

Syracuse Polish Community Home

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WELCOME SACRED HEART ALUMNI!

It is with great pleasure that the Polish Home welcomes the alumni of Sacred Heart School as they gather from all over the country to celebrate the 110 year history of the school as well as the 50 year Reunion of the first High School graduating class of 1958. The Polish Home and the Sacred Heart community have been closely linked for many years. Be sure to sample a Polish beer or two and do consider joining the Polish Home, where the Polish community has been gathering for almost ninety years!

Over the past few years many great things have occurred that have brought the Polish Home back into the forefront. We are once again the center of neighborhood activity, with the Park Avenue Neighborhood Association as well as the Frazer Neighborhood Watch holding their meetings here; We are even more so THE center for Polish culture and social interaction. We have quadrupled our membership to almost 800!! We now sponsor a volleyball team and two soccer teams in the fall.

Many people have dedicated much if not almost all of their free time to the club and many have invested generous amounts of cash to the club. We in turn, have invested in necessary attention to our building, such as roof repairs and electrical work.

There is so much positive energy these days that I almost hesitate to mention one aspect of our operation that has been somewhat neglected: running an efficient business. Because of this, we have a slight cash flow problem especially during the late summer months. To alleviate this situation, several steps must be taken. We will need to hold many more fundraising dinners, etc., and also we will look at gently nudging our prices to reasonable levels, including our membership dues. These steps must be taken to ensure the continued success of our Polish Home. Please remember that the cost of our dues is only a little more than one dollar a month!

On hearing of this situation, the Polish Home Ladies' Auxiliary has donated over \$3000 which will be used to pay the taxes on the building. Thank you Ladies!

Also Past President Lou & Diane Synakowski have donated \$500 in celebration of their recent 44th wedding anniversary. Their wedding reception was held at the Polish Home, of course! (*Thanks Mom & Dad!*)

Soon we hope to incorporate our non-profit foundation which would be tax exempt and would ensure the continued promotion of Polish culture to our neighborhood and the entire Central New York community for generations to come. This foundation

will be able to receive, from individuals and organizations, donations which would be tax exempt.

Thank you also to all who helped make our first annual Chicken Barbeque a great success: Karen Galloway, Steve Synakowski, Kim DeCarr for the planning and getting things done, Charlie Hollis and Richard Galloway for manning the grills for over eight hours, Matt Olszewski and Bill Stankewicz for help with setting up, Theresa Kociencki, Alice Sojda and Lillian Sadlocha for taking care of tickets and other things. We will definitely have another BBQ next year.

Thanks to all the people who baked for our "Kawiarenka" – outdoor café. Thanks also to those who helped set up and run it: Maria & Ziggy Bakowski, Diane Synakowski, Małgorzata Świętoń, Monika Majkowycz and others. Thanks! - *Rob*

Polish Heritage month at the Hazard Branch Library

EXHIBITS

Polish Interest books, videos, CDs -The Syracuse Polish Home is proud to make a donation to the Hazard Branch toward the enhancement of their Polish Interest books, videos and CDs, for both children and adults, in the English and Polish languages. Samples of this collection will be displayed at the Hazard Branch during the month of October. This being the Polish Homes 90th anniversary, 1919-2009, a pictorial exhibit will chronicle its history and events.

Polish Artifacts – The Polish Heritage Club presents a variety of artifacts in the Hazard Branch's display cases. Organized by Connie Wierz, the exhibit spotlights Polish culture, reflected in cloths, statuettes, handcrafted wooden and crystal items, as well as amber jewelry. Also displayed will be the functional and attractive "Bolesławiec" Polish pottery.

PROGRAM

Saturday, October 25th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Poles landing in Jamestown, Virginia, Marian Poczobutt will lecture on this topic. Posters and other items will be on display.

Robert Synakowski, president of the Syracuse Polish Home, will make a presentation on the history of the Polish Home, a landmark in the community. He will also show a video on the various events held at the facility. Current newsletters and memberships will be available. A reception will follow. Hazard Branch Library, 1620 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York, 13204.

JULY BIRTHDAY PARTY



Seated: Bernadine Dubiel, Virginia Getek, Barbara Czerwinski, Mary Bartkowski. *Middle row:* Barbara Majkowycz, Fran Obrycki, Genevieve Purchiaroni, Paul Yatsonsky, Cecylia Tyminski, Valerie Bubnack, Ewa Majewska. *Top row:* Jim Friers, Fred Rogusz, Steve Kapusniak

The July Birthday Party was held Sunday, July 27, 2008, with 95 people attending, 14 of whom celebrated their birthdays. The main chef was Allen Czelusniak, assisted by Mark Austin and Dale Wolfe. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Helen Cameron, Jane Pikulinski and Diane Synakowski. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Pam Newton. Christine Witkowski once again served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill.

