

# Syracuse Polish Community Home

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The newsletter is a little early this month due to some great events which will be happening SOON! ELECTION DAY POLISH SUPPER; POLKA DANCE with Jasiu Klocek on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>; Our Saturday Night Polish Dinners; an ANDRZEJKA party which will be held downstairs on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> beginning around 8pm after our dinner. We also wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Many thanks to The St. Louis Society Gr. 2517 & Lasowiacy Dancers of PNA for their recent generous donation of \$600 for the Polish Home Renovation Fund. This was received from Janet Cormier, Stella Pilat and Mary Jo Tartaglia. The dancers are practicing weekly and performed last Saturday at the Hazard Branch Library.

Please stop down to the Polish Home to see our newly engraved front doors. Thanks to a generous donation from former president Bill & Maryann Stankewicz, our doors have been engraved with the Polish Eagle as well as the words Syracuse Polish Home – Dom Polski. They look really fantastic.

Over the next few years, we will be holding many more fundraisers. The preliminary estimates for the work on our foundation are much more than anticipated. We are also seeking funds and grants from our elected officials as well as other sources. At the same time we are updating the almost 90-year-old electrical system room by room.

On a brighter note, we are now well over 600 members and still growing!! Our club activities are drawing many people from all over Central New York and beyond.

Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving,

*Robert Synakowski, President*

## CLASSIC PHOTO REFRAMED

Special thanks go out to Leo and Diane Najdul for re-matting and reframing the famous photo of the 1927 Exhibition game with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig at Star Park. Many of our ancestors played in that game with the "Bambino". It has returned to its proper place in our clubroom.



1927 Exhibition game at Star Park with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig

## Election Day Polish Dinner

At the Polish Home

Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 5-7pm.  
Come enjoy traditional Polish food and  
homemade desserts. Donation \$8/adults,  
\$5/children.

## POLKA DANCE

*with*

**Jasiu Klocek  
and the  
Salt City Brass**

Sunday, November 12, 2006  
3-7 P.M.

at the Polish Home

Tickets \$ 8 at the door

Polish Food will be available

No advance ticket sales

## High Definition Aspirations

As our membership continues to grow, now approaching 600, the club has continued to make improvements to our Member's Lounge. Whether adding more beverage choices behind the bar, festive holiday decorations or installing a new sound system, maintaining an affordable and attractive environment in the lounge are essential to keep our membership strong.

To this end, our directors are starting a fund-raising campaign to acquire a large, high definition television for our bar. With Syracuse University basketball season, football playoffs and a variety of other broadcasts, a high definition TV will provide our members yet another reason to get together, share in our community and beat the winter blues in the Member's Lounge.

The downstairs kitchen will be kicking off the fund-raising efforts, donating all proceeds from the last Saturday-of-the-month dinners in October, November and December toward acquiring a new, flat-screen, high definition television.

All member organizations and individual members are encouraged to contribute, as well. A nice TV is something we can all share. Interested parties should submit donations (payable to Syracuse Polish Community, Inc.) to Treasurer Theresa Kociencki and note "TV Fund" on their check.

*Allen Czelusniak*

## Soccer Team Strikes Again

The Polish Home co-ed soccer team resumed play on Oct. 15, winning its first Fall Indoor contest 6-1. The team followed that effort up with a victory 5-0 victory on Oct. 22.

Midfielder Jon Ramin leads the team in scoring, with four goals, and part-time bartender Kari Gunderson is second, having found the back of the net three times. Members Dale Wolfe and Meredith Oliver continue to provide the team with solid defensive play.

Anyone interested in cheering the team on can find its schedule on the web site of the Central New York Family Sports Centre, [www.cnyfsc.com](http://www.cnyfsc.com). Click on "soccer" on the homepage and click on "Coed Indoor Sunday Blue" in the scores and schedule box. For those not on the web, call the CNYFSC at 638-8866 for Polish Home game times.

