

Syracuse Polish Community Home

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I write this, we have just celebrated our December birthdays with about 70 people in attendance, the children of the Saturday Polish School presented their Jaselka – Nativity Play for us, and sang some *koledy*; our soccer team is enjoying a pizza at one table; our "seniors" are enjoying a game of pitch; and our Buffalo Bills fans are also enjoying a pizza, with the Bills actually winning. This scene perfectly illustrates what the Polish Home has once again become: There is a great mixture of people from all walks of life, all ages, and all backgrounds. It's really great to see how our Polish Home has been growing and transforming.

Much of our success is due to our many volunteers and benefactors. At this time I would like to thank all of them for all they do: Bingo volunteers: Elaine & Kim, & Kitchen volunteers – both Bingo and Saturday Night Polish Dinner volunteers; also the ladies under the direction of Maria Bakowska who make babka and pierogi, etc. Thanks to Ziggy and Otto for all that they do.

Special thanks to Theresa Kociencki, who put countless hours into the Polish Home, as well as Jasiu Klocek, who has taken on much of the responsibility for the optimal running of our bar. **Wielkie Dziękii!!!**

Thank you also to Kazimierz and Marianna Macko for the donation of a pre-lit Christmas tree which is decorating our stage this year. Thanks to all who helped with our annual Election Day Dinner: Karen Galloway, Lou Synakowski, Jr., Michelle Marzynski, Greg Lamica, Jasiu and Sue Klocek, Theresa Kociencki, & Steve Synakowski.

Wesołych Świąt

By the time you receive this newsletter; we will have already celebrated Christmas, but are still in the midst of the Christmas Holiday season. We at the Polish Home hope that everyone has had a blessed, peaceful Christmas and all the best in the coming year.



New Year's Eve Ball

Please remember that in our tradition, the Christmas season continues until *Karnawał* before Lent. In that vein, I would encourage all to attend our New Year's Eve Ball this year. For the past several years, all who attended have had a fantastic evening of food, dancing and good wishes. This year we feature our own

Jasiu Klocek with the Salt City Brass

providing music for dancing from 9pm -1am. Of course, at midnight, we will ring in the New Year with champagne and noisemakers. Tickets are available at the bar and APR Travel Agency 908 Park Ave.

All proceeds, of course, will go to the Polish Home Renovation Fund.



Winter Parking

Yes, it is winter in Syracuse and parking at the Polish Home is at a premium. In order for our parking lot to be plowed, cars need to be removed at night. If for some reason, you need to leave the car overnight, please just let someone know and park the car in a space that will make plowing easy. Thank you.

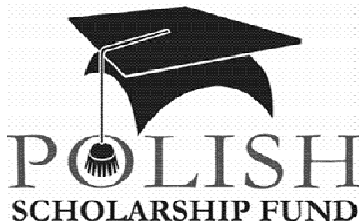


POLISH HOME RECEIVES DONATION FROM SACRED HEART REUNION COMMITTEE



*Rob Synakowski receiving donation from Rosalyn Synakowski.
Rear: Charlie Tipton, Stan Czuba, Nancy Cummings, Tom Preble*

Many thanks to the Sacred Heart School Reunion Committee for their recent donation of \$1000 to the Polish Home. After many months of meetings and planning, the huge reunion was held in late September with about 500 people filling the Polish Home to the rafters. Several people suggested that the event be held annually! Many are still talking about meeting friends that they haven't seen in over forty years. The donation will be directed to our Renovation Fund.



PSF Board of Directors, Elected December 4, 2008.

President: Tad Szyszka; Vice Presidents: Lucian Konarski, Andrei Siok; Treasurer: Nancy Cummings

Board of Directors: Marian Bysiak, Stanley Choromanski, Nancy Cummings, John Klocek, Lucian Konarski, Andrei Siok, Robert Synakowski, Steve Synakowski, Tad Szyszka, Tomasz Walkowiak.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!



Sunday, January 4
10am-2pm

*Includes Eggs to order
Adults \$7 Seniors \$6 Children \$5*

POLKA NEWS

Bob Pietrucha, the "Silver Fox of Polkas" has moved to FM and the internet.

The veteran radio broadcaster, known as the "Silver Fox of Polkas" and his wife, Virginia Grey will broadcast "live" every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 P.M. on radio station WVOA 103.9 FM, 95.3 FM, 98.1 FM, and 101.5 FM (Utica/Rome) and on the internet at www.wvoaradio.com.

Bob started in radio in 1961 and is now celebrating 47 years on-the-air with Polish Polka music.

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.

POLISH DINNERS ARE BEING
SERVED SATURDAYS from

5:30pm

We will resume on Saturday,
January 10th!!

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD

Due to meager sales, we have had to suspend the Friday Night menu. When we started this in September the response was great, but has since declined. Maybe in the future we will try again.

From our History

If you have any copies of the old Polonia Gazette or any Polish Newspapers or any photos of life in the Polish neighborhood, please share them with us. We will scan them to preserve them for posterity and return the originals to you if you wish.



Mug Club Christmas party 1970's



1950's Christmas Pageant at the Polish Home

+IN MEMORIAM+
Elizabeth Gasiorowski
Josephine Piatkowski
Helen Anne Piatkowski

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

The November Birthday Party was held Sunday, November 30th, 2008, with 97 people attending, 7 of whom celebrated their birthdays: Maria Swieton, Arthur Dzierzawski, Celine Pelc, Barbara Maczonis, Sandra Bukowski, David Bagenski and Maria Bakowski).

The main chef was Kim DeCarr (who is in charge of our weekly bingo kitchen), assisted by Sharon Lane, Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Szul, Jane Pikulinski and Helen Cameron. Servers were Pam Newton, Jane Szul, Lorraine Moore and Sharon Lane. Matt Olszewski served as bartender. The 50/50 raffle was collected by John Bielak and Ray Stogsdill. Dave Bagenski was the "clean-up" guy.

The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, bread & butter, dessert and coffee. Cakes were furnished by the Mmes. Polkowski, Rombel, Macko, Bakowski, Trzonkowski, Cwikla and Sadlocha. *(Photos in next issue.)*

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS: PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, WHICH ARE DELIVERED TO THE SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY.

THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th at 2:00 P.M. PLEASE CALL 471-9348 (after 6 pm) FOR RESERVATIONS.

PROJECTION TV DRIVE!!

We are collecting donations for a Projection TV which will enable us to show sports, movies and other presentations. **ALL DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED BY A GENEROUS BENEFACTOR!!!**

Save the date:

Golf Outing MAY 16, 2009

Polish Home HOURS

The bar is now open on Saturdays and Sundays at 12 noon!

Monday	6 pm – 11 pm
Tuesday	6 pm – 11 pm
Wednesday	6 pm – 11 pm
Thursday	5 pm – 11 pm
Friday	5 pm – 1 am
Saturday	12 noon – 1 am
Sunday	12 noon – 11 pm

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If your name on the address label is followed by "09", 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: _____

- Upcoming Events**
- ◆ Saturday Night Dinners from 5:30 pm, Jan. 10th
 - ◆ Pancake Breakfast – 1st Sunday of the Month
 - ◆ Monthly Birthday Party - Sun. Jan. 25th at 2pm
 - ◆ New Year's Eve Ball – 8pm to 1 am.

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!

2009 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
STILL Only \$15 per year

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