

Events

Save the Dates!

February 19th Jasiu's Polka All Stars

March 19th Rick Piotroski and the Michigan Polka Stars

April 9th Orlando Polka Magic

All Dances are on Sunday at the Moose Lodge. Come at 1PM to eat! Dances 2PM-6PM. The admission is \$15 per person. Polish food will be available for purchase. Cash bar with our own dedicated bar staff compliments of the Moose Lodge. For reservations:

Call Us: Gloria Fleming 772-538-1703
or email glosoldit4u@aol.com

Location: Moose Lodge
226 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32968

Other Events

Stay tuned for concerts and recitals by highly talented and well known Polish artists including:

- ✓ **Regina Romanowska**, Founder, Director and Instructor · F. Chopin School of Music, Washington DC.; Pedagogy, Piano Performance; Moscow Regional State College of Performing Arts; Moscow Conservatory of Music; ·Gnesins' Music School.
- ✓ **Polish Tenor in Concert**
- ✓ **Polish String Quartet**

Bingo is coming back! Details to follow!

Congratulations In the NFL Playoffs



Stephen Gostkowski- New England Patriots
Rob Gronkowski- New England Patriots
Glenn Gronkowski- New England Patriots
All Polish!!

Membership News

Membership Renewal Time

We ended 2016 with 152 members. So far more than half have already renewed and we have several pending new members eager to join the club! Our club continues to grow! Tell your friends, family and neighbors about the great club we are rebuilding. And don't forget to renew your membership. Only \$25 per year. Send membership renewal checks to:

Polish American Social Club of Vero Beach
P.O. Box 690384
Vero Beach, FL | 32969

We had a very successful Membership Meeting on Sunday January 22nd at the Moose Lodge. Mr. Summers met with members and discussed the status of our efforts to get our building back. We continue to be optimistic that we stand on the right and legitimate side of this issue and that justice will prevail. Our strategy is sound. We were informed of the current situation and future plans. We were advised to be patient to see this to the end. We are very grateful for his support and guidance. Every question was answered fully.

We discussed how thankful we are for the generosity of the members of the Moose Lodge who have allowed us to conduct our meetings and dances in their facility while we are working on getting our building back. Members are encouraged to come a little early to the meetings and enjoy a meal prepared by the excellent kitchen of the Moose Lodge. Let's show our appreciation by supporting their services!

Following the meeting members enjoyed each others' company and shared in deserts and coffee, compliments of the club.

Join us next time. Membership meeting is at 2 pm February 26th with potluck following. Please bring a dish to pass. If bringing something that needs to stay hot, please bring it in an electric crockpot or thermo container. Thank you.

2 PM February 26, 2017
Moose Lodge
226 43rd Avenue

Good Times!



The lovely ladies are Hanna Adamska & Stephanie Lovallo at the January 15th Polka Party!

Yard Sale!

We are still collecting "stuff" for our yard sales to benefit our Polish American Social Club. So, if you have anything you would be willing to donate, please contact Gloria, at 772-538-1703. She could use some help on Saturday February 18th for the next sale at the United Church of Sebastian on Sebastian Blvd. (CR-512). Please call if you can help.

Notes from Gloria

Victor Stebnicki received the nomination for Director of Food Services in November and was approved by the Board and membership. Vicky Lada has been approved as our new Membership Secretary at our Board of Directors meeting on January 12th. Christine Preston, a new member, has stepped forward and was approved as the Recording Secretary at the Feb. 9th Board of Directors meeting. Please join us in welcoming these new interim Board and Committee members!

We are now accepting ads for our Newsletter. We will have a section for "Our Members at Work" and another section for our "Friends at Work" and the size will be the business card 2"X3". Cost will be \$5 per issue for members and \$10 per issue for non-members. So, let us know if you would like to place an ad. Also, we are looking for someone to take over the "job" of getting ads, so please let me know if you can assist us in this endeavor.

If you can assist our club in any way because of experience or if you just wish to help out and be instructed on how to do something, please let us know. The more hands we have to help out, the greater the results. Feel free to call me: Gloria Fleming 772-538-1703 or email glosoldit4u@aol.com to ask what you can do for us.

Hope to see you all at the Big Polka Party Dinner-Dance this Sunday, February 19th.

