



September 28, 2008

To the Members of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.:

### **PFDA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

The PFDA is also looking at putting together an Commemorative DVD of the Past 25 Years, but to make this possible we are asking member groups to submit, pictures from Past Festivals, newspaper clippings, stories and current group pictures to the following email address:

[anniversary@pfdaa.org](mailto:anniversary@pfdaa.org)

### **25th Anniversary T-shirt Order:**

The PFDA would like to congratulate Jaroslaw Wiazowski the winner of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt contest and winner of the Apple 1Gig iPod and free T-shirt.

T-shirts can be ordered by emailing [pfdaa@sasktel.net](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net) prices are \$10.00 (USD) including shipping per T-Shirt. Please go on line to view the images of the front and back of the T-Shirt. We ask that one contact from each group gather all the orders and send them in as a group. T-shirts will be sent out as one big order to each group contact and then groups can distribute the orders to their members. All orders and money must be in my November 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. Please see attached Order Form:

### **The PFDA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The PFDA held a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Poland this summer. Poland was as beautiful as ever, although considerably more expensive than in past years. It was great to see all of our friends from the other groups especially our PFDA members. All of the PFDA groups did a fantastic job throughout the week in Rzeszow and in their gala performances. On Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> the Directors from the participating groups were invited to a celebratory dinner and delicious tort at the Bohema restaurant. It was wonderful to see Patrick Hotkowski and Mary Kay Stuvland again (2 of the 7 founding members of PFDA). Talking to them brought back so many memories of the past twenty five years. Pictured below are 5 of the 7 founding members who were in attendance. For more photos from the dinner celebration, please go to the Picture Gallery on the PFDA web site. I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Daniel Smela and Conrad Wiecek for their hard work in organizing this event.

We are currently firming up details for our luncheon here in the U.S. Since many of you have mentioned that you would be attending the Polish American Folk Dance Company's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert the board has decided that it would be an excellent idea to have a luncheon on Sunday at one of New York's fine restaurants. We are also looking into hotels in

the vicinity that may be willing to give us a discount rate. More details to follow. I hope to see you in New York.



(Left to Right: Lenny Pierce, Mary Kay Stuvland, Patrick Hotkowski, Misia Jaminski, Tom & Donna Skurski)

### **13<sup>th</sup> World Polish Folk Dancing Festival Rzeszow Poland:**

The Rzeszow Festival was on July 16-24, 2008 and was a great success. The following eight PFDAA Member Groups attended this year's festival. We ask all member groups who attended Poland to please send in 5 group pictures from the festival and 5 group pictures in and about Poland to [nikapaz@yahoo.com](mailto:nikapaz@yahoo.com) to be posted on the PFDAA website.

### **PFDAA MEMBER GROUPS:**

1. KRAKOWIAK POLISH DANCERS OF BOSTON - Boston, MA (USA)
2. KRAKUSY POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE - Los Angeles, CA (USA)
3. KUJAWIACY POLISH SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE - Elmira, ON (CAN)
4. POLANIE POLISH SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE - Calgary, AB (CAN)
5. POLONEZ POLISH FOLD ARTS ENSEMBLE - Edmonton, AB (CAN)
6. TATRY – Windsor Canada
7. WAWEL FOLK ENSEMBLE - Detroit, MI (USA)
8. WESOLY LUD POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE OF PRCUA - Chicago, IL (USA) –
9. WICI SONG AND DANCE COMPANY - Chicago, IL (USA)

## Membership News:

### PFDAA Website:

The PFDAA website has a new look we invite members to check it out and if something is missing or if you have any questions let us know. [www.pfdaa.org](http://www.pfdaa.org)

**The PFDAA Board and Members** thoughts are with Richard Jaminski and family and wish him a speedy and healthy recovery after his recent accident this past week.

### The PFDAA welcomes “Wianek Polish Dance Group” to the Membership.

History of the Group:

The group was formed in November 2006 to foster Polish culture through dance and song. 30 members of the assembly range from 4 - 13 years old; from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Maciej Feret is the artistic director. Wianek performed at St. Adalbert "Oplatek", "Polish Night" Polish Heritage Festival, PNC Bank Center in New Jersey, Holy Cross Polish Festival and "Polish Night" at Eisenhower Park. The group also participates in other events supporting the local community.

Currently members are participating in dance workshops conducted by members of Mazowsze and sponsored by the Polish American Dance Company

**Polish Falcon's** -- is going to host a National Folk Workshop -- **October 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> 2008** for more details or questions please contact: Marian E. Hansen at: [mhansen4@wi.rr.com](mailto:mhansen4@wi.rr.com). The Polish Falcons are also looking for books in English written about Polish Carnival and/or any pictures of costumes worn for Polish Carnival.

**The PFDAA Congratulates “Polish American Folk Dance Company” on their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** The PAFDC will be hosting a 70th anniversary concert at Symphony Space, on November 15th, 2008 in Manhattan, NYC. For more information please contact Gosia at: [Gosia00@gmail.com](mailto:Gosia00@gmail.com)

### Archives:

I would like to personally thank Stanly Pelc for his donation of a 36 slide set of Polish costumes for the PFDAA archives. I am looking to convert these to photos and post them on the web site for permanent reference. Since most of our archives are in paper form one of my priorities is to convert them to electronic files to make them more accessible to our membership. We are still trying to locate some of our past archive materials. If anyone has anything that you think should be archived please send it to me at:

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**PFDAA Yearly Membership Fees for 2008 are due below is a list of paid members:**

- Dolina Polish Folk Dancers
- Echoes of Poland Song & Dance Ensemble
- Harmony Polish Folk Ensemble
- Hejnal Polish-American Dancers of Long Island
- Janosik Dancers
- Krakowiacy
- Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
- Kujawicy Polish Song & Dance Ensemble
- Lajkonik Dancing Group
- Lechici Dancers, P.Y.A.
- Lowiczanie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
- Marek Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
- Michas Polish Dance Group
- Polanie Polish Song & Dance Ensemble
- Polish Falcons District II
- Polish Heritage Dancers
- Polish American Folk Dance Company
- Polish Intercollegiate Club of Philadelphia - PKM
- Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Regina
- Polonia Song & Dance Ensemble
- Polonez Polish Folk Arts Ensemble
- Tatry Song & Dance Ensemble
- Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
- Wawel Folk Ensemble
- Wianek Polish Dance Group
- Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of PRCUA

If your groups name is not listed above please send a cheque for \$35.00 USD to:

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

**New and Used Costumes for Sale:**

Harmony Polish Folk Ensemble is looking to purchase adult men's and women's Krakowski vests and skirts? Anyone with information should please call (716) 228-1879 or email [manya@harmonypfe.org](mailto:manya@harmonypfe.org).

Song and Dance Ensemble "Tatry", Windsor, Canada is looking to purchase used (in a good shape) 8 zwieckie ladies' costumes. Please contact Barbara Koczwarra at [evoloshenko@yandex.ru](mailto:evoloshenko@yandex.ru)

Polish Falcon's dance group is looking for female size 16 Polish costume from the region of Bambiński, and is wondering where they can purchase a CD / music of Mazowsze Concert of last year's US Tour. Please contact: Marian E. Hansen at: [mhansen4@wi.rr.com](mailto:mhansen4@wi.rr.com)

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](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net) and it will be published in our next newsletter. Newsletters are published every 3 months (January, April, July and October).



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