Anyone who is interested in playing for the team, and is between the ages of 16 and 65, should contact Allen Czelusniak, (607) 423-4270, or via email, [alczelusniak@yahoo.com](mailto:alczelusniak@yahoo.com).

## SACRED HEART SENIORS BUS TRIP

Join Sacred Heart Seniors "Christmas in Vegas" to Niagara Falls, Ontario. Thursday, November 30th  
Group Leaders: Fred Rogusz - 488-2553 and Barbara Maczonis - 487-8648 Here is the itinerary:

7:00am Depart from Casa Grande (rest/meal stop on your own); 11:00am Arrive at Casino Niagara and receive \$15 coin bonus; 11:30 Walk via walkway to the Brock Plaza Hotel; NOON Enjoy a wonderful Buffet Luncheon; 1:45 pm Now, it's ton with the show! "XMAS IN VEGAS" is a glittering cabaret musical. featuring a dynamic cast of singers, dancers and classic comedy impressions of entertainers and musical highlights from the magic of Broadway to the neon strip of Las Vegas. 3:30pm Walk back over to Casino Niagara for some gambling time; 5:00pm Depart for home (rest/meal stop en route on your own); 8:30 pm Approximate arrival in Syracuse.

Itinerary subject to change, reversal, or cancellation. Casino bonus given by casino and subject to change.

Cost per person \$84.00 includes round trip motor coach transportation, luncheon show at Brock Plaza and free time at Casino Niagara. Proof of citizenship required for this trip!! A driver's license is not proof of citizenship.

## New Year's Eve Ball Sylwester

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, Serpentine, Balloons,  
Noisemakers and more!

Video Display will cover entire stage!

Benefit: Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

The October Birthday Party was held Sunday, October 29, 2006, with 95 people attending, 15 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Virginia Grosso, Cheryl Tyminski, Rosemary Lazarski, Ed Palkowski, Julia Slivinski, Lottie Starowicz, Florence Yatsonsky, Apolonia Dobkowski, Irene Klodzen, Janina Kiedyk, Zygmunt Zaremba, John Kuryla, Edward Grudynski, Joseph Dobson, Emilia Zychowicz, R. Polkowski, Betty Hajski and Diane Marks. Theresa Kociencki was the main cook, assisted by Don Guckert, Judy Meccarelli, Mary Ann Ziegler, Gene Zalewski, Jane Szul, Virginia Getek and Fran Obrycki. Helen Baginski was the collector of money. Christine Witkowski served as bartender and once again, the 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and *Jean Stogsdill*. The menu consisted of baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable medley, jello with fruit, bread & butter and coffee & cake. Fran Gocek made a beautifully decorated birthday cake, Bernice Medyn made a rum bundt cake, Connie Wierz made a Halloween decorated vanilla cake and yours truly made a carrot cake.

**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, NOVEMBER 26th, at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOVEMBER 21st BY CALLING 471-9348. THANK YOU.**

*Lillian Sadlocha,  
Birthday Party Coordinator*



## ANDRZEJKI



Birthdays are not usually celebrated in Poland, but rather name days or saints days. Andrzejki (*SAY "on jay key"*), or St. Andrew's Day celebrations are held just before Advent in Poland. Over the centuries the custom was to celebrate well on Andrzejki, because Advent was a more solemn time with no celebrating or dancing.

To celebrate this day in the past, fortunes were told and matchmaking games were played. We will celebrate by having an informal party with DJ Leszek providing the music. Polish dance music and other tunes will be spun. This will begin around 8 or 9 pm on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## FROM HOUR HISTORY



*Polish American Veterans Post 1 in the 1960's*



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## NOVEMBER 2006 *listopad*

*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
- ◆ *Election Day Supper* – Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm
- ◆ *Polka Dance* – Sunday, November, 12 3-7 pm  
with Jasiu Klocek and the Salt City Brass.  
Polish food available.
- ◆ *Andrzejki* – Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 8pm - ???  
*Polska dyskoteka*
- ◆ *Birthday Party* – Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
*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

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