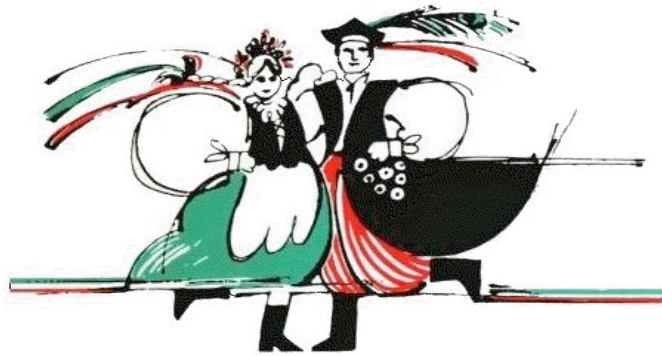


The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2014

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:

Spring is on its way, which for most of us means the busy time of year as we all start to put the final touches on our dances and prepare for those big performances. I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous spring and Happy Easter from all of us to all of you.

POLISH FEST 2014 - MILWAUKEE WI - PFDA GALA JUNE 14, 2014

The PFDA will be hosting a Gala concert featuring PFDA Members at this year's Polish Fest in Milwaukee on Saturday June 14, 2014. Polish Fest has been showcasing countless aspects of Polish culture and entertainment for the past 33 years and is one of the largest Polish Festivals in America. Any and all PFDA ensembles that are interested in participating in the GALA please let us know by sending us an email by May 15th 2014 at pfdaa@sasktel.net to reserve your spot on stage.

6th ANNUAL TWIN CITIES POLISH FESTIVAL - Aug 9-10, 2014

The Twin Cities Polish Festival is looking for folk dance groups, musicians, choir & children's performers to participate in this year's festival. Enjoy a beautiful weekend in Minneapolis along the banks of the Mississippi while helping preserve and promote the Polish culture.

Interested parties should contact: information@tccpolishfestival.org

Check out our website at www.tccpolishfestival.org

RZESZOW FESTIVAL UPDATE

On March 1st, 2014 Wspolnota Polska notified groups of their acceptance to the festival this summer and the following PFDA Member groups were accepted:

Country	Group
KANADA - London	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „CRACOVIA”
KANADA - Winnipeg	Zespół taneczny S.P.K., „ISKRY”
KANADA - Kitchener	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „KUJAWIACY”
KANADA - Edmonton	„ŁOWICZ” Polonijny Zespół Folklorystyczny
KANADA - Regina	„POLONIA” Polska Ludowa Grupa Taneczna
KANADA - Windsor	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „TATRY”
USA - Minneapolis	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „DOLINA”
USA-Los Angeles-Kalifornia	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „KRAKUSY”
USA - Chicago	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „LAJKONIK”
USA - Chicago	Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „POLONIA” - Chicago
USA- Brooklyn	Polsko-Amerykański Zespół Folklorystyczny
USA - Chicago	Reprezentacyjny Zespół Folklorystyczny „WESOŁY LUD”
USA - Chicago	WICI Teatr Pieśni i Tańca

For more information about the festival and the rules and regulations please check out their webpage:
<http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl>

PFDA PRE/POST TOUR

In early January of 2014 a letter of interest went out to all PFDA member groups to see if there would be any interest in taking part in a PFDA sponsored pre/post tour of the Rzeszow festival. Unfortunately for one reason or another we were not able to garnish enough interest to make it a possibility so there will be no pre/post tour of the Rzeszow festival in 2014.

4 YR CHOREOGRAPHERS COURSE - University Of Rzeszow, Poland

The choreographer's course has resumed for years 1, 2 & 4. In 2013, due to severe financial constraints only training was held for the 3rd and 4th year students and therefore there is 3rd year offered this summer. If anyone is interested in attending the course please submit applications for the I, II, III and IV year 4-year-old Polish study of Choreography, which will take place within a period of 6-26 July.

For more information and registration application, please visit their website
<http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/pl/studium-dla-choreografow/6/>

LOWICZANIE IN THE NEWS

"The Polish Society of California (Polish National Alliance [PNA] Lodge 7) Remembering and Celebrating the San Francisco Polish Patriots of 1863:150 Years of the Polish Society of California ("From Pioneers to Silicon Valley") Please see attached link for more information:
www.polishclubsf.org/Zgoda.pdf"

THE VARIA POLISH LANGUAGE CENTER

A special offer aimed at the people interested in Polish language and Polish culture - two weeks in Krakow with Polish language, cultural program and accommodations.

