

Syracuse Polish Community Home

915 Park Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204

www.syracusepolishhome.com

Our 91st Year!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to wish everyone all the best in the New Year! This coming year should be very exciting at the Polish Home. Welcome new Members!!!

BUILDING NEWS

After a very lengthy process, I am happy to announce that the work to the foundation of the Polish Home should be underway in the spring.

Several contractors have seen the project plans and are now preparing their bids. The first phase will be to address the drainage along the sides of the building.

For some reason many years ago, the built-in gutters were taken out of use resulting in years of rainwater flowing right back into the building through the foundation and under the bowling alleys and kitchen.

With this first phase, we are hopeful that there will be no further work necessary on the foundation. After that is completed we will then need to repave our driveway and spruce up the front "courtyard" of the building.

Another project that is in process is a lighting survey by National Grid. Our building has been assessed to see how to save energy by replacing any outdated, inefficient light fixtures. Included in this is updating the lighting in the bar area. The rope lighting is slowly becoming unusable and other fixtures are not working as well.

Before this is done, the barroom will be painted by volunteers. Little by little, with the help of many hands, our building is being updated and improved.

Dziękujemy

Many thanks to Walter Majkowycz and Krzysztof Kosatka — *under the direction of Barbara Majkowycz and Ziggy Bakowski* — for painting the stage recently. The White Eagle Club has also arranged for the new curtains on the stage, which really spruces it up.

Thanks also to Lillian Sadlocha for tending to flowers by the front doors throughout the year, as well as the Christmas wreaths; Connie Wierz for organizing the October Polish Heritage Event at the Hazard Library; and thanks to Gary and Ed Grudynski for their \$100 donation to our TV fund. Congratulations to Ed Grudynski for winning \$25 from the 50/50 raffle at our Election Day Supper.



New Stage Curtains

Stephanie

"America's Polka Sweetheart"

and

"Polka Stony"

invite you to

a BENEFIT for

"Polka Happiness" Mary Ann

Sunday, January 24th

at the Syracuse Polish Home

915 Park Avenue

Syracuse, New York

2pm to 6pm

More info: www.polkasonline.com

DYSKOTEKA
DANCE PARTY
January 30
SOBOTA
2010
POLSKI DOM
POLISH HOME
TRANCE
DISCO
START
laser show
TIME: 9:30 PM
GODZINA: 9:30 PM

Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 9:30pm and every
"Last Saturday" of the month!

TIME TO PAY YOUR

2010

DUES only \$1.66 per month!

Your dues help ensure that the Syracuse Polish Community Home will continue for many years to come.

Mardi Gras! SPICE 2009

POLISH HOME
 915 Park Avenue
 Syracuse

**Zabawa
 Karnawalowa**

Polish Mardi Gras Dance
 Saturday, February 13 at 8:30PM
 Music by "True Colors"

Advance Sale Tickets (by Feb. 8th) \$20, \$25 at the door
 Tickets available at the Polish Home & the Polam Agency

Pączki and Polish food available.

Rome Polish Home

Contrary to earlier stories, the Rome Polish Home is NOT closing, but they are looking for your help to keep the doors open. Stop in and support them!

"We are in need of any monetary donation or volunteer help you can provide. Every Tuesday night from 4-7pm we have Polish Dinner Night and every Friday from 4-7pm we have our Fish Fries. Also if you would like to be a member, come on down to the Polish Home at 415 S. George St. Rome, and we'll sign you up.

Any questions or comments can be answered by calling: 336-9637. Please come help us Save the Polish Home.

We don't want to lose any more of our heritage in this area! Also we are still booking parties, weddings, etc...So if you need a place to have your event, please give us a call-we are here!"

THANK YOU ELAINE!



Elaine Grudzinski with her daughter and granddaughter at the Polish Home.

After many years of running our bingo program, Elaine Grudzinski is taking a well-deserved break.

Many Thanks, Elaine for all you have done!!! You will be missed.

POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

15- week - course starts Wednesday, February 3rd

- Conversation (higher level) at 5:00- 5: 45 pm
- Elementary class 6- 7 pm

Contact: martabania@yahoo.com



Our new HDTV is here! We now have a 73-inch television to watch the Bills and other teams as well as movies from time to time. Thank you to all for your donations. We also have a new leather sofa and coffee table to create a cozy sitting area as you enter our bar room. Thanks Ron, Ivan, Sean, and all donors.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



POLISH DINNERS

...are being served on Saturdays from 5:30pm until 8pm. Pierogi, kielbasa, zupy (soups), and chef's specialties. Smacznego!



Kitchen Staff: Elena Mishko, Julia Blaski, Elise Tartaglia, Matt Olszewski.

Missing: Steve Synakowski.

