



August 14, 2006

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

### **POLISH FEST IN MILWAUKEE**

Held from June 23-25 this year, Milwaukee's Polish Fest boasts being the largest Polish festival in the US and celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. Almost all of the ensembles in the Midwest (and not only) have performed there at one time or another, and the Gala for Festival 2000 was held there, the Association has continued presenting a Gala each year. Seven PFDAА ensembles participated in this year's Gala, which was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>: Dolina (Twin Cities, MN), Lajkonik of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission (Chicago, IL), Lechici of the PYA (Chicago, IL), Syrena (Milwaukee, WI), Wawel (Detroit, MI), Wesoly Lud of the PRCUA (Orland Park, IL) and Wici of the PNA (Chicago, IL). The Polish Falcons of Milwaukee, WI also joined us this year and we hope to see them and others at future Festivals. The PFDAА Gala was once again very popular, and was received by a standing-room-only (and very enthusiastic) crowd, which cheered on each of the ensembles as they performed. And in addition to the audience enjoying themselves, as did the performers, both on and off stage....as usual for the performers it was not only an opportunity to perform but also a chance to get together with friends from other cities and have some fun.

**Membership:**

The PFDAA sends its condolences to the family of Michael Skalinski. Mike passed away on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2006. Mike danced with Polanie Polish Song and Dance Association in Calgary AB and was very involved with the group and will be dearly missed.

Congratulation to Patti Czerski, the new Artistic Director of Polanie, Calgary.

The PFDAA would like to welcome Iskry (Winnipeg, MB) back into the Association,

Congratulations to the following Ensembles Anniversaries:

Wawel (Detroit, MI)—40<sup>th</sup> with a Gala concert on 3 December 2005

Lajkonik (Chicago, IL)--15<sup>th</sup> in May of this year with a gala concert and ball following

Krakusy (Los Angeles, CA)—50<sup>th</sup> on May 20 with a Gala concert.

Lechici (Chicago, IL) will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> in the Autumn

Krakowiak (Boston, MA) and PAFDC (New York, NY) held a joint concert in Brockton, MA on May 13.

If your ensemble celebrated a special event that you feel is worth mentioning, let us know so that we can inform other ensembles throughout the Association

**Elections:**

Pursuant to the Association's Bylaws, elections are to be held each three years, to coincide with the Festival. No Festival was held this year, due to the fact that there were no takers to host it. At the Board of Directors meeting held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to survey the membership to extend the terms of office of the Board. It was also decided to vote through the PFDAA website. Please check the website for details.

**Website:**

Please check the PFDA website ([www.pfdaa.org](http://www.pfdaa.org)) for current information and for our activities. We are planning on adding some things onto it, so you may see something new on it. Please also let the webmaster ([nikapaz@yahoo.com](mailto:nikapaz@yahoo.com)) know if any of its content is outdated (like the link to your ensemble's website).

**Festivals:**

Tatry (Windsor) is holding a Polish Week in October. The following PFDA ensembles will also be participating: Krakowiak (Boston), Lechici (Chicago), Syrena from Milwaukee and Kujawiacy (Kitchener).

The PFDA is planning on hosting a North American Festival in 2007!!! Groups interested in attending please contact Misia @ [mrjaminski@comcast.net](mailto:mrjaminski@comcast.net) . Check the website for details in case you cannot wait for the mailing. More information should be forthcoming as summer comes to an end.

**Dues:**

Please be sure your dues are current. You may need to pay a higher cost per person at the Festival if your dues are not paid up. If you are not sure of your group's status please email Donna Skurski @ [dntskur@aol.com](mailto:dntskur@aol.com).

For any upcoming events or news please check our website [www.pfdaa.org](http://www.pfdaa.org)

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