

Syracuse Polish Community Home

915 Park Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204

www.syracusepolishhome.com

Our 94th Year!

315-471-9348

founded 1919

Spring-Summer 2013 *wiosna-lato*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here comes summer! Come enjoy our patio! These past several months have been exciting to say the least!

After several years of hard work, it seems that things are really coming together! We have experienced a resurgence of energy and activity at the Polish Home, and recently made the news on YNN for our renovations.

Also recently I was invited to participate in a panel discussion on the future of Polonia hosted by The Polish American Historical Association and held at SUNY Buffalo, where I shared the many activities and happenings here at the PH with Polonia leaders from all over the US.

We have reached a record number of members so far this year; our renovations have been pretty much completed; and so much has been going on.

As we head into summer, a few words of thanks need to be shared. Kudos to Charlie Hollis for reviving the Oplatek Gala Ball after many years. We all had a wonderful time. Also, Monday nights at the PH have been fantastic! At the final Charlie Cheeseburger night recently we sold well over 100 burgers to a great group of people.

Thanks also to Tom Steves, Steve Synakowski, and Marian Poczobutt for organizing and running the Pancake breakfasts which have been a great success! The next one will not be until the first Sunday of October.

Thank you to Matt Olszewski and Viki Siok for preparing the Saturday Polish Dinners and waitresses Heather West and Niki Sidorowicz.

Thanks especially to all who attend these events and support the Polish Home. We value and look forward to your continued support.

Next year we will be celebrating our 95th year and will begin gearing up for our centennial in 2019! We are hoping to bring our building up to standards for the next hundred years. Keep watching for our continued renovations, and any upcoming events. *Rob Synakowski*

Polish Festival



Friday, June 21st through Sunday, June 23rd at Clinton Square. Please join us at Clinton Square to support the the Syracuse Polish Home at our booth.

Charlie will be manning the grill serving up the best kielbasa sandwiches in the entire county. We will also have Polish Home t-shirts, memberships and other merchandise available. The Polish Home has some impressive candidates for Miss Polonia as well as several scholarships recipients. The music and dancing is continuous, and parking is easy. Come on down!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SYRACUSE POLISH HOME NIGHT AT THE LANDMARK!

The Awesome 80's Prom

Thursday, June 13, 2013

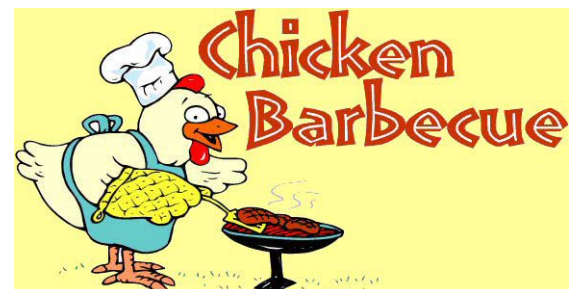
at 7:30 pm

Tickets will be only \$30 for Polish Home supporters, but are normally \$45! Call the box office and say "Polish Home" to receive your discount.

One half of the proceeds will benefit the Syracuse Polish Home. Get your tickets now!

Call the box office at 315-475-7980 for tickets!

POLISH HOME ANNUAL



Saturday, June 15th at 1pm

until sold out!

Half chicken, corn on the cob, salt potatoes, and salad bar

**IT'S SUMMERTIME!
OUR PATIO IS OPEN!**



This summer we are proud to finally have the patio open to spend time out in the fresh air thanks to the diligent and persistent efforts of Laurel, Dave Scharoun, Scott Barnaskey and Jim Cecile who worked for nine months to obtain approval.

Sacred Heart "All-School" Reunion



The Syracuse Polish Home will be the location for a Sacred Heart Reunion on **Friday, October 4, 2013**. Anyone who attended the school will be welcome to come to this informal gathering. There will be music, pizza and finger foods. See our website for more details.



+IN MEMORIAM+

- Louis Patalita*
- Denise Fischer*
- Bob Bennett, Sr.*
- Edward S. Gocek*
- Andrew Kaminski*
- John Halsey*
- Wojciech Lukasiak*
- Pauline Kotas*
- Janina Panek*

Concert
In The Park

**Friday, July 12, 2013 at 7pm
Pułaski Park**

*West Genesee and Park Avenue
across from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart*



Music by the
City of Syracuse Parks and Recreation "All Star Band"

Admission is Free Open to the Public

Bring your own Lawn Chair

Refreshments will be available

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Basilica

Call Barb for more info 422-2343

SUMMER BAR HOURS

<i>Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday</i>	<i>6pm -11pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4pm-11pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>4pm - 2am</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12 noon – 12 midnight</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12 noon – 10pm</i>

Stop down for one of the best "slow roasted" Roast Beef Sandwiches in the world.

