

Syracuse Polish Community Home

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here is the newsletter after a short hiatus. Thanks for your patience. As always, much has been taking place at your Polish Home lately. Many thanks to Ziggy Bakowski, Ryszard Polkowski, Henry Kozlowski, Mark Bakowski, Kazimierz Macko and others for their assistance in doing some heavy clean-out work in our rental property next door. The attic and cellar were full of about forty years worth of household items and furniture. Special thanks also to Sciuga Builders for their assistance. The apartments are being painted and will be rented soon. Many thanks, too to Monika and Dorota Zurawski for the donation of a leather sofa which is now in our Veterans' Room.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Fulton Polish Home Festival. I had a great time visiting with the manager and some of the officers there as well as our own Bob Pietrucha, Jasiu and Sue Klocek, Billy E., Stella Pilat and others. We all had a great time. Our Lasowiacy dancers performed and the parents were all there to support them. They made quite an impression on the folks in Fulton. A few weeks ago I also went to the Polish Heritage Month Polish Dance at the Rome Polish Home and met Alex Janowski, the president there, and had a nice chat. I also enjoyed the company of Polka Stony and Maryanne there.

Finally work is underway in the bowling alleys. The walls have been completely removed and the ceiling is next. We will soon start taking care of the bricks and concrete of the foundation. With any luck, the alleys will be operable soon while some of the work is still being done.

We are once again planning our **Election Day Polish Supper**, for Tuesday, November 7th from 5 to 7 pm. We will need a few helpers in the kitchen as well as with serving. Please call 471-9708 for more info. Thank you.

Robert Synakowski, President

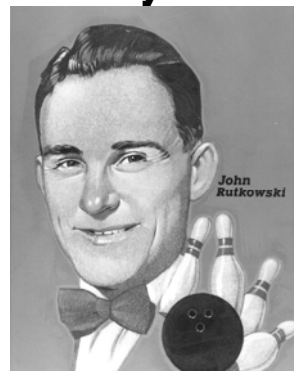
Polish Language Classes

Polish language classes will be held starting on Thursday, October 12th at the Polish Home at 6:30 pm until 8pm. The classes will run for 10 weeks. Tuition is only \$100 for the semester. \$85 for Polish Home members. For further info 471-9708

Polish Heritage Month

Visit the Hazard Branch Library, 1620 W. Genesee St., Syracuse on Saturday, October 28 at 2 pm PNA Lasowiacy, Polish Folk Dancers will perform. See the exhibits of Polish interest books, videos, DVDs, donated by Syracuse Polish Home and a variety of artifacts spotlighting Polish culture: clothing, statuettes, wooden & crystal items, jewelry & pottery organized by Connie Wierz.

Our Own Hall-of-Famer John "Smitty" Rutkowski



Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame - Class of 1996

Many thanks to Sister Lillian Rutkowski for her recent donation of a framed portrait of her father, John "Smitty" Rutkowski, who was inducted into the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. Smitty was our Polish Home Bowling Manager for many years from the 1920's through the 1960's. Besides playing on Babe Ruth's exhibition team at Star Park against Lou Gehrig, in 1929 he also traveled to Sweden on a five-man US bowling team where he won the Singles Tournament. Among other activities, he also was the ticket manager at MacArthur Stadium from 1930 until 1989!!! This portrait will soon be displayed in a prominent place in our Polish Home. Thank You Sister Lillian!

+IN MEMORIAM+

Tadek Kropiwnicki

Sylwester -- New Year's Eve Ball



Sunday, December 31, 2006

8:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Music by DJ Tad

The best selections of world hits
vast repertoire of tangos, waltzes
and more on Video Display!

New Year Eve 2007

Extravaganza Ball

At Polish Home

915 Park Ave. Syracuse, NY

Formal attire suggested.



Tickets: \$35 per person in advance by 12/23
\$50 at the door.

Tickets at Polish Home or APR Travel, 908 Park Ave.

For information call Tad at 687-1076.

Champagne toast at midnight!

Complimentary beverages and appetizers included

Hats, Tiaras, Horns, Serpentes, Balloons,

Noisemakers and more!

Video Display will cover entire stage!

Benefit: Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc

Polish Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

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Also, the PSF will be cooking for our **Saturday Polish Dinner** on November 4th. In addition to our regular menu items, they will feature *zurek wielkopolski* - a rich and unusual soup - thick, sour wheat and potato starch soup with marjoram, and highly textured from chopped egg and smoked kielbasa with cream, and *bigos* - Polish Hunter Stew: beef, pork, sausage, bacon, along with mushrooms, white cabbage, sauerkraut, and seasonings. Dinners are served every Saturday from 6 - 8 pm.

