



# Polish American Society of St. Petersburg, Inc.

1343 Beach Drive SE  
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## News & Events

April 3, 2024

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### Highlights of Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 4/4: Thirsty Thursday
- Sunday 4/7: Hawaiian Luau Dinner & Dancing to Northern Sounds

### Paczki Day 2024 Led to the Greatest Dyngus Day Ever at the Polish American Society!

Attendees continued to join us throughout the evening even though it was standing room only.

Great prizes valued at over \$2,000 were won by this year's Dyngus Day Raffle winners!

Steve Dudas and his Florida Generations, with Richie Kurdziel, Ray Celeste and guest Mike Matousek, played our favorite tunes and Polkas, and they were as great as ever!

Our Kitchen Team of Cooks - Alice Kohler, Steve Gielazyn, Pat Hickok, and Mary Jakubowski served 190 delicious Polish dinners.

Our Bartending Team of Bar Manager Kim Chaffin, along with Rita Wagner and Carrie Waite, handled a record number of beverage requests.

The success of such a large event could not have happened without our well-organized Dyngus Day leader, Ken Jakubowski. Ken not only installed the extensive Dyngus Day decorations that transformed the Walter Walsek Memorial Hall into a Dyngus Day Mecca, yes, the most beautiful Polish hall in Florida.

It also goes without saying that Ken put together a strong team of Club members in addition to those working in the bar & kitchen, namely: Jim Grinaker, Don Kohler, Tom Rokosz, Chuck Majewski, Cliff Hickok, Frances & Roger Telschow, Jovita Ahava, Jo Ann Mercer, Francine Yencha, and Anthony Salerno.

We can't wait to welcome everyone again next year!



### Join us for Hawaiian Luau Day this Sunday, April 7!

Enjoy a Baked Ham dinner & Hawaiian dessert.

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



Mary Ann Wilcox will be joining us and leading us through our Hula Dances as she has in past years!

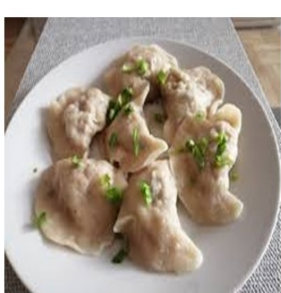
Be sure to wear your best Hawaiian attire for this annual event.

Brad Turk and The Northern Sounds, along with Ray Skorka and Eddie Myers will be playing your favorite tunes and Polkas. Brad has been playing at the Club for more than 20 years.

### 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](mailto: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!*

### 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](mailto: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:

**[\$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:

<u>Renew</u>	<u>New member</u>	<u>Be a Booster!</u>
<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 \$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](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 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](mailto: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](http://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 7 - HAWAIIAN LUAU DAY - Northern Sounds  
Apr 14 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars  
Apr 21 - Jasiu's Polka All Stars  
Apr 28 - Northern Sounds

### We appreciate our cash and in-kind sponsors!

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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).



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