

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA A Newsletter

1st Quarter 2010

Wesołego Alleluia and happy springtime. Before I go on I feel compelled to take a moment to reflect on the recent tragedy that the people of Poland have recently endured. It is truly a monumental loss to have that many influential and powerful people taken from us at this time in Poland's history. It is so ironic that this loss coincided with the commemoration of another tragic event in Poland's history, the massacre at Katyn. Our prayers go out to the families and memories of those who perished in these two tragic events.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Regina this summer for our PFDA A Festival. Details on the festival are being finalized and soon eight PFDA A groups along with individual PFDA A members will be making the trip to Regina, Canada to take part in 16th North American PFDA A Festival. The festival will include workshops taught by instructors from three different regions of Poland, social events, and performances. For more information about the festival or if your group is still considering attending please contact Daniel Smela Festival Chair @ dsmela@sasktel.net or 306-924-5622

Polish Fest at Milwaukee

The PFDAA will again be having a Gala Performance from 6:00 – 7:30 on Saturday evening June 19th, 2010. This is the PFDAA's 10th Anniversary Gala performance at Polish Fest since our PFDAA Festival in 2000. A special thanks to Glenn Ramski, PFDAA President at that time, for establishing this annual time spot for us. It has become a wonderful tradition and I hope we can continue it in the future.

Currently there are six member groups performing at Polish Fest and I hope they all will perform at the Gala Performance also. If you would like to participate in the Gala Performance please email me, at pfdaa_president@yahoo.com. Also include a small description of the suite/dance you would like to perform, for introduction purposes, along with the time of each suite/dance and we will coordinate accordingly. This is always a great venue to showcase the members of the association and perform before a great Milwaukee audience.

The PFDAA is not involved in the booking of any Ensembles at Polish Fest weekend. Our only involvement is the coordination of our member groups for the Gala performance.

If you would like to perform at Polish Fest either this year or in the future, please contact Janine Adamczyk at jadamczyk@directs.com for more information.

Performance Opportunity- Minneapolis, MN

Twin Cities Polish Festival, Minneapolis, MN- Aug 14-15, 2010 is looking for performers. If your group is interested in taking part in this 2 day event please contact:

Email: information@tcpolishfestival.org

Mail: Twin Cities Polish Festival
PO Box 19312
Minneapolis, MN 55419-0312
www.tcpolishfestival.org

Polish Heritage Awards

Ada Dziewanowska to be honored at the 30th Annual Polish Heritage Award Luncheon. Long time member and choreographer of the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will be honored on May 2nd. Ada has been an inspiration to us all in perpetuating our Polish heritage through her workshops, publications and recordings. Her boundless energy is unequalled by anyone else I know. This award is truly well deserved. If any of you want to share in this event here are the details:



Pulaski Council
Of
Milwaukee County



The Pulaski Council of Milwaukee County cordially invites you to join us for the

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE

And

THIRTIETH ANNUAL POLISH HERITAGE AWARD LUNCHEON

Honoring
Ada Dziewanowska

Sunday, May 2nd, 2010

at the

POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN
6941 South 68th Street
Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

Main Speaker will be 2008 Recipient Mrs. Susan Mikos

Cash Bar – 12:30 p.m. Luncheon – 1:30 p.m. Cost - \$30.00 per person
Reservations must be made by April 20th, 2010

Send Reservations or Responses for Ada to: Sharon Haberski
5451 S. Tuckaway Ct. #1
GreenField, WI 53221

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

Elections for the PFDAAs board are tentatively scheduled to take place this summer during the PFDAAs festival in Regina. All nominations and the positions they are being nominated for should be sent to Daniel Smela (pfdaa@sasktel.net) or **5143 Boswell Cres, Regina, Sask. S4X 4S4, Canada. 306-924-5622**. Nominees will be contacted by Dan prior to election to determine if they will accept or decline the nomination. Nominations will be accepted from **Feb 1st 2010 till June 15th 2010**. A list of candidates will be posted on the PFDAAs website as of June 20th and PFDAAs groups not in attendance at the festival may vote by proxy by filing out the attached form.

Board Positions are as follows: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant at Arms.**

PFDAAs Yearly Membership Fees for 2010 are due

If you haven't already sent in your membership dues for this year please send them to Monica. We are in the process of password protecting several areas on our WEB site so that they will only be available to our active member groups only. Once this process is complete we will be adding several new items for your eyes only. Monica will send you your password once your dues are up to date.

