



# Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

## News & Events

February 5, 2024

Hello \$[UD:FIRST\_NAME|]\$,

### Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 2/7: Shuffle Dance Class
- Thursday 2/8: Thirsty Thursday & Chess/Board Game Night
- Saturday 2/10: Contra Dance
- **Sunday 2/11: Pączki Day with Florida Generations Band**
- Saturday 2/17: Pierogi Rave Ukraine Benefit
- Sunday 2/18: Country Western Day - Jam N Jive
- Thursday 2/29: Free Drawing Class
- Friday 3/1: Jimmy Sturr & his Orchestra with Chris Caffery

### PĄCZKI DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11!



**This upcoming Sunday, February 11, 2024, is Pączki Day**, our 5th annual event! We have already sold over 100 tickets!

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** This event will begin **ONE HOUR LATER** THAN OUR USUAL SUNDAY DANCES. For Paczki Day only, doors open at **1:30 pm**. Dinner will be served from **2:15 to 3:30 pm**. Following dinner everyone gets a Polish doughnut!

**Dancing to the Florida Generations band will be 3:00 to 6:00 pm.**  
Non-members are always welcome! Please plan to attend & join us.

**Admission is \$10 presale and \$12 at the door. Dinner is \$14.**

We will be serving a traditional Polish dinner prepared by our cook Steve, consisting of Kielbasa, Potato & Cheese Pierogi, Golabki (stuffed cabbage rolls), Dessert, and Coffee.

We also have a full bar with a variety of Polish beer (Zywiec, Okocim, Warka), Polish vodka, and other beverages.

Please contact Ken Jakubowski at (727) 666-5357 or [kmjak@verizon.net](mailto:kmjak@verizon.net) for more information or to purchase tickets in advance.

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ST. PETERSBURG  
*SINCE 1951*



## 5th Annual PACZKI DAY DANCE

Sponsored by the  
Polish American Club of St Pete

*How about eating some Paczki? Awesome Polish Doughnuts*  
**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

*Everyone is  
Welcome!*



**Come to the annual Paczki Day Dance!**  
**Everyone receives a Polish Doughnut to prepare for Lent.**

Doors Open 1:30 PM · Cash Bar · Dancing to Florida Generations 3–6 PM  
Polish Dinner 2:15–3:30 PM - \$14 · Entry \$10 presale. \$12 at the door  
For more info: Ken Jakubowski (727) 666-5357, [kmjak@verizon.net](mailto:kmjak@verizon.net)

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### 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. For more info contact Jim Grinaker at 727-214-8972 or click [here](#).



**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!***

### We Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help with the kitchen and general cleaning on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons (especially Pączki 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 Thursday, February 22 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.

### Mark Your Calendars: Jimmy Sturr & Chris Caffery on March 1!

You can use credit cards to buy your tickets online as described on the flyer.

You can buy a limited supply of tickets at the club with cash or contact  
Tom Rokosz at 912-401-5758 for more information.



Florida's West Coast

POLKA:FEST

Friday • March 1, 2024 • 5 PM

Featuring

18-Time Grammy Winner

JIMMY STURR

and His Orchestra

With Special Guest

CHRIS CAFFERY

From the Trans Siberian Orchestra

at the POLISH CLUB

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

— 1343 Beach Drive —

Doors Open 4:00 pm • Food Available

TICKETS

Advance: \$25 ea. • At Door: \$28 ea.

Send to: Jimmy Sturr • Box 1 • Florida, NY 10921

Make checks payable to Jimmy Sturr

Credit Cards call: 845-651-4266

All Credit Card Orders will receive a 4% service charge.

Join PAS or Renew Your Membership!

Keep your membership current! And...BE A HERO and make a booster donation below.

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:

<b><u>Renew</u></b>	<b><u>New member</u></b>	<b><u>Be a Booster!</u></b>
<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 Dept. 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 like. The Polish American Society has received credit for donating \$11,453 to date to the Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund toward our goal of \$15,000.

Contact Roger at (301) 509-9371 with any questions.

Thank you for your interest and generosity! We want to continue to stand with our Ukrainian friends at this desperate time.

Please Keep the Following Club Member in Your Thoughts

Donna Smolinski is recovering from foot surgery this past week. Donna is Joe, our Sunday bartender's wife.

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.

New 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 every Wednesday evening 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.

Mar 9 - Saddletramp

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. See Bernie Yencha to purchase any of these items.



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

- Feb 4 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- Feb 11 - PAĆZKI DAY - Florida Generations
- Feb 18 - COUNTRY WESTERN DAY - Jam N Jive
- Feb 25 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- Mar 1 - Jimmy Sturr and His Orchestra w/Chris Caffery
- Mar 3 - Frank Moravcik Band
- Mar 10 - The Buffalo Touch
- 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 - Outside Da Box - Featuring SSE
- Apr 21 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- Apr 28 - Northern Sounds

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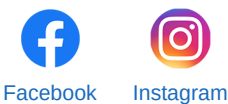


**Our Website**

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).



Our mailing address is:

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