



Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

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St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Club Updates & Upcoming Events

April 25, 2025

Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, April 27: Potluck Dinner & Dance with Northern Sounds**
- **Thursday, May 1: Thirsty Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm**
- **Saturday, May 3: Polish Constitution Day Celebration in Williams Park at 10:00 am**
- **Wednesday, May 7: Club Meeting at 6:00 pm**

RECAP OF LAST WEEK

Our Thirsty Thursdays have been going well and will continue throughout the summer and year-round.

We had a very successful Dyngus Day on Easter Monday at The Beautiful Walter Walsek Memorial Hall. We served 200 Polish Dinners and well over 200 people joined us for the **largest** attended Dyngus Day yet!

Angie and Russell did the cooking with help from Alice and Pat. Chuck took care of the washing and cleaning of dinner trays and utensils.

Kim and Donovan handled a very busy Bar. Rita handled the Water Station and Francine handled Arts and Crafts as well as the Dinner Ticket Station. Thanks to Lou Curcio and Tom Rokosz for handling the Admission Entrance.

Sue Curcio, with help from Frances Gatz and Sharron Barnett handled our traditional Dyngus Day Raffle which consisted of prizes totaling over \$2,000 with Prizes from organizations throughout the Tampa Bay area. Cliff and Jaz made sure each winner got their winning prize after President, Jim Grinaker announced the respected winning number.

Thanks to Yvonne and Scott Gangle for conducting a very successful polka dance lesson for everyone to participate in at the beginning of the first intermission. Well over 50 attendees participated.

Gone Coastal with Mike Matousek and Jimmy Webber in the lead along with Trent Urbytus, Steve Rodgers and Jake Mikrut provided a beautiful selection of tunes and certainly contributed in many ways to the Success Of The Day! Their selection of tunes was impeccable!

POTLUCK & LAST DANCE OF THE SEASON IS THIS SUNDAY

Please bring your potluck dinner to the club by 1:45 pm to allow setup for dinner from 2 to 3 pm. The Northern Sounds Band will play from 3 to 6 pm.

JOIN US EVERY THIRSTY THURSDAY!

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!



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!

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 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 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.

UPDATE ON CLUB RESTORATION

Generous members have donated \$91,172 and the club has spent every cent of it to get our 5,000 square foot club reopened. Considering we've installed a new 25-year roof; new inside ceiling; rebuilt and restored our vintage dance floor; ground and polished our terrazzo floor; put in a new kitchen fridge; built a concrete barrier to prevent flooding from parking lot runoff; replaced outside lighting and rewired outdated parts of the club (much of which isn't immediately obvious); refurbished, refitted and sealed our brass bar rail; replaced all emergency lighting and recertified our fire safety systems; repaired our pulley system on both flagpoles which haven't worked in nearly a decade...and more....we have gotten tremendous value out of your donations!

In fact, we have gotten discounts or donated labor worth in excess of \$20,000, as well.

Our fundraising continues, as our aging building still needs work to ensure it will serve members well into the future. Case in point: Two weeks ago, one of our four old air conditioners gave up and needed replacement. We hurried to replace it just 48 hours before we had a crowd of over 200 for Dyngus Day! The cost (about \$12,000) came out of operating funds, and there will assuredly be additional costs like this in the next few years.

Thank you to all who have supported the club's restoration! Your contributions are an investment in the club's future.

The work continues...(& bills to pay)...
Goal: \$150,000 - raised so far: \$91,172

- **You can support via credit or debit card with the [link](#) 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.

[Renew Your Membership!](#)

[Join as New Member!](#)

CELEBRATE POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

Saturday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Williams Park, St. Petersburg



May 3 is Polish Constitution Day, commemorating the Declaration of the Constitution of May 3, 1791--the FIRST modern constitution in Europe and the second-oldest constitution behind the United States.

Every year, local Polish organizations organize a gathering to celebrate this important event at the statue of Polish General Tadeusz Kosciuszko in Williams Park. General Kosciuszko fought in the American Revolutionary War.

This year's celebration will be held on **Saturday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of 2nd Ave N and 3rd St N in St. Petersburg.**

The event is FREE and open to all!



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