

Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Club Updates & Upcoming Events

April 16, 2025

Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, April 17: Thirsty Thursday, 5:30 8:30 pm
- Sunday, April 20: Club is CLOSED
- Monday, April 21: Dyngus Day with Gone Coastal, 3:30 8 pm

RECAP OF LAST WEEK

We had a good turnout for last Thirsty Thursday on April 10 for Game Night. Angie, Pat and Alice stayed busy in the kitchen, while Kim stayed busy in the Bar.

We had another successful Sunday Dinner and Dance at The Walter Walsek Memorial Hall on April 13. Angle did the cooking with help from Alice and Pat. Terry and Rita handled the Bar. Thank you to Sue Klocek for making delicious brownies and sharing them with the club!

Chuck Majewski again took care of all of the washing and cleaning of the dinner trays, dishes and metal utensils. Wilma Walsek handled the Front Desk and Francine Yencha took care of the sales of Arts and Crafts. Sue Klocek and Cliff Hickok handled the raffle and helped out wherever it was needed.

We need to point out the continuing generosity of so many of our club members and friends as they continue to return their raffle winnings back to the club to help with our hurricane restoration costs. Thank you so much!!!

Jasiu's Polka All Stars with Lead Man Jasiu Klocek on Accordion supported by Gerry Kryk on Saxophone and Mark Kolodarczyk on Drums. We always enjoy when Sue Klocek sings with the band.

JOIN US AGAIN THIS THIRSTY THURSDAY!

Thursday, April 17: Polish beer and vodka are served the bar, and a variety of Polish food is available to order. Admission is \$2 for non-members, and free for members. Cash & credit cards are accepted. All are welcome!





Święconka, meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets," is an enduring Polish tradition on the Saturday before Easter.

Click on the following link for a video with a nice explanation: <u>https://youtu.be/bUp5mFdwGb4?si=0T9qoPjNVed0Rw-t</u>

Easter basket blessings will occur at the following local churches this Saturday, April 19:

- St. Paul's at 12:00 and 12:30 pm (through the Mercy of God Polish Mission). Easter mass in Polish is Sunday at 1:00 pm

- Cathedral of St. Jude (in the chapel) at 12:00
- Epiphany Ukrainian Catholic Church (in front of the church) at 4:00 pm

DYNGUS DAY IS ALMOST HERE! MONDAY, APRIL 21 at 3:30 PM

The club will be closed on April 20, Easter Day, but will be jumping April 21, Dyngus Day with Doors Opening at 3:30 PM, Dinner from 4 - 6 PM and Gone Coastal playing from 5 - 8 PM. Sue Curcio has received twenty Raffle Prizes from organizations throughout the Tampa Bay area valued at more than \$1,300 for our traditional Dyngus Day Raffle. You will certainly want to participate in this popular annual club raffle. Yvonne and Scott Gangle will be conducting a polka dance lesson for everyone to participate during the Big Event.

Please contact Pat Hickok at 518-885-7731 to get your Advance Dyngus Day Admission ticket at \$10.00 vs the \$15 At The Door as well as your \$15 Polish Dinner Ticket to make sure there will be a Dinner for you.

Click on the following link to learn more about this Polish tradition: <u>https://www.dyngusday.com/our-story</u>

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Bth Annual Florida **Oyngus Day** Everyone is Welcome! Raffle Prizes!

WE ARE *BACK* IN OUR NEWLY RESTORED HISTORICAL BUILDING IN ST PETE!

Monday April 21st 2025

Doors & Bar Open 3:30 PM, Polka Dance Lesson 6 PM Dancing to Mike Matousek's Gone Coastal 5-8 PM <u>Dyngus Day Polish Platter</u>: kielbasa (sausage), sauerkraut, pierogis (dumplings), golabki (stuffed cabbage), dessert, and coffee. Served 4–6 PM \$15

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, Polka music, and Polka dancing on our large, beautiful restored floating wooden dance floor. The Club will be festively 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!

Tickets: \$15 at the door or \$10 pre-sale. Pre-sale tix can be purchased at the club on Sundays starting 3/23 & Thursdays starting 3/27 or by calling Pat Hickok at (518) 885-7731. Credit cards, cash, or check accepted.

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CLUB MEETING MAY 7 at 6:00 PM

Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the club. All members are invited to attend.

Spring Band Schedule at the Club: April 13 - April 27, 2025

Join us back at the club on our newly-restored dance floor. The band schedule for the rest of the season is:

- April 20 Easter the club is CLOSED
- April 21 Dyngus Day (Monday) Gone Coastal, 5-8 p.m.
- April 27 Northern Sounds

Throughout the summer, we will continue to host Thirsty Thursdays, Contra Dances, and other events, so stay tuned! After the summer, our Sunday dances will resume November 1, 2025.

COME SEE YOUR NEW CLUB! REPAIRS MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR GENEROUS DONORS!



The work continues...(& bills to pay)... Goal: \$150,000 - raised so far: \$90,539

• You can support via credit or debit card with the <u>link</u> below. If you prefer to mail us a check, please make it out to:

"Polish American Society" c/o

Tom Rokosz, 7131 Whittlebury Tr, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Yes! I'll help!

Please Join or Renew Your Membership!

Annual membership is just \$30 and will help us continue our post-hurricane restoration. 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.

