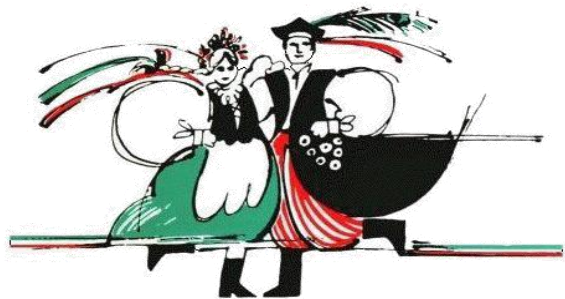


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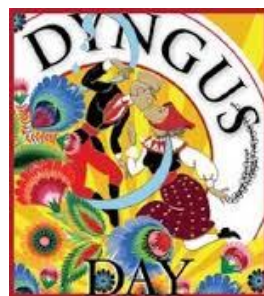
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## PFDA NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013

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**Dear PFDA Members and Friends:**



*From all of us to all of you  
Happy Easter!!!!*

*Misia Jaminski, President  
Donna Skurski, Vice President  
Daniel Smela, Secretary  
Monica Pazdziora, Treasurer  
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Edziu Rajtar, Festival 2013 Liaison*

## **PFDAF Festival 2013 Registration Date Extended - April 05, 2013**

The registration date for the PFDAF festival in Minnesota this summer (**July 13-20, 2013**) has been extended to **April 05, 2013**. When filling out your restoration forms and sending them by mail, please remember to also email us at [pfdaf30@gmail.com](mailto:pfdaf30@gmail.com) to notify us that they are on the way.

Also please remember to "like" The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas community page on Facebook and watch for clues and facts throughout the next few months pertaining to your invite package!

Please join us in celebrating PFDAF's 30th Anniversary year!

For more details about the festival please remember to continue to check the festival website:

<http://www.Dolina.org/PFDAF2013> & the <http://www.PFDAF.org> website.

### **PFDAF 30<sup>th</sup> DVD**

- The PFDAF will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary in 2013. In commemoration of the anniversary, the Board of Directors has decided to prepare a dvd that will include clips of and from our Ensembles. Please email a slideshow of photos or video clips (up to 10 minutes in duration) of your ensemble to Konrad Wiêcek, [lechici@aol.com](mailto:lechici@aol.com).
- Whereby we don't want to limit you in what to include, here are some ideas:
- --how the PFDAF has impacted your ensemble (new materials, new friends, new contacts, marriages, etc.)
- --how your ensemble looked when it joined the PFDAF and how it looks now
- --interviews with dancers sharing their best memories of a PFDAF festival or event
- --a video clip of your favorite suite you presented at a PFDAF festival or event
- Feel free to be creative.
- **Submissions are requested to be in by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. For more information or questions please contact Konrad Wiêcek, at [lechici@aol.com](mailto:lechici@aol.com)**

## **NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT**

Elections for the PFDAA board are tentatively scheduled to take place this summer during the PFDAA festival in Minnesota. Nominations for the board can be sent via email to [pfdaa@sasktel.net](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net) or by mail to 5143 Boswell Cres, Regina, Sask. S4X 4S4, Canada. Nominations will be accepted from April 15th till June 15th 2013. Following the 15<sup>th</sup> nominees will be contacted to determine if they will accept or decline the nomination. A list of final candidates will be posted on the PFDAA website at the end of June and elections will take place at the festival. For those groups not attending the festival, they may exercise their right to vote via proxy by filing out the attached form.

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

## **PFDAA Choreographer project**

Are you or is someone you know a choreographer specializing in a region of Polish folk dancing? If so, we would like to add you to the PFDAA North American Choreographer's contact list. The PFDAA choreographer list is comprised of a list of individuals who have completed a choreographer course in Poland, or is a recognized choreographer, specializing in Polish Folk Dancing. The purpose of the list is to be able to provide members of the PFDAA with options of hiring "local" talent, when it isn't always possible to bring in choreographers from Poland. So if you're a choreographer and you would like to add your name to the list, please fill out the attached form and submitted it to [pfdaa@sasktel.net](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net).

## **SEMINAR FOR CHOREOGRAPHERS Rzeszow - July 7 – 28, 2013**

Offered by Wspolnota Polska will be taking place in Rzeszow from July 7th to July 28 2013. Full details can be found in Polish at <http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/> but here is a short list of the requirements:

- Candidates must be 18 years old,
- Have danced for at least 5 years.
- Maximum 2 members from each group
- Cost for attending the course is responsibility of the student

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

PFDA member group Cracovia from London, Ontario will be hosting their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Festiwal Folklorystyczne. This one day event will take place on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> and will showcase several different Polish folk dancing ensembles. For more information or questions please contact Hedy Orłowski at [h.orlowski@hotmail.com](mailto:h.orlowski@hotmail.com).

