

# Syracuse Polish Community Home

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here's the newsletter after a long break! I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer. It is hard to believe that the vacations are over and school is back in session. Things are starting back up here at the Polish Home as well. Our Saturday Polish Dinners are being served once again. We will try our best to begin serving from 5:30pm this year. The White Eagle Club members have generously volunteered to cook for the second and third Saturdays, Allen Czelusniak will again be cooking on the last Saturday of each month beginning in October. (He will also cook on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.)

Many things have happened over the summer, which need to be mentioned: First of all, thanks to all the volunteers at the Syracuse Polish Festival in June. We had a great time this year selling pączki, coffee, and lots of bottled water. In addition, we sold quite a few Polish Home t-shirts, maps of Poland, and many other Polish-themed items.

Congratulations to Kelley Kowalczyk on being crowned Miss Polonia 2007. Kelley has been dancing with the Lasowiacy Dancers for many years and has volunteered for our Saturday Polish Dinners.

Thanks to Lillian Sadlocha, Shawn Fiato, Matt Olszewski and Matt Parry for planting flowers and landscaping earlier this summer.

Thanks to Lou Patalita and the Polish Heritage Club for the donation of Polish and US flags, which will be placed in the main ballroom.

We have been steadily gaining new members over the past few years. At the Polish Fest 2007 alone we gained 16 new members, and about 20 more since then, bringing our membership up to about 625 paid members for 2007! Stop down to visit anytime.

*Robert Synakowski, President*

## What is the Polish Home?

For the benefit of our new members, I thought a brief overview may be helpful. Way back in 1910 several prominent Syracuse Poles decided that a cultural community center was needed for the rapidly expanding Polish community. After years of planning and fundraising, our present building was built, being completed in 1924. Over the years, the Polish Home was the "home-base" for many civic, fraternal, sports and veterans organizations. Also, it was THE premiere banquet facility where many weddings, dances, showers, concerts, plays and other events were held. All the while, our downstairs "lounge" and bowling alleys were functioning as a "private club", which is why there is a buzzer and membership card reader at the door.

We now have a soccer team and a volleyball team, Polish dinners, and many other programs.

For the last few years, we have been operating due mostly to the efforts of volunteers, some of whom are getting really exhausted. If anyone would like to help once in a while, please come on down. We are in great need of people with a financial background to help initiate a capital fund raising campaign, and we need people with non-profit experience to help with the paper work involved. We need all kinds of assistance. Thanks.

## Attention Polish Home Members!

We are currently in the planning stages of a few events to benefit the Polish Home Restoration Fund.

We will be hosting a "Taste of Polonia in the early spring of 2008. This event will feature Polish food, beverage, music and products from local establishments.

The committees forming for this event are VENDORS, PUBLICITY, BEVERAGE, & FOOD. Any one wishing to be a part of planning this event, please contact Karen @ 448-8298(daytime).

Another event in the works is a "Polish Soup Festival". We are looking for all the talented people of our community to share their recipes and or soups for this event. This event is tentatively planned for fall/winter 2007. More information to follow.

Also, one of our newer members has promised to assist in planning a polka dance once or twice a year. Other programming ideas are also welcome.

### +IN MEMORIAM+

*Susan M. Lachut*

*Pete Maczonis*

*Eleanor Mania*

*Michael Crissan*

*Ed Wiz*

*Dennis Riley*

## FROM OUR HISTORY



Photos courtesy of Tom Preble

### PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for any photos of our Polish Home building, both exterior and interior shots. If anyone has any photos, please drop them off or mail them in. We will scan them and return them if you like. Thanks.

Polish Home Website: [www.syracusepolishhome.com](http://www.syracusepolishhome.com)

### POLISH COOKING CLASS

On Wednesdays, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Adam Rozum will demonstrate how to make pierogi and on the following Wednesday he will make bigos. Only \$10 per lesson for Polish Home members.

### SHELLY AND THE BARNDOGS

#### AT THE POLISH HOME

On Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 11pm. Music, food and beverages. \$15 includes 2008 Polish Home membership.

### AFTERNOON FOOTBALL AT THE POLISH HOME????

Several members have expressed interest in afternoon hours on Saturday and Sundays. If you are interested, please let us know so that we can schedule bartenders.

### POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Beginner classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30pm until 8pm. \$85 for ten weeks. Call 471-9708 or reply to [syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com](mailto:syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com) We will begin in late September.

### POLISH DANCE GROUP

After the summer break the children's group is being reorganized. If there is enough interest, maybe an adults group will begin as well.