POINTS TO PONDER

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who consistently step up and volunteer their time, energy and talents to support Our Polish Home with no reward other than personal satisfaction for a job well done. They are an invaluable part of our ongoing success. They cook, clean, serve, plan, organize and do countless things behind the scenes that many members are not even aware are needed, and as such, too often go unacknowledged or unappreciated.

We do, of course, appreciate all of our members who keep their membership dues up to date and support the Polish Home with their presence, patronage, and attendance at the dinners, breakfasts and events, as well as bringing in potential new members.

We are always in need of and open to new volunteers, so if you feel there are things that could be improved by your input, talents or abilities, we would happily provide you with that opportunity. We've all been in the position at some point in our lives where we put a great deal of effort into accomplishing something only to have the satisfaction and joy of that accomplishment tarnished by complaints and negativity. Let's not allow that to happen to the people who put forth so much effort to ensure that our members can continue to enjoy the privileges of belonging to the Polish Home.

We all need to keep in mind that we are very fortunate in many ways. There is a common misconception that paying dues in a private club should cover the costs of pouring two or three shots for the price of one or selling things at or below cost. Our drink prices are reasonable and much lower than other establishments with comparable overhead costs. Our membership is only \$20 this year, whereas many other private clubs have dues that range from \$50 to several hundred dollars per year. Our meals are priced so that an entire family can enjoy them for about the same as it would cost for a couple or even a single person elsewhere. Where else could you get a pancake breakfast with such variety and large portion sizes as well as eggs made to order for such a low price, or find such a quality dinner so affordable? The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. And we have a core group of wonderful people who are happy to give of themselves to make it all work.

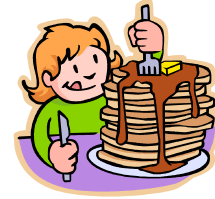
If you would like to become a part of that wonderful core group, we would love to have you. If you are unwilling or unable to make a positive impact in a tangible way, then your cheerful support of those who *are* willing would be greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you.

70'S DISCO PARTY

Free admission, snacks, disco ball, disco music, Kool-aid, Cash bar. Time: 7:00pm, Saturday, March 13th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!



**Sunday, February 7th
10am-1pm**

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

+IN MEMORIAM+

Edward "Larry" Rogala

Esther Madey Hraba

Sophie Trendowski

Gen Stryminski

Joseph Hajski, Sr.

RECENT DONATIONS

In memory of Vivian Hollis

\$100 from Onondaga-Oswego Funeral Directors Association

\$25 from Bill & Carol Steves

In memory of Esther Madey Hraba

\$20 from Laurel and Fred Brooks

Receive your Polish Home Newsletter by email

Help the Polish Home save money and the environment by receiving the newsletters by email. This was tried in the past, but our server at the time allowed only 10 emails at one time. There should be no problems anymore. Please email: syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com Thank you. The newsletter is also found on our website: www.syracusepolishhome.com. Additional information is also found on Facebook at Syracuse Polish Home and Dom Polski.

NEWSLETTER DELAYS

We will try to publish the newsletter more regularly again. Only recently have things come together and many events will be taking place at the Polish Home. Please attend and support our activities.

If there is something else you would like to see at the Polish Home, please don't hesitate to help out once in a while.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

The August birthday party was held Sunday, August 30th with 85 people attending. There were four birthdays: Stella Wrobel, Alice Sojda, Ed Dubiel and Dulcina Grabowski.

The main cook was Diane Synakowski, assisted by her family, Louie, Steve and Louie, Jr. Carol & Bill Leonard also worked in the kitchen. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Dave Surdyk. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Jazdia Kaminski.

The menu consisted of sauerkraut with pork, whole potatoes with onions, applesauce, tomato and cucumber salad, mixed fruit and dessert.

Cakes were donated by Dulcy Grabowski, Kim DeCarr, Bernice Medyn, Sophie Trendowski, Gen Kolceski, Maryann Stankewicz and Lillian Sadlocha.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Barbara Maczonis and Fred Rogusz. David Bagenski once again was our "clean-up guy" and Christine Witkowski served as barmaid.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The September birthday party was held Sunday, September 27th with 85 people attending. There were 11 birthdays:



Seated: L to R: Mary Ptak, Karyna Synakowski (our chef's daughter), Terry Dooher (our chef's mother-in-law), Mary Gasky; Standing: L to R: Mark Wierzbicki, Lorraine Moore, Theresa Kociencki, Lois Sacco, Dottie Bielak and Jeanne Stogsdill. Missing from picture: Ted Zamojski.

Our chef today was Steve Synakowski, assisted by his wife, Michelle, and his mother, Diane. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Dave Surdyk. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski and Bernice Medyn.

The menu consisted of chicken parmesan, spaghetti, garden salad, Italian bread & butter and dessert.

