

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter 2011

15th World Polish Folk Dancing Festival Rzeszow Poland:

The Rzeszow Festival was on July 21-28, 2011 and was a great success. The following PFDA Member Groups attended this year's festival.

PFDA MEMBER GROUPS:

Dolina Polish Folk Dancers – Minnesota USA
Iskry Polish Folk Dance Ensemble – Winnipeg, Canada
Lajkonik Dancing Group- Chicago, USA
Lowiczanie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble – San Francisco, USA
Lowicz Polish Folklore Ensemble, Edmonton, Canada
Polanie Polish Song & Dance Ensemble - Calgary, Canada
Polish American Folk Dance Company – New York, USA
Wawel Folk Ensemble- Detroit, USA
Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of PRCUA- Chicago, USA

PFDA Reception – Poland 2011

This past summer was a great experience for 43 groups from around the country who took part in the 15th International Festival of Polish Folk Ensembles in Rzeszow, Poland hosted by Rzeszowski Oddzial Stowarzyszenie “Wspolnota Polska”. From the time the groups arrived until the Gala

performance our schedules were exciting and challenging, but rewarding and memorable.

PFDAAs group directors were able to find time on Monday evening, to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company. Misia, PFDAAs President, did an outstanding job in planning a wonderful evening at the Hotel "ISKRA" walking distance from the dorms of the Polytechnic Institute of Rzeszow where the Festival participants were housed. Present were PFDAAs MEMBERS: Edziu Rajtar from Dolina (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN); Halina Misterka and Malgorzata Lyda from Lajkonik (Chicago, IL); Ela Kapica from Lowicz (Edmonton, CAN); Mary Kay Stuvland and Majka Suroz from Lowiczanie (San Francisco, CA); Konrad Kasperek and Mary Smigielski from Podhale (Montreal, CAN); Mariusz Bernatowicz and Margaret Pasanowic from PAFDC - Polish American Folk Dance Company (Brooklyn, NY); Danusia Misthal from PKM - Polish Intercollegiate Club (Philadelphia, PA); Donna and Tom Skurski from Wawel (Detroit, MI); Misia and Richard Jaminski from Wesoly Lud (Chicago, IL). We were honored to host the following guests: Mr. Mariusz Grudzien, Director of the Rzeszow Festival; Mr. Joseph Drobot, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) and his wife, Judith; Mrs. Anna Sokolowski, Vice President of PRCUA and her husband, Mark.

The evening began with Misia thanking everyone for coming. Each guest then introduced themselves and the group they represent. For some, this was the first time they had met anyone from the Association in person. The evening was filled with new friendships being made, and catching up on news of others groups. A fun and relaxing evening was enjoyed by all.

This was the 3rd reception that PFDAAs sponsored while attending the Festival in Poland.

Donna Skurski, Vice President PFDAAs



PFDAA PRE TOUR 2011

Dolina Polish Folk Dancers of Minnesota, USA and Wesoly Lud of Chicago, USA took part in the PFDAA Performing Pre Tour 2011. The tour commenced on July 13 – 20, the seven action packed days involved performances in: Budapest, Myslenice & Tarnow. Each day of the tour was broken up into sight seeing during the day and performances in the evening. During the day the groups took part in various sight seeing activities through out the tour and in the evenings the ensembles put on performances in each of the towns and were welcomed by enthusiastic crowds, which cheered them on as they performed. The Pre Tour 2011 turned out to be a great success thanks to Edziu Rajtar who planned and organized the entire tour. Both groups enjoyed themselves on and off stage and look forward to another Pre Tour in the near future.

Future PFDAA Event – Opinion Required

The PFDAA Board has been busy thinking about the next PFDAA sponsored event. In the past, traditionally the PFDAA has hosted a festival every three years, usually the year or two before the festival in Poland. The last PFDAA festival was hosted in Regina, Canada in 2010 and in Chicago, USA 2007. The PFDAA board wants to hear from you, is your group interested in hosting the next PFDAA Festival in 2012 or 2013?

The PFDAA Board also wants to hear back from the memberships on what they think about of the festivals. Do we change things up or leave them the way they are: with performances, workshops and site seeing all mixed together? Are they too long too short what would you like to see? Let us know so we can better serve you and your group, email us at pfdaa@sasktel.net.

PFDAA Yearly Membership Fees for 2011 are due!!!!

If you haven't already sent in you membership dues for this year please send them to Monica.

Please send a check in the amount of \$35.00 USD to:

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

New and Used Costumes for Sale

If you have costumes you want to sell or are looking for a set of costumes let the PFDAA 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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