### OKOCIM O.K. ON TAP!!!



After searching far and wide, we finally have Okocim O.K. AND Okocim Porter on tap! Stop down and have a nice tall glass. For a description of each beer, go to <http://www.stawskidistributing.com/p/Okocim.html>

### POLISH HERITAGE CLUB

Monday, September 17 at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center: "Sharing Your Heritage" with genealogist Lisa Alzo.

### HEARTS

#### ALL-SCHOOL REUNION PLANNED FOR 2008

There is a group of people who are in the beginning stages of planning a Sacred Heart School reunion. This would include ALL classes from the elementary and the high school. (no matter when or how long you attended). They are looking for the names and addresses of anyone that attended Sacred Heart. Also they are looking for volunteers to help with the search and planning of the event. Please e-mail: [heartsreunion@AOL.com](mailto:heartsreunion@AOL.com) or Stanley Czuba '66 at [sczuba@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sczuba@twcny.rr.com) --OR-- call Jude Wentworth 695-6894. There is a sign up sheet at the Polish Home Bar.

*In 2008 the first graduating class of Sacred Heart Academy is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.*

## JUNE BIRTHDAY PARTY



The June Birthday party was held Sunday, June 24, 2007 with 75 people attending (due to the fact that some of our regulars went to the Polka Fest in Wildwood, NJ with the seniors) with 6 birthdays: Mike Piatkowski, Rita Guckert, Joe Hajski, Pam Newton, Anna Rombel and yours truly.

The main chef was Vice President Allan Czelusniak, assisted by Magda Liwora, who's visiting again from Poland. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Helen Sawka and Jane Szul. Servers were Pam Newton, Josephine Wisniewski, Jane Szul and Helen Sawka. Treasurer was Elaine Grudzinski. David Dudzinski was the "gofer".

The menu consisted of roast pork rolled in caraway seeds, au jus, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, dill pickles, bread & butter, cake & coffee. Cakes were donated by Elaine Grudzinski, Betty Hajski Rita Guckert, Judy Meccarielli, Margaret Salomon and yours truly. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Ted and Jane Plis. Christine Witkowski once again served as bartender.

## JULY BIRTHDAY PARTY



The July Birthday party was held Sunday, July 29, 2007 with 95 people attending, with 10 birthdays: Fran Obrycki, Marg Bartkowski, Cecelia Tyminski, Virginia Getek, Stella Kushin, Gene Zalewski, Fred Rogus, Stephen Kapusniak, Jennie Meyers and Bernadine Dubiel. The main chef was Vice President Steve Synakowski, assisted by Magda Liwora, (who's visiting again from Poland). Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Jane Szul. Servers were Virginia Getek, Fran Obrycki, Pam

Newton and Jane Szul. Treasurer was Elaine Grudzinski. Dave Bagenski was the "gofer".

The menu consisted of barbecued ¼ chicken legs, salt potatoes, baked beans, garden salad, cake and coffee. Cakes were donated by Fran Gocek, Barb Maczonis, Dottie Bielak and yours truly. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and Jean Stogsdill. Christine Witkowski once again served as bartender. Mary Gasky helped out in the kitchen washing pots and pans after the dinner.

*Lillian Sadlocha, Birthday Party Coordinator*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY PARTY



The August Birthday party was held Sunday, August 26, 2007 with 75 people attending, (the others must have gone to the State Fair!), with 3 birthdays: Monica Baraniewicz, Mary Palkowski and Ed Dubiel. The main chef was Jim Newton, assisted by his lovely wife, Pam. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Jane Szul. Servers were Marion Osinski, Helen Baginski, Nela Kalinowski and Connie Wierz. Cashier was Elaine Grudzinski. Dave Bagenski was the "clean-up guy".

The menu consisted of baked ham, pineapple sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, and cake and coffee. Cakes were donated by Ron Lachut, Mary Palkowski, Mary Gasky, Helen Lukas, Linda Coyne, Jane Pikulinski and yours truly.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill. Christine Witkowski once again served as bartender.

**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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 471-9348 after 6pm, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. Thank You**

*Lillian Sadlocha, Birthday Party Coordinator*  
*Elaine Grudzinski, Assistant Coordinator*

## FULTON POLISH HOME

Festival Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Noon to 9pm Polish Food, Beer and Music!!!

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*If your name on the address label is followed by "07", 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 –5:30pm
- ◆ Polish Cooking Class – Wed. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Pierogi and Bigos
- ◆ Birthday Party – Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm
- ◆ Shelly and the Barndogs– Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**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**

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

Kitchen opens at 5 pm

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

That's only \$1.25 per month to belong to Syracuse's  
Premier Polish Club!!!