During the summer we will continue our monthly Member Birthday Parties on the last Sunday of each month, as well as other events.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL?

Due to the ever rising costs of printing and postage, we are trying to streamline our mailing list for the printed newsletter. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email and also receive PH updates more often, please make sure we have your email address. Send a quick email to syracusepolishhome@yahoo.com and we will add you to our email list. Thanks. Please check our website: www.syracusepolishhome.com or our Facebook page: **Syracuse Polish Home.**



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The next birthday party for members will be on **Sunday, June 30, 2013** at 2pm to honor all May and June birthdays. Please call Lillian Sadlocha at 468-0140 for reservations and/or to donate a cake. If you celebrate your birthday during May or June, your meal is free! The monthly birthday party is usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 2pm.

(Welcome back from your "vacation" Lillian!)



February Birthdays



March Birthdays



April Birthdays

PLEASE HONOR BIRTHDAY RESERVATIONS

If you have made reservations, but cannot attend the birthday dinner, please be so kind as to cancel the reservation.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!



Best wishes to long-time Polish Home member Virginia King who celebrated her 100th birthday in May!

2013 Membership Tops 750!

This has been a banner year so far! We have gained many new members and we thank all who have promptly renewed their membership for this year.

There are many "long-time" members who have not yet paid their 2013 dues. We depend on your membership dues to comply with the law, and also to support and maintain our Polish Home, which will soon celebrate 95 years!

Dues are still \$20.00; that is less than \$1.67 per month! Encourage your friends to join. Bring them to spend a while on our outdoor patio, check out the bowling alleys and other renovations, or to take a look at our library and archives. Only with your support can we continue to build on the foundation that was begun almost one hundred years ago. Visit our web page www.syracusepolishhome.com or our Facebook page: Syracuse Polish Home, to learn about upcoming events.

POLISH HOME DUES 2013

Accepted now! See the bartender or Karen Galloway at any Polish Home Event. It is only \$20!

HISTORY INTERVIEWS

Interviews will continue to be conducted. Our thanks to Dennis Heaphy and Anna Dobkowska for conducting the interviews. Special thanks to Edward Palkowski, John Trendowski, Virginia Grosso, Anna Bas-Masio, Jeannette Szymanski, Connie Maute, Henry Sienkiewicz, Nella Kalinowski, Victoria Cole and others for participating in the interview process.

Please share your stories!

Thank you to Lottie Starowicz for lending us a photo of the St. Louis Club from 1929, as well as a donation toward scanning and reframing.

POLISH HOME *in the* **New York Heritage Digital Collection**



Photos of the Polish presence in CNY are available online at: <http://www.nyheritage.org/> Type: "Syracuse Polish Home" in the search window, or: http://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/srr_sph More photos will be added as they are scanned.

The Syracuse Polish Home Library and Archive

Do you have any old photos of your Polish ancestors? The Polish Heritage Library is accepting any photos or memorabilia for their archives depicting the Polish community in Syracuse over the years. We would like to preserve our history by scanning any photos or program books. We will scan and return the originals, or gladly add them to our archives.



Baptism at Sacred Heart Church, June 13, 1965

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for Library Volunteers to work one hour on weekends. We would train someone to spend one hour once or twice a month, during pancake breakfasts and/or before the birthday parties. Please see Rob for details.

A Great Place to Reminisce and Network

Members of the Sacred Heart Class of 1966, among others, often meet at the bar downstairs for good times and the sharing of memories. Please consider notifying your former classmates that the Polish Home is a great place to reunite. Our membership has increased considerably because of our great events and super bartenders.

SPORTS CENTER, BOWLING SIGNS!

Katie Gibas of YNN, and brand new Polish Home member, was given a tour of the building and shown all the renovations including the giant antique neon letters that were originally at the Eastwood Sports Center. They will be restored and mounted on the wall in the bowling alley. Thanks to all who made this happen!



