

# The International



*(L-R) Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Princess Marianne, Lady Blanka, Duchess Gersende d'Orleans, Princess Aline Czartoryski, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, Prince Karol Czartoryski and Sir Julian Kulski*

The Fountainebleau Hilton was the site of yet another successful Polonaise Ball. Can you believe this was our Nineteenth Anniversary?

The Fountainebleau ballroom was filled with anticipation as guests strolled through an elegant long hall toward the ballroom which was decorated in a profusion of "fantasy pink." The scene was reminiscent of a grand ball at Versailles in days of old.

Upon entering the ballroom, guests were engulfed by pink lights, pink festoons, and pink feather balls. On each table stood elegant candelabras with dozens of two-foot long candles. Thousands of colorful pink peonies, cherry blossoms and white freesias on high silver stands crested a canopy over seated guests. The mood-setting melodies of the Michael Longo orchestra punctuated the regal ambiance.

The focal point of the room, as in previous years, was an impressive white feathered eagle with the "traditional" gold crown. The crown is symbolic of a free Poland (you might remember that the Polish Eagle during the communist occupation did not wear a crown!). Tall live trees decorated with white



*(L-R) Sir Julian Kulski, Marjorie Serralles and Waldemar Dowiak*



*Standing: Karl Heinz Huth and Sigrid Seidell  
Seated: Prince Sigvard and Lady Blanka*



*(L-R) Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling  
and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dooley*



# Polonaise Ball

lights engulfed the ballroom, it was, as usual, the AIPC's International Polonaise Ball at its very best!

The ball was preceded by a cocktail hour during which evening gowns were shown by four models, among them we could see our lovely Ewa Roycewicz - we think she is the most elegant! The dresses, all fabulous evening wear, were the creation of the famous fashion designer Raoul Arango.

The Master of Ceremonies, Bruno Carnesella, opened the ball with a reading of a very warm message from President Bush addressed to Lady Blanka as Chairperson of the ball.

Then 20 distinguished couples and Royal guests were called out to participate in the traditional Polonaise Dance. One couple after the other bowed while introduced. Among the dancers were ... Mrs. Gina Janiga and Waldemar Dowiak, Mrs. Mercedes Ferre and Honorable Maurice Ferre, Princess Aline Czartoryski and Sir Julian Kulski, Princess Marianne Bernadotte with Baron Vladimir Reisky de Dubnic, Duchess Gersende D'Orleans

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*(L-R) Lady Blanka, Prince Sigvard, Duchess d'Orleans and Prince Karol Czartoryski leading the Polonaise dance*



*Mayor Alex Daoud and Loretta Swit*



*(L-R) Stephanie Germack, Countess Astrid de Grabowski and George Nordiello*



*Lady Pauline Kostuik dancing with Gen. Jan Libront*



*(L-R) Lady Blanka, Cheryl and Jacek Schindler and Elizabeth and Jean Sobieski*



# International Polonaise Ball



*(L-R) Ande Lippen, Lady Blanka, Prince Karol Czartoryski, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goldfarb*

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and Prince Karol Czartoryski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Prince Sigvard Bernadotte. They all formed a most elegant line and the Polonaise dancers started, gracefully walking and bowing to everyone's enchantment.

The AIPC 1991 Gold Medal Award was bestowed upon Lech Walesa for, as the citation read, "Launching an Avalanche of Freedom." Lady Blanka accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Walesa with the promise that it would be personally presented to him in Poland.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of Chopin's ballade gracefully executed by H.R.H. Duchess Gersende d'Orleans. Additional entertainment was furnished by a pianist of great fame, Mr. Ronald Kmiec of Boston, who played, among other pieces, a series of three Ignacy Jan Paderewski compositions. The compositions were specially chosen to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of



*Duchess Gersende d'Orleans performs a Chopin ballad to the delight of the guests*



*Stunning fashions by designer Mr. Raul Arango presented by his models during the cocktail hour*



*Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt and Benedict Markowski*





*Amidst towering candelabras and floral centerpieces, Lady Blanka inspects the head table just before guests are seated.*



*Flanked by Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Langfeld are Sigrid Seidell and Karl Heinz Huth*



*Mr. and Mrs. George Sambor*



*Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spohrer*



# International Polonaise



*Lady Blanka and Prince Sigvard Bernadotte lead the Polonaise procession*



*Pianist Mr. Ronald Kmiec of Boston is flanked by Margareta de Gea (L) and Duchess Gersende d'Orleans*



*(L-R) Marjorie Serralles, Ande Lippen and Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Carnesella*



*(L-R) Dr. Jiri Valenta, Lady Blanka and Mr. Zygmunt Sulistrowski of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.*



*Portrait of Lech Walesa presented to Lady Blanka by artist Fran Galvin. The painting was later given to Mr. Walesa by Lady Blanka during her trip to Poland.*



# Ball

Paderewski's first American tour and the 50th Anniversary of his death.

Closing a wonderful evening, **Lady Blanka and Mr. Benedict Markowski** led the guests in the Grand Polonaise dance in which all were invited to join.

You can read about the ball not only in Miami newspapers but even in Paris, France, an article with many photos was presented in the special magazine for Royalties & Aristocracies of Europe. *Point de Vue- Images du Monde* of February 21, 1991 devoted a full page to the Polonaise Ball!

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The Polonaise Ball is one of the main fund raisers for the AIPC. It enables the AIPC to continue sponsoring the many cultural and educational activities undertaken every and each year.

We hope to see you again next year on January 25th, 1992, this time at the Inter-Continental Hotel in downtown Miami! Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come .... you'll have a lot of fun while contributing to raising funds for a very worthy cause.



*The Cromarty family: Joyce, James and Barbara*



*(L-R) Ivan Naliwajko, Alexandra Jovanovic, Prince and Princess Sigvard Bernadotte and Baron Seppy Dobronyi*



*(L-R) Gen. and Mrs. John Libront, Emilia Wesolowska and Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowakowski*



*Lady Blanka and Mayor Paul Vogel of North Bay Village*