Syracuse Polish Community Home

915 Park Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204

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Our 92nd Year!

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founded 1919

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a very long winter, Spring has sprung in Syracuse. The snowbanks have finally melted and we can now see the effects of the construction around the Polish Home. We are presently awaiting bids for the landscaping and other projects, and it is hoped that they are completed soon.

Many people may have heard that after 20 years, we have suspended our Bingo operations. Bingo was started by Alice Zamojski and others to bring in needed funding at that time when our neighborhood members (bar patrons) were dwindling, and our members were holding their weddings and parties elsewhere.

For almost one year, the number of customers had been declining, so our Board of Directors decided to suspend with the possibility of resuming sometime in the future. There are a few newer members who are looking into perhaps running the program in the future.

Many thanks to all of our many volunteers and patrons over the past twenty years.

Now, happily, our membership has been increasing and the number of our own club activities has been increasing as well. More and more members are securing our hall to hold parties. Recently we have held a 50th wedding anniversary party, a 50th Birthday party, as well as numerous baby and bridal showers, wedding rehearsal dinners and the like. Please remember the Polish Home when scheduling your events.

Thanks, Rob Svnakowski

NOW IS THE TIME

TO PAY YOUR

2011 DUES

Only \$1.66 per month!

POLISH HOME AFTERNOON HOURS

The Polish Home opens at 2 pm on Thursday & Friday, at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Please visit Sara on

Thursdays or Fridays. She will be glad to serve you one of the best "slow roasted" Roast Beef Sandwiches in the world. Monday through Wednesday, we open at 6 pm.



FOURTH ANNUAL DYNGUS DAY PARTY!



Easter Monday from 6pm to 10 pm!

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Music by

Jasiu Klocek and the Salt City Brass.

Ticket includes kiełbasa and sauerkraut plate. Additional Polish food and beverages available. It is always great fun!

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011at 11 o'clock a.m. we will commemorate Europe's first written Constitution, adopted in Poland on May 3, 1791.

Plans are to gather for a flag raising ceremony in Pulaski Park across from Sacred Heart Basilica with light refreshments to follow at the Polish Home.



Best Wishes Connie

For many years our Polish Constitution Day ceremonies, as well as Polish Heritage Month in October, were coordinated by Connie Wierz.

Connie has been very involved in the Polish Home, Polish Heritage Club, and numerous other organizations. After our extremely long winter, Connie has decided to relocate to Florida where it is warmer and there is no snow. *Many Thanks and Best Wishes!*

SYRACUSE POLISH COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Thank you to all who submitted recipes for our Polish Home Cookbook. So many recipes were submitted, that we will have to have a second edition maybe next year. The cookbook is now at the printers and will be



ready in time for the Syracuse Polish Fest in June.

Thank you, Janice Arlukiewicz

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Do you have any special qualities or talents that you can share with your Polish Home? There is always something that needs to be done here.

We are in need of someone to assist with groundskeeping: Pruning, gardening, taking care of flowers etc; we also need some help with minor painting – window frames, glazing; minor plumbing repairs, etc.

If you are able to assist us in any way, please contact the Polish Home at 471-9348 after 6pm or email at syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com

Thank you, Rob

Fulton Polish Home 100th Anniversary

The Fulton Polish Home will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary May 14 and May 15. The celebration begins Saturday, May 14 at noon with the popular local Polka Band "Jasiu Klocek and the Salt City Brass" from noon to 4 p.m.

Polish Food will be available provided by Josies Pierogies of Fulton at reasonable prices. There is no admission charge for this event and the public is invited to attend and taste the Polish cuisine and polka to the Salt City Brass.

Also, Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. the Polish Home's 200/30 Dance will take place with the band SMOKIN performing until midnight. There is a meal and charge per couple for this event which includes two dinners and raffles. For more information and tickets for this dinner/dance call RJ Vayner at 345-1893.

Letter from Virginia King

Recently we received a letter from long-time member Virginia King. It was shared at our board meeting and decided that we share with all members.

February 18, 2011

To the Polish Home Members:

As a lifelong member of the Polish Home, I would first like to congratulate the new Board members and Officers for 2011. I also wish to thank our outgoing Board members and Officers for their time and service to our association. As I think back over my 97 years, I can recall countless memories, made possible by our club and its place in the Polish community. As a member of the Symfonia Choir, the Polish Home was where we had our rehearsals and the site of many beautiful concerts. It has been an enduring part of my life and that of my family and I thank the Polish Home for many beautiful years of memories.