Past Presidents' Photo



Past Presidents: (L-R) Dan Rakowski, Blaine Kokaloski, Harry Klimas, Barbara Chudzinski, Al Polachowicz, Ron Roz, Richard Szymanski, Paul Kraft (Krawczykiewicz), Ron Kasprzyk. Not Pictured Ric Ricard, Lou Synakowski, Jim Lupardo.

Special Thanks

..to those who came early to help set up at dances and meetings, including, but not limited to the following:

Ron Roz, Tom Clark, John Clark, Victor & Ania Stebnicki, Jerry Cygler, Christine & Joe Obara, Carl & Janice Prushinski, Jola & Peter Szayer, Janusz & Jola Strumecki, Harry & Leona Dzierzek, Roman Brzostak.

Also, thanks to

Maria Lewicka, Gloria Fleming, Margaret Young, Sarna Rose, Maja (Maria) Malinowski, & Maria Fontenla, Alzada Johnston, Harry & Leona Dzierzek, & Winnie Roz

for assisting at the door & 50-50.

Thank you very much to

Bobbie (Roberta) Purrell

for her many donations for our flea market garage sales. We collected over \$165 from her donations and we have more to sell.

Gloria Fleming, Maurice Clarke, Irene Mroz & John Sacawa

assisted at the first sale.

The second sale with **Bobbie Purrell's** donations as well as

Carl & Janice Prushinski's, Vicky Lada's, Gloria Fleming's, & Irene Mroz's

brought in \$110. Those who assisted at the second sale were

Vicky Lada, Gloria Fleming, Stephanie Lovallo, Irene Mroz, & John Sacawa.

There is another flea market at the United Church of Sebastian this Saturday, February 18. We could use your help for our booth. Contact Gloria at 772-538-1703 to assist or to make donations of goods or money. Thank you.

If we missed anyone, please let us know and we thank you very much.

Gloria

Our Members at Work



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Poland History

THE 20th Century

Submitted by George Stenzel

1945 Poland finally liberated by the Russian Red Army, the exiled government returns from London, but the country finds itself gradually under the Soviet dominance. Following the Potsdam agreement the borders change significantly - the whole country moves geographically 300 -500 kilometers to the west. Originally Polish areas in the east are incorporated into the USSR and their inhabitants settle originally German cities in the West: Wroclaw (Breslau), Gdansk (Danzig) and Szczecin (Stettin).

1955 The Warsaw Pact was signed with a goal to compete with NATO. It comprised of the USSR and also Eastern Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania. Albania was a member just for a short time. The huge Palace of Culture (Stalin's apologetic gift to Poland) was completed at the same time.

1956 Mass anti-Soviet riots in Poznan. The era of socialist revisionism begins and the truth about Stalin's actions revealed.

1967 Rolling Stones play at the Palace of Culture in Warsaw.

1978 The Bishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla is elected as Pope John Paul II, becoming the first non-Italian pope since the 15th century. His pontificate is marked by attempts to bring the church closer to people, apostolic pilgrimages and respect to life.

1980 A small strike in Gdansk spreads to the whole country. The Solidarity (Solidarnosc) trade-union movement began in the Gdansk shipyards. The movement has both political and economic goals and amazingly gained 10 million members almost immediately. Its leader, was a young electrician, Lech Walesa, who later received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983.

1981 December 13th: Martial Law was declared by Communist President General Wojciech Jaruzelski. A Curfew was introduced and the army exercises control over the country. The strong suppressive check on public and social life in Poland begins. Communist dignitaries explain later that it was necessary because the Soviet Union could invade the country just like what happened in Czechoslovakia (The Prague Spring) in 1968.

1989 "Round table" negotiations took place and the communist party is forced to allow free elections. The elections end with an overwhelming victory of the non-communist Solidarity Party headed by Lech Walesa and Tadeusz Mazowiecki. All new MPs are Solidarity's candidates, and Mazowiecki becomes the first Non-Communist Prime Minister since the end of World War II. A year later Lech Walesa is elected President of Poland. He survived only one term and was defeated by former communist party representative Aleksander Kwasniewski. The former communists re-invented themselves as the SLD (Social Democrats). Kwasniewski was a highly popular President and remained in power for the maximum length of time allowed by the constitution. He is due to stand down in November 2005.

1991 The Warsaw Pact dissolved, and The Cold War is officially ended.

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