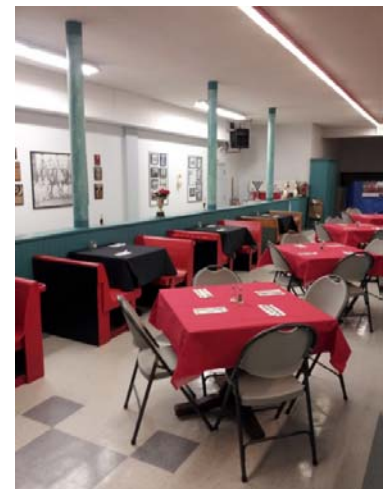
BOWLING ALLEYS TO RE-OPEN IN THE FALL OF 2013

How many of you remember bowling in the downstairs of the Polish Home? You will soon be able to do it again. The "Smitty Rutkowski" Sports Center will have its Grand Opening in the fall. Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame Bowler John "Smitty" Rutkowski ran our lanes from the 1920's to the 1960's, supervising many pin boys over the years. When the lanes were mechanized in 1962, the boys were paid a hefty 12¢ per game! Come on in and see if you can find your picture hanging on the wall. Please mark Sunday, September 15th on your calendars. We will have a formal opening of the Veterans' Room and Bowling Alleys!

RAFFLE FOR THE LANES

A raffle based on the July lottery numbers is being held by Brian Langdon to raise funds for the bowling lanes renovation. You should be receiving some tickets in the mail shortly.

Please return the stubs as soon as possible.



Thanks for your support!

FROM OUR HISTORY

Sackett Tract Bowling League – Star Bakery Team 1955-1956



L-R. Joe Nestor, John Smorol, Dan Gancarz, Tiny Podszebka, Steve Kuznia, Steve Gancarz

Polish Home Night at NBT Stadium

The Syracuse Polish Home would like to have a Polish Home Night at NBT Stadium this summer. Look for details on our Facebook page: **Syracuse Polish Home**, or our Website: www.syracusepolishhome.com

CELEBRITY BARTENDER NIGHT

We have tried this before, and it worked so well that we are doing it again. Class of '66 graduates, Jude Wentworth and Nancy Trojnar Cummings will be tending bar on Thursday, June 27. This will be a good time to start gathering your Sacred Heart Class for the October Reunion!

SYRACUSE LANDMARK HAS A NEW DIRECTOR



We would like to welcome and congratulate Thomas Kazmierczak, the new Executive Director of the Landmark Theatre. Thomas is originally from Buffalo and comes to us from Sandusky, Ohio.

Within a few days of moving to Syracuse, he became a bona-fide, card carrying member of the Polish Home, and has become our great friend.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Thank You...Dziękujemy!

...to the I.J. PADEREWSKI CHOIR:

...for the **generous** bake sale donations! All of the money made from the sale was donated to the Syracuse Polish Home. Many thanks to Bill and Carol Steves and so many others for their help.

For many, many years the choir has been a fixture at the Polish Home after their rehearsals and also cooking for our Saturday Polish Dinners, and in so many other ways.

• \$1000 Toward the Renovation Fund:

- \$150 Paul Nozynski
- \$100 Jane Szul
- \$500 Barb and John Quijano
- \$250 Chester Bartkowski

• In Memory of Pauline Kotas - \$450

Jim and Florence Curley, Mary Ann Sakowski, Carol and Al Dubaniewicz, Don and Sandra Worden, Lillian Sadlocha, Elaine and Fred Knaul, Bill and Carol Steves, Nancy Zarach, Al Husak, Elizabeth Strzelecki, G. Clifton and Cynthia Richmond, Patricia Fanning, Rob Synakowski, Janice and Henry Balduzzi.

- *from Virginia Grosso* - Framed American flag which belonged to her brother in law for the new Veterans' room; and two "ciupagi" the Polish mountaineer axes now displayed on the wall in the bar.
- **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

A Great Venue for a Gathering

Keep the POLISH HOME in mind when planning your special events

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Our Ballroom can be rented for: Banquets, Weddings, Christmas Parties, Birthdays, Baptism, Shower, Graduation, Retirement, Reunion, Business Meetings, etc.

Let our in-house caterer, Chef Tom handle your next party

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Call Tom Steves for information & booking:
315-558-1446

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Our Website: www.syracusepolishhome.com

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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

- Polish Home Night at the Landmark Theater – The Awsome 80’s Prom – Thurs. June 13th
- Chicken Barbeque – Saturday, June 15th 1pm until sold out!
- Syracuse Polish Festival – June 21, 22 and 23
- May & June Birthday Party – Sunday, June 30th
- Concert in the Park – Friday, July 12th at 7pm
- Grand Opening of the Bowling Alleys and Veterans’ Room – Sunday, September 15th

2013 DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Still only \$20 per year
That’s only **\$1.67 per month** to belong to Syracuse’s
Premier Polish Club!!!