P.S. I appreciate my new membership card sent to me by Karen Galloway.

Sincerely, (signed) Virginia King

RECENT DONATIONS

\$50 from Carolyn Dubaniewicz Several Framed Prints of Polish Tapestries from Stan Czuba

Many Polish books from Connie Wierz
(There will be more information on the prints and books in the next newsletter.)

Thank you!

+IN MEMORIAM+

Chris Najdul
Monica Baraniewicz
Matty Wójcik
Rev. Msgr. Peter Gleba
Valerie Bubnack
Bernice Bach
Walter Chojnowski
Jane Pikulinski
Joseph Zamojski
Rosemary Lazarski

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Reggie Rubacha, Ed Romocki, Carol Steves, and Mary Medyn. The December 2010 and January 2011 birthday party was held Sunday, January 30, 2011, with 80 people attending, including four December birthday celebrants.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Seated: Mary Ann Sakowski, Henry Sienkiewcz, Jane Szul, Elaine Gasiorowski, Victoria Cole and Bernice Romocki. Standing: Chester Piatkowski, Helen Rubel, Nela Kalinowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Jane Plis, Gen Ballas, Wiktoria Nyrek and Jim Gasiorowski.

There were 13 January birthday celebrants. Tom Steves was the main chef, assisted by Bernice and Mary Medyn, Virginia Grosso, Jane Szul and Dave Bagenski.

The menu consisted of baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pickles, rye bread, cake and coffee. Cakes were furnished by Barb Maczonis, Kate Cahill, Henry Sienkiewicz, Gen Ballas, Eleanor Tuttle, Jane Plis, Virginia Grosso and Lillian Sadlocha.

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

There will be NO birthday party in April.

Due to the late Easter, the next party will be held May 22nd for April and May celebrants.

Please make your reservations by May 18th by calling 471-9348 after 6pm.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Seated: Pat Popps, Bernice Medyn, Dorothy Jachim, Bill Steves. Standing: Al Dubaniewicz, Henry Bagenski, Eugene Rombel, Connie Maute, Ziggy Bakowski, John Trendowski and Ted Plis. (Not pictured: Tom Steves)

The February birthday party was held Sunday, February 27, 2011, with 80 people attending, including 12 birthday celebrants

Tom Steves catered the dinner, assisted by Elaine Grudzinski, Henry Bagenski, Bernice and Mary Medyn, Elaine Gasiorowski and Dave Bagenski.

The menu consisted of roast pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy and mixed vegetables, Italian bread, cake and coffee. Cakes were furnished by Maryann Sakowski, Lucia Mazur, Anna Rombel, Zofia Polkowski, Gene Zalewski, Carol Steves and Bob Jachim.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Barb Maczonis and Hank Sienkiewicz.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Seated: Katie Cahill, Jane Babinski, Eleanor Tuttle; Standing: Leon Zabinski, Zofia Polkowski, Charles Lukasiewicz, Matthew Olszewski..

The March birthday party was held Sunday, March 27, 2011, with 74 people attending, including 7 birthday celebrants.

Tom Steves catered the dinner, assisted by Elaine Grudzinski, Henry Bagenski, Bernice and Mary Medyn, Elaine Gasiorowski and Dave Bagenski.

The menu consisted of lasagna, garden salad, orange fruited jello, Italian bread, cake and coffee.

Cakes were furnished by Maryann Zalewski, Lottie Starowicz, Elaine Gasiorowski and Leon Zabinski.

The 50/50 raffle was collected by Hank Sienkiewicz and Pat Boyle. *by Lillian Sadlocha*



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If your name on the address label is followed by "11", 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
CityZip
Date of BirthPhone
Ethnic Heritage: Polish Other
Signature
Sponsored by (regular member)
E-mail address:

2011 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED \$20 per year

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

Upcoming Events

- Dyngus Day Party Easter Monday, April 25th from 6pm
- ♦ Polish Constitution Day Tuesday, May 3rd at 11 am
- ♦ Saturday Polish Dinners- serving from 5:30pm
- Pancake Breakfast − First Sunday of the Month 10am − 1 pm