



Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

News & Events

April 10, 2024

Witamy!

Last Sunday, we had a great Hawaiian Luau day at the club with our club Hawaiian Dance Instructor Mary Ann Wilcox, showing the way to our club hula dancers during the first intermission. Some of them looked like they had been practicing for days with their Hawaiian movements.

The Northern Sounds, under the leadership of Brad Turk, with Ray Skorka and Eddie Myers provided an outstanding afternoon of music with a Hawaiian flavor in many of the sounds. They even played a Hawaiian Polka!

This coming week we will be serenaded by **Jasiu and his Polka All-Stars**, which will also include guest musician, band leader and IPA Awardee, **Mike Matousek**.

We will be serving a **Polish dinner this Sunday, April 10**, consisting of kielbasa, sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, dessert and coffee.

Please call **Wilma Walsek at 727-360-0584** to make a dinner reservation.

Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 4/10: Thirsty Thursday
- Sunday 4/14: Polish Dinner & Dancing to Jasiu & his Polka All Stars
- Thursday 4/18: Free Art Class with Francine & Thirsty Thursday

Join us for a Polish Dinner & Dancing this Sunday, April 10!



This **Sunday, April 10**, we will be serenaded by **Jasiu and his Polka All-Stars**, which will also include guest musician, band leader and IPA Awardee, **Mike Matousek**.

Doors open at 12:30 pm. Dinner will be served from 1:15 to 2:30 pm.

The band will play from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

Non-members are always welcome! Please plan to attend and join us.

Admission for members is \$6 and for non-members is \$8.

We will be serving a **Polish dinner** consisting of kielbasa, sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, dessert and coffee.

Dinner is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

Please call **Wilma Walsek at 727-360-0584** to make a dinner reservation.

The only way you can be sure there will be a dinner for you is to make reservations.

We also have a full bar with a variety of Polish beer (Zywiec, Okocim, Warka), locally distilled Polish vodka from Kozuba & Sons, and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages including Mother Kombucha.

JOIN US FOR 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. This month's art night is April 25. For more info email Events@PolishSociety.org.



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!

FREE ART CLASS WITH FRANCINE APRIL 18!

In addition to our regular Art Night, we have an extra art event planned for this month on **Thursday, April 18, 6-7 pm!** Award-winning painter, art instructor, and Club member/Thursday night regular **Francine Michel** will be leading a free class on drawing perspective.

Class Description:

One of the important foundations of a good drawing is perspective. Perspective drawing techniques allow us to show 3D objects on a 2D surface. We will learn a bit about the history of perspective (from a surprise guest) and try some exercises before we start drawing.

Please bring pencils/charcoal sticks and a sketch pad or paper.

Join us for Polish food and drink that night for our regular Thirsty Thursday as well!



**Looking to up your Drawing Game?
Put it in Perspective!
Join us for a FREE ART CLASS**

Thurs., April 18, 6-7 pm w/ artist Francine Michel

Polish food & drinks available!
Please bring pencils or charcoal & a sketch pad or paper



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We Need Volunteers!

We REALLY need volunteers to help with the kitchen and general cleaning on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons to: set up & serve, wipe down tables, take out trash bags & clean coffee pots. With enough volunteers, we'll only need about an hour of your time before or after dinner.

Please call Alice Kohler at (301) 639-8553 or email Kim Fin at Events@PolishSociety.org to sign up.

Our Next Club Meeting is Wednesday, April 24 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.

Join PAS or Renew Your Membership!

Now it's easier than ever to keep your membership current and make a booster donation online!



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:

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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:

<u>Renew</u> \$25 pp	<u>New member</u> \$25 pp	<u>Be a Booster!</u> \$ Your choice \$
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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 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 \$2 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 \$2 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. 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 as they are highly rated and vetted by the State Department. 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'd like.

To date, our members and guests have donated \$12,798 to the Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund toward our goal of \$15,000! Thank you all!
We want to continue to stand with our Ukrainian friends at this desperate time.
Please contact Roger at (301) 509-9371 with any questions.

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 for more information.

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



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. We have a fresh supply of Polish Placemats with your favorite Polish American Society's Wall Paintings on them. See Bernie Yencha to purchase any of these items.



Remaining Spring 2024 Band Schedule

Apr 14 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars

We appreciate our cash and in-kind sponsors!

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General Questions

Please contact Don Kohler with any questions or concerns related to the club at: 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.



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