FROM OUR HISTORY

The I.J. Paderewski Choir of Sacred Heart has had a long-time association with the Polish Home and continues to this day. For many years the choir has held breakfasts, dances, as well as post-rehearsal get-togethers at the Polish Home



Paderewski Choir Picnic 1953

Photo courtesy of Arlene Crissan

Among those in the top row: Julius Glowacki, John Wrobel, Irene Wrobel, Margaret Szczepankiewicz, Teddy Sobotka, Helen Szczepankiewicz, "Prof" Louis Synakowski, Helen Mosher.....Ted Zamojski..

Among those in the center row: Chester Sobotka and Lottie Synakowski (both obscured)

Front row: Joyce Zamojski, Fr. Matuszewski?, Fr. Piejda, Fr. Luczycki, Robert Kobuszewski, John Wleklinski, Alice Wleklinski and Arlene Crissan. Walter Brzostowski on the accordion

SUMMER BIRTHDAY PARTIES



The **July** Birthday Party was held Sunday, July 30, 2006, with 95 people attending, 12 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Fran Obrycki, Eli Marposon, Cecelia Tyminski, Fred Rogusz, Jenny Purchiaroni, Paul Yatsonsky, Val Bubnack, Gene Zalewski, Virginia Getek, Judy Meccarielli, Mary Bartkowski, Bernadine Dubiel and Henry Bagenski. Yours truly was the main cook, assisted by my good friends Jane Szul and Pauline Kotas. Helen Sawka took care of cutting the cakes. Servers were regulars Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Pam Newton. Helen Baginski was the collector of money and also set the tables in the hall. Our president, Rob, served as the “gopher”. Magda Liwora (who just came over from Poland) served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and Jeanne Stogsdill. The menu consisted of baked ham, pineapple sauce, scalloped potatoes, sliced carrots with brown sugar, pickles, bread & butter, coffee/tea. The cakes were furnished by Christina Kalinowska.



The **September** Birthday Party was held Sunday, September 24, 2006, with 90 people attending, 7 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Lorraine Moore, Harriet Guzikowski, Leo Smorol, Mary Gasky, Theresa Kociencki, Dottie Bielak and Jean Stogsdill. The main chef was Pauline Kotas, assisted by her family, Richard and John Strage, Maryfrances Rondinello, JoAnne Strage, Mary Pauline Strage, Dominique Rondinello and our regulars, Jane Szul and Elaine Grudzinski. Christine Witkowski once again served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Maryfrances Rondinello and her daughter, Dominique. The menu consisted of Rotini spirals and spaghetti sauce, Rosina Italian meatballs, Italian bread & butter, homemade zucchini pizza, and pizzelles made by Pauline and Italian cookies for dessert.

THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, October 29th at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY OCTOBER 25th BY CALLING 471-9348.

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

THANK YOU.

*Lillian Sadlocha,
Birthday Party Coordinator*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concert pianist Maryna Mazhuthkova-Dubaniewicz performing classical melodies from Chopin & Liszt, on Sunday October 22nd at 4:00pm at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Syracuse. For advance tickets please call 468-2732. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children & seniors over 62. Proceeds to be donated to Francis House.

Sacred Heart/St. Stephens Seniors are inviting you to join them. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at 1:00PM at the Polish Community Home, 915 Park Ave, Syracuse. For More info call Mary Ann Sakowski 487-8404, Barbara Maczonis 487-8464, Dottie Bielak 587-0417.

Polish Heritage Club meeting Monday, October 16 at 7PM in the Parish Center of the Basilica, Lakeview Ave. Sr. Suzanne Marie Kush, a research assistant at the St. Bonaventure University will be the speaker. Her topic: “The founder of the Order of Felician Sister, Blessed Mary Angela- her response to the needs of the Church and society in 19th Century Poland”. Free and open to the public.



The **August** Birthday Party was held Sunday, August 27, 2006, with 90 people attending, 8 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Monica Baraniewicz, Jean Pacheck, Ann Zajac, Vince Dombrowski, Frances Kazmierski, Barbara Kuczynski, Ed Dubiel and Mary Palkowski. Our President, Rob Synakowski, was the main chef, assisted by John Sienczak, Jane Szul and Elaine Grudzinski. Servers were regulars Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Pam Newton. Helen Sawka also served. Magda Liwora served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill. The menu consisted of pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut (which was made by Diane Synakowski, Rob's mother), pickles, bread & butter, cake & coffee/tea. The cakes were furnished by Christina Kalinowska.

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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.

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* – from 6pm
- ◆ *Birthday Party* - Sunday, October 29th at 2 pm
- ◆ *Election Day Supper* – Tuesday, Nov. 7th 5-7pm
- ◆ *A Taste of Polonia* – postponed until spring

More information to follow.

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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

2007 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
only \$15 per year