Please send a cheque of \$35.00 USD to:

PFDAAs Treasurer
c/o Monica Pazdziora
8520 W. 91st St.
Hickory Hills, IL 60457
USA

The PFDAА thanks the following groups for sending their 2010 Payments in:

- "Echoes of Poland Song & Dance Ensemble Toledo, OH"
- "Hejnal Polish-American Dancers Long Island, NY"
- "Krakowiacy Arvada, CO"
- "Krakowiak Polish Dancers Boston, NY"
- "Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Los Angeles, CA"
- "Lechici Dancers of the PSO Chicago, IL"
- "Mazur Polish Canadian Dancers of Edmonton Soc. Edmonton, AB"
- "Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Regina, SK"
- "Polanie Polish Song & Dance Ensemble Calgary, AB"
- "Polish American Folk Dance Company Brooklyn, NY"
- "Polish Heritage Dancers Buffalo, NY"
- "Polonia Song & Dance Ensemble Pittsburgh, PA"
- "Wawel Folk Ensemble Detroit, MI"
- "Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of PRCUA"
- "Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Warren, MI"

PFDAА Welcomes “Mazur Polish Canadian Dancers of Edmonton Society” to the membership

Mazur Polish Canadian Dancers of Edmonton Society was established for the purpose of providing a creative and enticing learning environment for children and youth, so that they may learn Polish folklore dances and music from various regions of Poland. Learning various traditional dances enhances children's understanding and appreciation for Polish culture, and provides them with the opportunity to share their culture with audiences all over the world. Despite obstacles that have come their ways during the last 45 years, the group still remains till this day. It is thanks to the motivation and dedication of its many dancers, parents, volunteers, and instructors, without whom it would not exist.

For more information about our newest member please visit:

www.mazurdance.ca

Rzeszow 2011- Possible Pre-Tour

I received a correspondence for Ed Rajtar as follows:

Since Rzeszow 2011 is only 16 months away, I was wondering if there was any discussion as to whether there would be a PFDA sponsored concert tour - pre or post Festival.

I know that this is something we are in the process of researching for Dolina.

Let me know your thoughts.

Edziu

If any groups are interested in participating in a PFDA sponsored Concert Tour in Poland next year let me know and if there is enough interest we will firm up the details at our annual meeting in Regina

Rzeszow Meeting

Wspolnota Polska – Rzeszow will be holding a meeting in Rzeszow on October 8-13, 2010. Part of this meeting is dedicated to the 2011 Festival. For more information please check out the following link:

<http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/pl/forum-kultury-polskiej/25/>

Artistic Director Sought

"Polanie Polish Song and Dance Association of Calgary is looking for an Artistic Director. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Artistic Director is responsible for providing the artistic and technical direction for all Polanie Polish Song and Dance Association (includes Polanie, Polanie Junior and Krakusy groups) performances, workshops and festival participation throughout the year. The Artistic Director is also responsible for artistic elements of grant applications. A full job description can be found on our website www.polanie.ca

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter/ statement of interest with curriculum vitae (or resume with theatrical resume) to artisticdirector@polanie.ca Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted. Salary will be commensurate with experience and with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands."

Polish Folk Dancing Costume Sought:

Marian Hansen of Milwaukee is searching for a female Bammerski costume, from the Poznan region of Poland. If anyone has any contacts or knows where Marian could purchase a Bammerski costume, please contact her directly:

Marian Hansen
3049 n. Pierce St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone 414-562-5640
Email mhansen4@wi.rr.com

Costume Request

PKM of Philadelphia is looking to enhance our costumes. Specifically, we are looking for gently used, reasonable priced, following costumes:

- Nowy Sacz - 2 pair ladies, 2 pair guys
- Rzeszow 2 pair ladies, 2 pair guys
- Lowicz 1 -3 ladies
- Polonez/Mazur 8 couples
- Stara Warszawa 8 couples

Please contact Diane at (856) 912-1303 or danutam@comcast.net if you have all or some of these items.

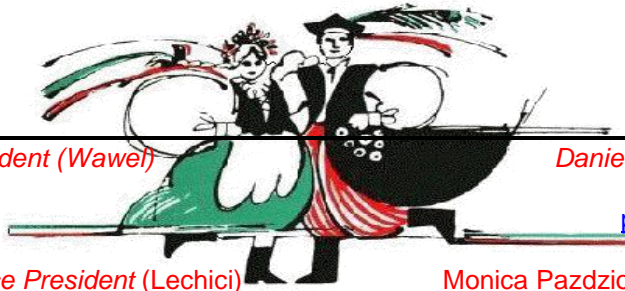
New and Used Costumes for Sale

If you have costumes you want to sell or are looking for a set of costumes let the PFDA know and we can run your request in our quarterly Newsletter.

Newsletter Articles

If your group is celebrating a special event or would like to get the word out about an event please feel free to submit a newsletter article to: pfdaa@sasktel.net and it will be published in our next newsletter. Newsletters are published every 4 months (March, June, Sept, and December).

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