



# Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

## Club Updates & Upcoming Events

March 15, 2025

### Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, March 23:** Club Grand Reopening - dinner & dance with Northern Sounds, 1:30 - 6 pm
- **Thursday, March 27:** Thirsty Thursday Returns, 5:30-8:30 pm
- **Monday, April 21:** Dyngus Day with Gone Coastal, 5-8 pm

### Thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers and overwhelming generosity of our donors, the club is scheduled to reopen on Sunday, March 23!

Join us next **Sunday, March 23**, when at long last, our club will reopen! We will serve a traditional **Polish dinner** (kielbasa, pierogi, and stuffed cabbage as well as coffee and dessert), and Northern Sounds under the direction of Brad Turk will be playing. **Doors open at 1:30 pm, and dinner will be served from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The band will play from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Admission is donation-based, and the price of dinner is \$15.

**For dinner reservations, please call Alice at 301-639-8553 before 12:00 noon on Friday, March 21**, so that we will have enough food for everyone who wants a dinner.

### Thanks to All for a Successful Pączki Day!

Our Pączki Day fundraiser on March 9 at the Town Apartments Hall was a big success with \$2,478 raised. This benefit dance could not have occurred without the full support of **Marylin and Wil Smaka**, who helped make the Town Apartments Rec Hall available to us. They also rounded up the volunteers who normally support their Town Apartments monthly dances to help out at our event.

We must also thank **Brad Turk** for contacting all of the IPA (International Polka Association) officers and musicians who volunteered their time to play at the event.

We also want to thank **Brad and the IPA officers** for paying for the delicious pączki and the hall rental!

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida  
Dyngus Day**  
**Everyone  
is Welcome!**  
**Raffle Prizes!**

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

**Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**

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

Dyngus Day Polish Platter: 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 Hickock at (518) 885-7731.  
Credit cars, cash, or check accepted.

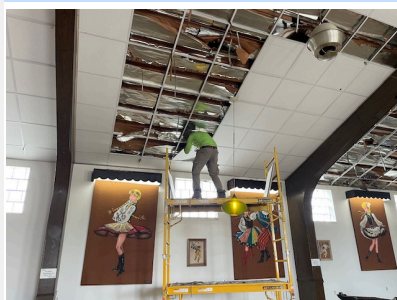
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### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK... AN UPDATE ON RESTORATION REPAIRS

#### Ongoing: Club Restoration. Phase I nearly complete!

Along with the beautiful floating wooden dance floor restoration, all our terrazzo floors are being professionally cleaned and polished. All the tables and chairs in the main hall and bar will then be put back. Additionally, we have a new refrigerator and are in the process of restoring the kitchen in time for our reopening on March 23.

**Thanks to our volunteers and donors, the club is scheduled to  
reopen on Sunday, March 23!**



#### Restoration: Phase II

The most essential repairs are nearly complete, enabling the club to reopen, AND there is much more to do. We need to replace two exterior doors, upgrade stage lighting to LEDs, maintain our aging asphalt parking lot, and build a reserve of \$30,000 for future air conditioner replacements, and more. We believe we can accomplish all these improvements within the \$150,000 goal we've set. Funds raised have been greatly leveraged with tens of thousands of dollars of donated volunteer work. **Please make an investment in the future of your club by contributing today!**

**Goal: \$150,000 - raised so far: \$83,731**

- 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!**

### ***These donors are investing in our club's future--Join Them!***

*(Our Donors of \$100 or more will be acknowledged in a giving tree  
plaque, displayed at the club).*