## **PFDA welcomes the following new members to the PFDA:**

### ***Pogoria Polish Folk Ensemble - Sydney, Nova Scotia Canada***

The Pogoria Polish Folk Ensemble was formed in 2003 in association with the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary's Polish Church in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Over the last 10 years Pogoria has participated in numerous workshops, and has performed at numerous local multicultural festivals. Pogoria is part of the Polish Cultural Association of Cape Breton whose mandate is to preserve and promote Polish culture.

### ***Polanie Polish Folk Dance Group – Bridgeport, Connecticut USA***

“Polanie” – Polish Folk Song and Dance Group originated in 2006, thanks to the group of people connected through a shared passion: “Love of Polish folk culture “

The mission of the “Polanie” group is to preserve and popularize the rich folklore of Poland which is expressed through dance, songs and colorful and authentic costumes.

Presently the ensemble consists of 70 members that include a 4 dancing groups, folk band and singers. The success of the “Polanie” – Polish Folk Songs and Dance Group is the fruit of enthusiastic and selfless work of the group leaders, its members and parents.

### ***Zatanczmy – Cleveland, Ohio USA***

Zatanczmy was formed in 2009 and is an umbrella of the different Polish danced groups located in OH & Eric, PA. Zatanczmy goal is to promote the culture & heritage of Poland within Cleveland, Ohio .

**The PFDAА would like to congratulate** Lisa Florczak instructor of PFDAА member group Polish Folk Ensemble from Buffalo NY, with her recent award of Citizen of the Year, humanitarian by the AM Pol Eagle Newspaper. Over the past decade Lisa has been instrumental in helping others with the adoption of children from Poland, her hard work and dedication to this process as been felt by many families. Congrats Lisa!

### **Polish Folk Dancing Festivals**

Recently one of our member groups came up with a great idea for the PFDAА website, they suggested that we put together a list of annual Polish Folk Dancing festivals across the US and Canada so member groups could increase performance opportunities and contacts. So if you know of a annual polish folk dancing festivals or maybe host one please send us the information or link and we will get started on this project.

### **PFDAА Website Update**

Currently the PFDAА is updating its website and requests all member groups to send in their group logo along with 2 two 3 pictures. Please send your logos & photos to [jerry@pfdaa.org](mailto:jerry@pfdaa.org). Lastly if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know, this is your site so your input is needed.

### **New online PFDAА Membership Renewal payment option:**

There is now a new way to renew your PFDAА membership fees yearly. We recently upgraded our website to accept secure online payments, as many groups in the past have asked for an easier way to pay their annual membership fee. Please note that groups can still continue to mail in their renewal fees if they wish as in the past, for those groups that are interested in using the new online option please follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to the PFDAА website: [www.pfdaa.org](http://www.pfdaa.org)
2. Click on the Donate button at the bottom of the webpage:



3. The following secure payment page will be displayed:

**Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.**

Please enter your donation amount and click **Update Total**.

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
PFDA	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$
		\$0.00 USD

**Update Total**

Pay with Credit Card or Log In

Country:

First Name:

Last Name:

Credit Card Number:

Payment Type:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Expiration Date:  /

Billing Address Line 1:

Billing Address Line 2:

City:

**PayPal**

ALREADY HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT?

Email:

Password:

**Log In**

[Forgot your email address or password?](#)

4. Then enter in your membership fees for the year \$35.00USD (please note those groups paying their membership fees online there is **5%** service charge to cover the cost of the online transaction charged to us by the vendor). Please add this service charge to the \$35.00 membership fee when making payment.
5. Next click on the update total button and wait for the webpage to refresh.
6. Next choose your method of secure online payment (credit card or PayPal account).
7. Once an payment option is chosen and submitted you will be taken to the next screen:

**Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.**

Daniel, please review your donation

**PayPal**

To complete your payment, review the details below and click **Donate**.

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
PFDA	\$35.00	\$35.00
<b>Add special instructions to the seller</b>		
<input type="text" value="PFDA Membership Renewal for Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, Regina, Canada"/>		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$35.00 USD</b>

8. Once the page loads please enter comments into the special instructions section as follows:

- i. Group Name , City, Country
- ii. Group Contact – email address, phone number
- iii. Payment reason: Renewal Fees for 2012

9. If you have any questions about the online payment option please contact PFDAA Treasure @ monicapaz@ymail.com

Membership fee renewal can still be submitted by post if you prefer. Please send your membership renewal of \$35.00 USD to:

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

### 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](mailto: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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