The menu consisted of one-half chicken broiler; oven roasted potatoes, green beans and bacon, pickles, bread & butter, cake, coffee or iced tea. Cakes were furnished by Genevieve Purchiaroni and Mary Bartkowski.

POLISH DINNERS ARE AGAIN
BEING SERVED SATURDAYS
from 5:30pm

FRIDAY NIGHT MENU

*Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings, Wings, Mozzarella Sticks,
Chicken fingers, etc.
7-9 pm*

PROJECTION TV DRIVE!!

We are collecting donations for a Projection TV which will enable us to show sports, movies and other presentations. The White Eagle Club gathered \$120 in five minutes and held a Pancake Breakfast on August 24th for the TV Fund, which raised a nice amount of money.

Also: **ALL DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED BY A GENEROUS BENEFACTOR!!!**

AUGUST BIRTHDAY PARTY



L. to R. Anne Zajac, Stella Wrobel, Frances Kazmirski, Ed Dubiel, Dulcina Grabowski, Monica Baraniewicz.

The August Birthday Party was held Sunday, August 31st, 2008, with 95 people attending, 6 of whom celebrated their birthdays (see above photo).

The main chef was Christine Witkowski, assisted by Diane Synakowski, Maria Bakowski, Theresa Kociencki and Steve Synakowski. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Helen Cameron, and Jane Pikulinski. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski, Pam Newton and Connie Wierz. Our President, Rob Synakowski, served as our bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and Jean Stogsdill. Our "clean-up guy" was Dave Bagenski.

The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, kapusta, applesauce, horseradish sauce, garden salad, bread & butter, cake and coffee. Cakes were furnished by Elaine Grudzinski, Jean Stogsdill, Maryann Sakowski, Barb Maczonis, Chris Witkowski and yours truly. Diane Synakowski surprised us with a snack table full of cheese & crackers, dips and veggies. **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 28TH at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE CALL 471-9348 FOR RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24TH.

SNOW BIRDS & ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the office when you are returning or leaving Syracuse. Also, please notify the Polish Home office of any address changes. Call 471-9351 or syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com Thank you.

+IN MEMORIAM+

*Henry Bialczak
Regina Przepióra Bandru*

Eye on Poland: Country at the Crossroads

Watch or set your recorders!

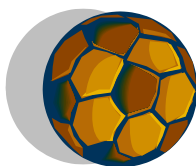
CNN turns spotlight on Poland during week of special coverage starting Oct. 6th. "Eye on Poland" series examines one of Europe's most dynamic countries. The series focuses on business, politics, pop culture, sport, stag weekends, etc. CNN viewers encouraged to submit their views on what makes Poland unique.

ROSARY RALLY

The Basilica's 38th Annual Rosary Rally will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 4pm. Please note the time. All are welcome.

SOCCER NEWS

We are organizing **two** teams this season for our Adult Mixed recreational league. See bartender for details.



Some of the Polish Home Soccer Team members

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider giving a few hours, only one Monday per month, to your Polish Home. We have a very successful Bingo program due to the dedication of many great people, (many in their 80's!!) but we always can use more help. Duties can be tailored to your abilities and preferences. It's only one Monday each month! Call Kim at 463-9398 for more information.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
12-4

\$9 ADULTS
\$8 POLISH HOME MEMBERS
\$5 CHILDREN AGES 6-12
CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE



Chef Charlie Hollis at our July Chicken BBQ



Chef Richard Galloway at our July Chicken BBQ



Sacred Heart Reunion Dinner Fundraiser January 2008

FROM OUR HISTORY



Wedding at Polish Home 1964

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If your name on the address label is followed by "08", we thank you for 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: _____

- ◆ Saturday Night Dinners from 5:30 pm
- ◆ Monthly Birthday Party - Sun. Sept 28th at 2pm
- ◆ Chicken and Biscuit Dinner Sunday, October 5th
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast – 1st Sunday of the Month beginning in November.
- ◆ Halloween Candy Inspection – October 31st
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast – Sunday November 2nd
- ◆ Election Day Polish Supper, November 4th

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 featuring "Chefs" Charlie Hollis, Kim & the crew

2008 DUES ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED
Only \$15 per year

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

Upcoming Events
 ◆ *Friday Night Pub food 7-9 pm.*