For more information please look at website: <http://www.varia-course.com/> or contact

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PitR 2014 is now accepting applications!



On the 10th anniversary of the symposium's debut, Poland in the Rockies is returning to Western Canada's most beautiful classroom. The ten-day program will be held from July 24 until Aug. 3 at the Banff Park Lodge in Banff and applications are being accepted until April 30.

PitR is designed with the intent of engaging post-secondary students and graduates, but the broader purpose is to foster a culture of life-long learning. Learners of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in deepening their knowledge of Polish history and culture are encouraged to apply. Qualified applicants will be fully funded provided they can provide their own transportation to Calgary Alberta.

For more information email us at info@polandintherockies.com and for news about this year's program log on to www.polandintherockies.com

Please forward this to students, young professionals and anyone else that may be interested in attending a ten-day seminar on Polish history, culture and modern Poland.

PFDAА SOCIAL MEDIA

As of late the PFDAА has been working to establish a more prevalent social media identity. By inviting our member groups to "like" our Facebook page as well as contribute, we are hoping to share news and events from across North America with every group within the PFDAА. We are also interested in creating a roster for the board to use as a reference. In August 2013 an e-mail was sent to every member group requesting their social media information, including whether or not they have a Facebook/Twitter page as well as what their upcoming events were. Though a few groups responded, the overwhelming majority did not. If you would like to contribute at any time to the PFDAА Facebook or share your current information (Facebook, Twitter or Website) please notify Corinne Lasek at corinnelasek@gmail.com

POLISH COSTUMES FOR SALE

The PFDAА has been approached to post the following article regarding the sale of Polish costumes. Paul Root is looking to sell a collection of costumes originally collected by his aunt throughout the 1970's & 80's that were used in exhibits and various Polish Heritage events in and around Syracuse, NY. If you are interested in purchasing any of costumes listed below please contact Paul directly to work out all the details. Paul can be contacted at the following email address: paul.root@wellpoint.com

Costume Available For Purchase:

- Women's Goral costumes (vests, blouse, skirts and kierpce)
- Men's Goral costumes (Belts, pants, hats, kierpce and pins)
- Women's Krakowiak costumes (Vest, apron, blouses, beads, and headpieces)
- Men's Krakowiak costumes (Jackets, pants, belts, hats and shirts)
- Men's Nowy Sacz pants and jackets
- Women's Nowy Sacz complete costumes
- Krzanowski costumes
- Wielopolska costumes
- Rzeszowski costumes
- Lowicz costumes
- Biala Podlaska costumes
- Kujawy costumes
- Kontusz costumes
- Slask costumes

MEMBER GROUP'S ANNIVERSARY DATABASE

The PFDAА currently has a project underway to collect all dance groups' anniversary dates for its records. We ask you to please send the following info: Please send your information to dntskur@aol.com

- Name of Group
- Date of Establishment

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. Lastly if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know, this is your site so your input is needed.

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 dntskur@aol.com and it will be published in our next newsletter. Newsletters are published every 4 months (March, June, Sept, and December).

IN MEMORY OF



Anna E.

PFDAА extends their deepest condolences to the family of Edziu Rajtar, Director of the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers, Minneapolis, MN, current Treasurer and past President of the Association, on the passing of his beloved wife of 25 years, Anna.

Anna age 56, was born in Lublin, Poland, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2014. She was the mother of two beautiful daughters, Karina and Kaja. Anna was the director of the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Saturday School, member of the Polanie Club; and worked in radiology at Abbott Northwestern where she was loved by her patients and co-workers alike. Also during the late 70's to mid 80's she was the 3rd yr 'Opiekunka' for the choreographers course held in Lublin.

2014 ANNUAL PFDAА DUES

Group members are asked to send in their Annual Dues of \$35 and any past dues to our Treasurer:

Edziu Rajtar
2239 Stinson Blvd NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Or you can submit your dues our New online PFDAА Membership Renewal payment option. 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
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	\$	\$
		\$0.00 USD

Update Total

Pay with Credit Card or Log In

Country: United States

First Name:

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ALREADY HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT?

Email:

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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

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

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
PFDA	\$35.00	\$35.00
Add special instructions to the seller		
PFDA Membership Renewal for Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, Regina, Canada		
Total:		\$35.00 USD

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 2013

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