

## More than 500 Enjoy Spectacular 1988

# *International Polonaise Ball*

Every year the beautiful Polonaise Ball grows more dazzling, more glamorous. Each Ball seems to surpass the previous one, and each year's hard-working committees' endeavors have been crowned with even greater success. This was an inspired year for the Ball.

The glittering pink and gold ballroom of the Fountainsbleau Hilton was the setting for an assemblage of Old World aristocracy and Florida and U.S. celebrities. Many of our past balls had titled guests; but this year was especially designed to honor the aristocratic families of Poland and the Royal House of Sweden. Honored guest was Prince Antoni Radziwill, a descendant of one of the most distinguished families in Polish history and his wife, Princess Roza, nee Czartoryska (a descendant of King Wladyslaw Jagiello).

Our other honored guests, Prince Sigvard and Princess Marianne Bernadotte represented the Royal House of Sweden, whose history includes the marriage of Catherine Jagiello, Princess of Poland, to John III Vasa, King of Sweden, thus forming the Vasa Dynasty on the Polish throne (1568-1668). The princes were joined by Count and Countess Eric de Lewenhaupt who are also related to the Swedish Royal House. Other European nobility present were Princess Lada Shuiski, Baron Vladimir Reisky de Dubnic and Count Guillermo de Malapert.

Co-chairing the Ball was the Christopher Columbus Discovery Foundation represented by Bruno



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel (at right) with her honored guests, (L-R) Count Eric de Lewenhaupt, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Countess Alexandra de Lewenhaupt.

Carnesella. This organization has been formed to assist in the 1992 Miami celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the landing of Columbus in the Caribbean.

During the cocktail party, elegant evening fashions for men were presented by Franco Burini and ladies fashions by Luppe Zeguiera. The showing of evening jewelry by Richard Postrel and the fabulous cocktail party was generously underwritten by Dr. and Mrs. Januariusz Styperek.

Other generous donors included Mrs. Robert Z. Greene (Nancy), Col. and Mrs. Milton Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Dzienkowski, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak of Progressive American Tours, Col. and Mrs. Charles McKeehan, Mrs. Edna-Gene Davidson, Mrs. Ande Lippen, Mrs. Magda Sambor of Estate Wines of Coral Gables, Mr.



(L-R) Mrs. Peggy Saaf, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak and Princess Lada Shuiski

Peter Bordeaux of Sazerac Company of New Orleans and many others.

Prominent among the assembled were Congressman Robert Barry, Belgian Consul Gui Goveart, Consul of Mexico Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez Mayans, Mr. Leslie and Dr. Sarah Jastak-Burgess of the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York, Mr. Mitchell Kobelinski, former Chief of the Small Business Administration during President Carter's administration, Mr. Boleslaw





Like the royal courts of centuries past, the elegant Polonaise procession begins....



Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Kobelinski with their son and daughter-in-law



(L-R) Mrs. Lena McGinnis, Mrs. Magdalena Sambor, the Hon. Patrick McGinnis

Laszewski, editor of the "Polish Daily News" in New York, Mrs. Wanda Tomczykowska, founder and president of the Polish Arts and Culture Foundation of San Francisco, Mr. Jan Gorbaty renowned pianist and President of the Chopin Foundation in New York and Count Henryk de Kwiatkowski who was guest of honor at the 1986 Polonaise Ball.

The guests admired the deco-

rations, especially a magnificent Polish eagle made of ostrich feathers on the background of shimmering pink streamers. Ostrich feathers, as always, figured prominently in the decor; their fluttering plumes adorned with orchids formed gorgeous centerpieces for the pink-draped tables. Fanfares of the orchestra announced the appearance of the Master of Ceremonies, Tadeusz

Delekta, who proclaimed, "Ladies and Gentlemen, la Polonaise!"