**\$25,000 - Polish Angel**

**\$10,000 - Founder**

*Anonymous, Tom Rokosz*

**\$5,000 - Protector**

*Jeff Fleming, Don & Alice Kohler*

**\$2,500 - Benefactor**

*Larry & Laine Bagby, Henry & Janice Dymerski, Stan & Cathy Simms*

**\$1,000 - Patron**

*Cris & Mary Anderson, Cleveland & US Polka Assns, Matthew & Fritz Faulhaber, Jim & MaryJane Fowkes, Thomas Galbraith, Clifford & Patricia Hickok, International Polka Assn, Roger & Ruth Jimenez, Mark & Joan Johnson, Jasiu & Sue Klocek, Paul & Susan Kohler, Stephanie & Milton Kruk, Stephanie Martin, David Muczynski, Old Southeast Neighborhood Assn, Ed Rygula, in memory of Joan Rygula, Joe & Donna Smolinski, Beverly Wolanyk, Tampa Friends of Old Time Dance, Joe & Adeline Zajac*

**\$500 - Supporter**

*Anonymous, Jerry Carreno & Pam Gilzow, Jim & Sandee Irvin, Tom & Sue Jennings, Robert Karczewski, Mark & JoAnn Kohler, Susan & George McKittrick, David Obremski, Frank & Jean Stojak, James Thaler, Denise Wall*

**\$250 - Contributor**

*Henry & Janice Dymerski, in memory of Corey Lackard, Henry & Janice Dymerski, in memory of Henry Dymerski, Jr., Edward D. Fergus, Chris & Greg Filipowicz, Glenn Gabrielle, Jerry & Darlene Kender, John & Christy Krawisz, Linda Kremkau, Amy Krill, Gerald & Carole Kryk, Richard Kurdziel, John & Vivian Lee, Elizabeth Lindzy, Margaret Lucey, Louis Lyman, Mike & Ann Marie Matousek, Polish National Alliance, Richard & Sally Sendra*

**\$100 - Friend**

*Jovita & Ed Ahava, Lucy Bard, Dr. Kathleen Barry, Marcia Becker, Alex Boeckl, Pamela Breen, Marilyn Chaffin, Ken Cichowski, Bill Dahl, Rebecca O'Dell Delaney, Albert Drexler, Stephen Dudas, Ron & Joan Earyes, Bobbie Floerchinger, Joanna Gabin, Theresa Govier, Jack & Diana Grados, Eric Hawk, Eric Jacobosky, Annie Johnson, Willard Johnson, Carol Kaminsky, Frank Karwoski, Ann & Tony Klepec, Bev & Sig Knorowski, Pamela Lindemann, John Lober, Josh Looper, Allen Loyd, Mary McClead, Francine Michel, Erin Miller, June Nunnally, Chris & Donna Pawlowski, Mark Pienkos, Pamela Reeder, Kathi Renman, Joni Schinske, Bob Sendra, Ronald Smarch, Betsy Troy, Bob Van Goor, Rita Wagner, Carrie Waite, Chris & Nancy Wallis, Wilma Walsek, Lisa Wolfe, Ray Wolski*

**to \$99 - Teammate**

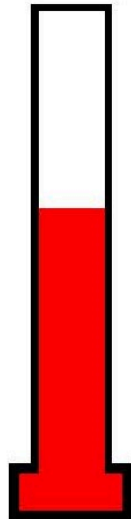
*Christine Barker, Amy Baxter, Andrew Foertsch, Dick Kozacko, Marian Majewski, John Mesaros, Eddie & Esther Meyers, Robin O'Dell, Ben & Sheila Panyard, Victoria Paradise, Amie Parcinski, Joseph Patner, Jason Prymmer, Deborah Robertson, JoEllen Schilke, Holly Schwartzmann, Audrey Sendrowski, Ewa Tymoszevska, Brian Vandervliet, Nick & Kara Weaver, Marion Weglarz, Bernie Yench*

**Anonymous Amount**

*Marilyn & Wil Smaka*

Yes! I'll help!

Help us to our goal!



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**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!

**Spring Band Schedule at the Club: March 23 - April 27, 2025**

Join us back at the club on our newly-restored dance floor for our **GRAND REOPENING** on Sunday, March 23! The band schedule for the rest of the season is:

- March 23 - Northern Sounds
- March 30 - Gone Coastal
- April 6 - Hawaiian Luau Day with Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- April 13 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars
- 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.



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Our mailing address is:

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