



# Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

## News & Events

March 5, 2024

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### Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 3/7: Thirsty Thursday
- Sunday 3/10: Steve Dudas and the Florida Generations Band
- Monday 4/1: Dyngus Day

**Don't Forget To Move Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour For Daylight Saving Time  
Before Going To Bed Saturday Evening, March 9, 2024.**

**Otherwise, You'll Be 1 Hour Late For Our Sunday Dinner & Dance!**

### BAKED CHICKEN DINNER AND DANCING TO FLORIDA GENERATIONS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 10



We had an excellent turnout for Jimmy Sturr and His Orchestra last Friday, March 1. Many thanks to Tom Rokosz for coordinating this effort and thanks to all of our club members for helping out during the event. We won't try to name everyone, but you all know who was here behind the bar, in the kitchen and all over the place carrying out trash, helping to park cars and helping Jimmy and his 13 piece band set up and tear down their equipment. We want to point out the full cooperation of our neighbor across the street, Jeremy, owner of Swift Moves for arranging their trucks so we had maximum parking space.

As many said, "When Jimmy and his 13 piece band began playing, It was like new energy had just entered the Polish American Society building. We should point out that quite a few musicians from all over the state and nation turned out to be with Jimmy. We want to thank Mike Matousek and his wife Ann Marie, who just moved to Florida from Maryland for joining the Polish American Society the first time they stepped into our club. Mike had numerous polka bands up north including Charm City Sound out of Baltimore.

We also had a very good turnout at this past Sunday's potluck dinner and dance. The weather was beautiful, the potluck dinner had many tasty dishes and Frank Moravcik's Band from Cleveland entertained everyone. Frank had eight musicians join his band for at least a half hour which added a whole new sound to the music which it seemed everyone enjoyed. Quite a few of the people attending were from the Midwest where Frank hails from, Cleveland, Ohio. We hope most of you will return this coming Sunday to enjoy a delicious Baked Chicken dinner and the Florida Generations band.

We had to make a last minute Band change to our Band schedule as Ken Machelski, Buffalo Touch Band Leader, suffered a heart attack several days ago. Florida Generations under the leadership of Steve Dudas will be our Band for March 10. Steve and his group always provide a medley of great tunes.

**Doors open at 12:30 pm. Dinner will be served from 1:15 to 2:30 pm.**

**The band will play from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.**

Non-members are always welcome! Please plan to attend and join us.

**Admission for members is \$6 and for non-members is \$8.**

We will have a Baked Chicken Dinner which will include dessert and coffee.

**Dinner is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.**

**Call Wilma Walsek at 727-360-0584 for dinner reservations.**

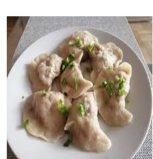
*The only way you can be sure there will be a dinner for you is to make reservations.*

We also have a full bar with a variety of Polish beer (Zywiec, Okocim, Warka), locally distilled Polish vodka from [Kozuba & Sons](#), and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages including [Mother Kombucha](#).

### JOIN US FOR THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Neighbors from Old Southeast, club members, and guests enjoy Thursday nights at the club! Kim is behind the bar & Steve is in the kitchen. Doors open at 5:30. A variety of Polish food is available to order from 6-8 pm.

Game Night is every 2nd Thursday of the month, and Art-Making Night is on the last Thursday of each month. This month's art night is February 29. For more info email [Events@PolishSociety.org](mailto:Events@PolishSociety.org).



#### THIRSTY THURSDAYS

**5:30 - 9 pm**

**(Polish dinner served 6-8 pm)**

**JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
FOR POLISH FOOD/VODKA/BEER & FUN!**

*Free admission | All are welcome!*

### DYNGUS DAY IS MONDAY, APRIL 1

**It's no joke; this year's Dyngus Day celebration at the Polish Club will be  
Monday, April 1 from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. See details below.**

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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida  
Dyngus Day**  
**Everyone  
is Welcome!**  
*Special Prizes!*

**Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**Doors & Cash Bar Open 3:30 PM • Polka Dance Lesson 6 PM  
Dancing to Generations Band 5-8 PM**

*Cash Bar • Polish Dyngus Day Platter: kielbasa (sausage),  
sauerkraut, pierogi (dumplings), gołąbki (stuffed cabbage),  
dessert, and coffee. Served 4-6 PM • \$14*

### EVERYBODY'S POLISH ON DYNGUS DAY! Wear White and Red

This day of celebrating end of lent and beginning of spring will feature a traditional, fun, **Buffalo-style Dyngus Day** with pussy willows, Polish food, great Polka music, Polka dance lesson, and dancing on our large, beautiful, wooden dance floor. The Club will be beautifully decorated, and we are inviting everyone to **wear white and red**. Everyone will receive white and red Dyngus beads.

**Join in celebrating this great tradition!**

\$12 at the door • \$10 presale tickets can be purchased at the Club, or by sending a check to the Club and held at the door.  
For tickets and information, call Ken Jakubowski at  
(727) 666-5357 or email [kmjak@verizon.net](mailto:kmjak@verizon.net).

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### We Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help with the kitchen and general cleaning on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons (especially Dyngus Day!) to: set up &



serve, wipe down tables, take out trash bags & clean coffee pots. Please email Kim at [Events@PolishSociety.org](mailto:Events@PolishSociety.org) to sign up.

**Our Next Club Meeting is Wednesday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m.**

All club members are welcome. We will continue to make plans for our Club's activities. Please join us if you are able. We continue to need volunteers to help with the many functions necessary to plan and support our events.

**Join PAS or Renew Your Membership!**

Now it's easier than ever to keep your membership current and make a booster donation online!

Non-members are always welcome, but membership has its privileges! Enjoy discounts on dinner dances, drinks and other events.