The courtly group performing the traditional Polonaise parade was headed by Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Prince Antoni Radziwill. Baron Vladimir Reisky de Dubnic followed with Princess Roza Radziwill and other distinguished guests. This beautifully choreographed dance met, as always, with



an enthusiastic response from the audience. After an elaborate banquet, Mr. Shmul Fershko played a medley of international songs, and accompanied Lady Blanka as she sang her haunting love songs. Lady Blanka then surprised her guests by introducing Mrs. Tania Logan, who was outstanding in her vocal interpretation of two operatic arias.

An impressive collection of gifts had been donated for door and raffle prizes. From champagne baskets and restaurant dinners to a holiday weekend for two at Blandemar, (Lady Blanka's Virginia farm), and great works of art donated by Ivan Naliwajko and Baron Seppe Dobronyi.



(L-R) Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Henryk de Kwiatkowski, Mrs. Anna Gluski, Mr. John Gluski.



Mrs. Rose Friedland, Lady Pauline Kostuik, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Frank.



The beautiful voice of Mrs. Tania Longo and the talented playing of Mr. Shmul Fershko entertained the guests.

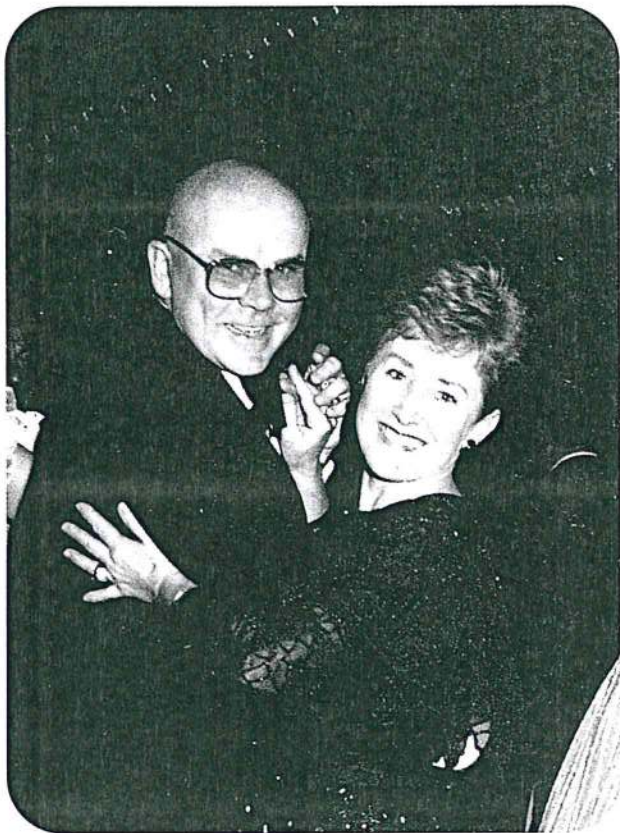


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Lady Blanka and Mr. Mitchell Wolfson show a plaque presented to her by Mr. Bruno Carnesella, chairman of the Christopher Columbus Discovery Foundation



Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell Dauer



Judge and Mrs. George Swann



Consul General of Mexico and Mrs. Fernando Sanchez-Mayans



(L-R) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dudley Landrum, Mrs. Edna Gene Davidson, Mr. J. Robinson, Prince and Princess Antoni Radziwill





An elegant jewelry show enlivened the cocktail party



Mr. Franco Burini and his models showed men's evening wear



Lady Blanka with Baron Vladimir Reisky de Dubnic



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jastak-Burgess



Mr. Tadeusz Delekta and Countess Astrid de Grabowski



Mrs. Ande Lippen and Mr. Tom Fesler

As the society columnist from the "Post" said, "The atmosphere of the evening was charged with excitement and happiness, culminating in an impromptu Grand Polonaise, danced by almost all of the guests present ... It is doubtful that anyone can duplicate this International Polonaise Ball again".

This is high praise indeed, but as our able and industrious committee starts work again for the 1989 celebration, we do not doubt that it will be even better.

Did you know that the International Polonaise Ball will celebrate its 17th Anniversary on January 28th 1989 and that it was held for that many years always on the same date: the last Saturday of January? Now, that helpful hint will help you plan for future balls!