



Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

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Club Updates & Upcoming Events

April 17, 2026

Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Thirsty Thursdays Every Thursday 6-9 PM; Polish Food Made to Order

THREE BIG SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LAST CLUB SUNDAY DINNER AND DANCE OF THE CURRENT SEASON

A 90TH BIRTHDAY | A 50TH ANNIVERSARY | A RECENT MARRIAGE

The Northern Sounds, under the leadership of Brad Turk, provided tunes in addition to our favorite Polkas for each of the three celebrations that we carried out this past Sunday at The Beautiful Walter Walsek Memorial Hall. .

Don Kohler celebrated his 90th Birthday which is on June 27. Three of his four children and spouses were able to join us as well as nearly 70 others in attendance. A beautiful and tasty chocolate cake was served after singing Happy Birthday and Stolat! Alice and Don danced to the beautiful tune "Look At Us".

Pat and Cliff Hickok celebrated their 50th Anniversary which will occur on May 1. We all danced to the beautiful music of "Wonderful Night" originally sung by Eric Clapton.

We also celebrated Tom and Sharon Rokosz's marriage which just took place on April 10. We formed a circle as Tom and Sharon danced to "Can't Help Falling In Love" with others taking turns dancing with both of them. Tom and Sharon also had a beautiful wedding cake to serve to all of us.



The Northern Sounds, with Band Leader Brad Turk on Percussion and Vocals along with Eddie Meyers on Clarinet, Saxophone & Vocals and Ray Skorka on Accordion, Keys and Vocals continued to support our successful events.

Jen Ayers did a great job preparing the dinner and Marta Lopez, Pat Hickok, Frances Gatz and Sue Curcio assisted where needed and helped with the serving and cutting of cakes. Chuck Majewski handled the dishwasher as well as other functions as needed. Everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious Polish dinner.

Kim very ably took care of the Bar and was busy throughout the afternoon.

Wilma Walsek very efficiently handled the Front Desk. Club President, Jim Grinaker, and Board Member, Cliff Hickok along with Treasurer Roger Telschow were busy throughout the afternoon covering wherever work needed to be done.

Cliff and Pat Hickok, with Roger Telschow conducted a very successful 50/50 Raffle.

It was great to see our Vice President, Jovita Ahava at the club with her son, Zander.

As each of you entered the club, you might have noticed that the faded red canopy over the entrance was all of a sudden a bright red canopy. Thanks to Cliff Hickok and Roger Telschow for painting the awning earlier Sunday morning.



We want to thank Anthony Salerno for faithfully photographing all of our events during the past year.

This was the last Sunday Dinner and Dance for the current season. We will start the next season Nov 1, 2026, the first Sunday of November.

Please continue to enjoy our Thirsty Thursdays throughout the year, and stay tuned for some special events we are planning over the summer!

A FEW COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY ATTENDEES AT OUR CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

"There is no other place we would want to be on a Sunday afternoon. God bless the Polish Club."

- Roger and Ruth Jimenez

"Congratulations on 75 years! What a beautiful Club celebrating Polish Heritage! Friendly people, Great food and Awesome music! Looking forward to many more years!"

- Ann Marie Matousek

"The Polish American Society is more fun than a day in Disney World! (Epcot) Great food, band and people."

- Anonymous

"I started coming to this club in 1974 with my family and friends. I remember dancing around the dance floor at the age of 4. The best memories I have are dancing the polka with my mom, Mania, until her final days. She will forever be in my best memories at the Polish Club.

- Dee Dee Majewski

We'll print more comments taken from the 75th anniversary attendees in the future.

THIRSTY THURSDAYS EVERY WEEK, ALL YEAR LONG! 6-9 PM POLISH FOOD SERVED 6-8:30 PM

Admission to Thirsty Thursday events is free unless otherwise specified. Polish food and drinks are available for purchase from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We also need volunteers for most of our events, including Thirsty Thursdays. Thursday volunteers receive free Polish food and one drink. Please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449AFA92EAAF5C16-62885508-volunteers>

Did you know . . . Thirsty Thursdays have a different theme every week! Here's the rundown:

First Thursdays of the Month: Polka Lesson and Dancing

Every first Thursday we offer free polka lessons and recorded polka music for all to enjoy!



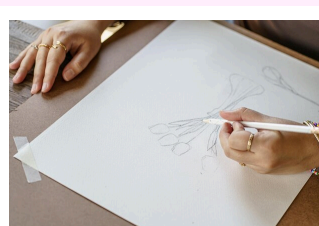
Second Thursdays: Game Night

Every second Thursday of the month is game night! All are welcome to bring board games and card games of any kind to enjoy with friends.

Third Thursdays: Trivia Night

Come out every third Thursday and join a team to compete in a trivia competition, led by club member Mark, 7PM. Prizes for the winning team.

Fourth Thursdays: Art-Making Night



Every fourth Thursday of the month is art night! All are welcome to bring art and craft supplies to work on creative projects together, from drawing, to painting, to coloring. Limited supplies will be available free to use.

BEYOND POLKA: CONTRA DANCES

In addition to regular Polka dances and lessons, the Polish American Society hosts Contra and Swing dances as well!

Second Saturday Contra Dances 7PM to 10:30PM - \$10.00

The Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance will host a contra dance with live music by the band Wind that Shakes the Barley, calling by Stan Prince & Kevin Shepherd. An introduction lesson is at 7PM. No partner or experience needed. \$10.00. Drinks available but no food.

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND CONSIDER BEING A BOOSTER!

Annual membership is just \$30 and will help us continue our post-hurricane restoration and keep the **oldest Polish American club in Florida** up and running!

It's also time to renew your booster contributions for 2026 (or make a first-time booster donation)!

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.

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