest '06 in Clinton Square - June 9, 10, 11
- ◆ Birthday Party – Sunday, June 25th at 2 pm
- ◆ Polish Home Golf Tournament – in September
- ◆ A Taste of Polonia – in October

More information to follow.

BINGO!

Play for big money! — \$3,000

No game under \$175! Plus 2 - 60/40 Share the wealth & our weekly bonanza

Play every game for as little as \$8.00

Last coverall pays \$1,000

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 489 people who have promptly renewed.