**Annual memberships are just \$25.** Your last membership payment was made on:

**\$\_[UD:MEMBER\_PAID\_DATE]]\$**

If the date is before July 1, 2023, please RENEW NOW below for 2024!  
If no date appears above, our records show you're not a member, so please consider joining now! To join, renew and/or donate online using your credit card, please click on one the following links:

<u><b>Renew</b></u>	<u><b>New member</b></u>	<u><b>Be a Booster!</b></u>
<b>\$25 pp</b>	<b>\$25 pp</b>	<b>\$ Your choice \$</b>

A printable payment receipt will appear once you complete your payment. If you prefer to pay your membership dues or booster donation by check, please make it out to "Polish American Society" and send it to our Membership Chair Tom Rokosz at 7131 Whittlebury Trail, Bradenton, FL 34202. Tom will send you a membership card if you are unable to pick it up at the club.

Please contact Tom at 912-401-5758 or email [ter2815@aol.com](mailto:ter2815@aol.com) with any questions or concerns. Pat Caldwell, our Booster Club Chairperson, will be notified of all donations that are sent in. THANK YOU!

**Day Memberships**

For those who are not current annual members, a day membership fee of \$1 is included in the price of admission for our Sunday dinner dances. On Thirsty Thursdays and other events, those who are not current annual members are charged an additional \$1 at the bar for a day membership.

**PAS Scholarships**

Contact Ken Jakubowski to get an application for the 2024 award. Applications for the 2024 award must be submitted by April 30, 2024. You can contact Ken at 727-666-5357 or [kmjak@verizon.net](mailto:kmjak@verizon.net). He can email you an application if you would like one. Any Board member can give you a copy of the application also at the club. The sponsoring member must have been an active member the previous year.

**Ukrainian Refugee Relief**

Under the leadership of Roger Telschow, we are handling our donations through [GlobalGiving.org](https://www.globalgiving.org) as they are highly rated and vetted by the State Department. When donating online, you can click on "Donate in honor" and put in the name of the "Polish American Society of St. Petersburg" if you'd like.

**To date, our members and guests have donated \$12,798 to the Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund toward our goal of \$15,000! Thank you all!**  
**We want to continue to stand with our Ukrainian friends at this desperate time.**  
**Please contact Roger at (301) 509-9371 with any questions.**

**Please Keep the Following Club Member in Your Thoughts**

Ken Machelski, leader of Buffalo Touch, suffered a heart attack this past Friday. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**PAS Hall Rental**

Our Beautiful Hall is available to rent and use for Personal, Family, Group, Business, and other events and functions.

Please contact Kim Fin at [events@polishsociety.org](mailto:events@polishsociety.org) for more information.

**Shuffle Dance Fitness Classes at the Club**

Looking for a fun way to meet your New Year's fitness goals? Try Shuffling, a new fitness class at the club. This high-energy class is set to Electronic Dance Music (EDM) and is held Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 pm led by instructor and PAS member Brooke Yoder. Each class is \$20.

**Contra Dances**

Contra Dances are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month from 7 to 10:30 PM with a free dance lesson at 7 PM. The cost is \$10 and there is a live band. Contra dance is an American folk dance very similar to square dancing, with its origins in England and France. There is no need to bring a partner or have prior experience to participate. For more information go to:

[tampabaycontra.com](https://tampabaycontra.com)

**Town Apartments Dances**

Marilyn and Wil Smaka, long time members of the Polish American Society have scheduled dances in The Rec Hall of Town Apartments North at: 1900 61st Ave N, St Petersburg from 7 - 9:30 PM. Doors open at 6:30.

Admission: Generous Donations.

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Optional: bring a snack for the Sharing Table. Coffee, ice & water provided. BYO beverages  
For more information call Marilyn at 574-276-3802 or Wil at 574-229-0336

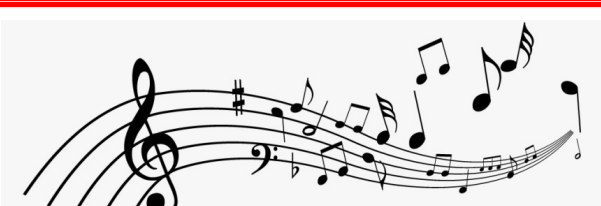


**Show Your Polish Spirit!**

We think you will be surprised with the selection of Polish memorabilia that we have for sale including Polish Dolls, Polish T-Shirts, Polish Caps, Polish Aprons, Polish Paintings, Polish Ladies' Blouses, Polish Auto License Plate Holders, Crystal, Polish Vests, Polish Dishes, Polish Men's Shirts, Polish Paintings, plus other arts and crafts. We have a fresh supply of Polish Placemats with your favorite Polish American Society's Wall Paintings on them.

See Bernie Yencha to purchase any of these items.

Hedy Krall, long time member of the club, just donated Polish items that she had held for many years. Thank you so much, Hedy!



**Winter & Spring 2024 Band Schedule (revised)**

- Mar 10 - Steve Dudas with Florida Generations
- Mar 17 - ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- Mar 24 - Northern Sounds
- Mar 31 - EASTER - CLOSED
- Apr 1 - DYNGUS DAY - Florida Generations - 5 - 8 p.m.
- Apr 7 - HAWAIIAN LUAU DAY - Northern Sounds
- Apr 14 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- Apr 21 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars

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## Our Website

Please visit [www.polishsociety.org](http://www.polishsociety.org) to get up to date Club information.

## General Questions

Please contact Don Kohler with any questions or concerns related to the club at: [donekohler@aol.com](mailto:donekohler@aol.com) or on his cell phone, 301-639-9045. For any questions or issues related to this newsletter, please contact Jovita Wysocka Ahava at [polka@polishsociety.org](mailto:polka@polishsociety.org).



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