Cakes were donated by Elaine Grudzinski, Gloria Piatkowski, Vicky Cole, Nela Kalinowski and Lillian Sadlocha.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Barbara Maczonis and Fred Rogusz. David Bagenski once again was our "clean-up guy". Laurel was our bartender.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



The October birthday party was held Sunday, October 25th with 95 people attending. There were 12 birthdays: Virginia Grosso, Cheryl Tyminski, Ed Palkowski, Julia Slivinski, Rosemary Lazarski, Emilia Zychowicz, Janina Kiedyk, Ryszard Polkowski, Edward Grudynski, Marian Poczobutt, John Woodman and Annie Adkins.

Our chef today was Kim DeCarr (who happens to be in charge of the bingo kitchen every Monday), assisted by Annie Adkins and Kim's daughter, Rhiann DeCarr. Also assisting were Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Dave Surdyk. Servers were Kim DeCarr, Annie Adkins and Marion Osinski.

The menu consisted of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, garden salad, bread & butter and dessert.

Cakes were donated by Cecelia Tyminski, Lottie Starowicz, Pat Wierzbicki, Lois Sacco, Pat Popps, Pam Newton and Lillian Sadlocha.

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We are on Facebook:



[Syracuse Polish Home](#) and [Dom Polski](#)

OUR WEBSITE:

SINCE 1919



www.syracusepolishhome.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The November birthday party was held Sunday, November 22, 2009, with 90 people attending. There were 6 birthdays: Barbara Maczonis, Arthur Dzierzawski, Celine Pelc and David Bagenski. Patricia Wierzbicki and Maria Bakowski were missing from picture.

Our chef today was Lillian Sadlocha, assisted by Christine Witkowski, Elaine Grudzinski, Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron, Leon Zabinski and Dave Bagenski. Servers were Virginia Getek, Marion Osinski, Virginia Grosso and Nela Kalinowski.

The menu consisted of baked ziti, meatballs, garden salad, bread & butter and dessert.

Cakes were donated by Mrs. Parzych, Mrs. Polkowski, Maria Bakowski, Jadzia Dzierzawski, and Sara Wierzbicki.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Barbara Maczonis and Fred Rogusz.

ALASKAN CRUISE

Join APR Travel on July 31, 2010 on our Annual cruise. We will be sailing aboard the Sapphire Princess.

Our 1st day will be traveling to Seattle, Washington*. The next day we will board our ship for our Alaskan Adventure. Aboard our ship the first day, we will be cruising the Inside Passage. Our 1st stop will be Ketchikan for a full day.

The next day we will have a morning cruising the Tracy Arm Fjord with the afternoon and evening in Juneau. The next day we are at Skagway for the full day. We will then be cruising the Inside Passage on our way for an evening in Victoria, BC, Canada, then back to Seattle.

*Outside Cabin (with obstructed view) \$2250, *Outside Cabin \$2350, *Balcony Cabin \$2650.

*All prices include round-trip airfare, one night hotel in Seattle, round-trip transfers, port taxes & surcharges per person, based on double occupancy. Triple and Quad rates avail. on request.

** All prices based on availability. \$500 dep/person req. EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT of \$300, based on availability.

APR TRAVEL INC. 908 Park Avenue, Syr. 479-6000

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



The December birthday party was held Sunday, December 27, 2009, with only 52 people attending (while there were 77 reservations)!

There were 4 birthdays: Anna Met, Jadzia Dzierzawski, Joyce Black and Reggie Rubacha.

Our chef today was Pam Newton, assisted by her husband, Jim, and son, Patrick, and Lorraine Moore. Also assisting were Jane Pikulinski, Helen Cameron and Rosemary Lazarski.

The menu consisted of "kurczak Pamuszka" (Pam's chicken casserole), green beans with red peppers, scalloped potatoes, bread & butter and dessert.

Dessert was donated by Mrs. Rombel, Eleanor Tuttle, Lucille Jones and Gen Purchiaroni.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Dottie Bielak and Fred Rogusz.

THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010, AT 2:00 P.M. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 471-9348 (after 6pm), BEFORE JANUARY 27th.

MARDI GRAS at the PH



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If your name on the address label is followed by "10", 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 \$20 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 Polish Dinners- from 5:30 pm
 - ◆ Dyskoteka – European Dance Party- Last Saturday of the month at 9:30pm
 - ◆ Monthly Pancake Breakfast – 1st Sundays 10am -1pm
 - ◆ Wine Tasting - February 11th
 - ◆ Mardi Gras Ball – Saturday, February 13th
 - ◆ Lenten Friday Fish Dinners start February 19th
 - ◆ 70's Disco Party - Saturday, March 13th 7pm

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!!

2010 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
\$20 per year

That's only \$1.66 per month to belong to
Syracuse's Premier Polish Club!!!